

Eloise Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Johnny and Freda Brooks Resource Center
(formerly known as Eloise Resource Center)
710 Snively Avenue
Eloise, FL 33880

Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Lee Castillo, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Advisory Committee Members present:

- Lee Castillo, Chairperson
- Martha Paul
- Diane Rosebrough
- Minerva Gil
- Eugenia Barton

Polk County BoCC Staff present:

- Delia Jouppi, CRA Manager
- Alain Nuñez, Budget and Management Services
- Boris Rodriguez, Recreation Coordinator, Parks & Natural Resources
- Elizabeth Voss, Deputy County Attorney
- Deputy Ricardo Morales, Polk County Sheriff's Office
- Deputy Jordan Owens, Polk County Sheriff's Office

No. 1 on Agenda: Welcome to Stakeholders

Alain Nuñez, CRA Manager, welcomed stakeholders.

No. 2 on Agenda: Welcome New CRA Advisory Committee Member(s)

Alain notified those present that during the October 5, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners re-appointed Minerva Gil to the CRA Advisory Committee for the term beginning July 11, 2021 through July 10, 2024, and appointed Diane Rosebrough to the CRA Advisory Committee for the term beginning December 6, 2021 to December 5, 2024.

No. 3 on Agenda: Approval of December 6, 2021 Minutes

Committee Member Diane Rosebrough made a motion to approve the December 6, 2021 Eloise CRA Advisory Committee meeting minutes, with a second from Lee Castillo. All approved. Motion passed.

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No. 4 on Agenda: Old Business

- Update: Information Requested for Possible Projects
 - Snively Brooks Park Restoration Projects:
 - Restoration of restrooms on park grounds
 - Soccer Field
 - Re-paving of Walking Path
 - Replacement of Walking Path Exercise Equipment
 - Volleyball Field
- **Approval of Snively Brooks Park Restoration Projects**
 1. **Install Soccer Field, Bahia Sod, No Irrigation**
 2. **Refurbish Restrooms**
 3. **Replace Walking Path Exercise Equipment**
 4. **Install Volleyball Court, Sand Surface**
 5. **Repave/Repair Basketball Court Surface and Hoops**
 - **Amount not to exceed \$ 182,912**

Alain explained to the Advisory Board that County staff had recommended that the Snively Brooks Park Restoration Projects all be presented and approved as one project, rather than separate items. Alain presented the Advisory Board a breakdown of the estimates for the individual items to be done at the park and explained that the estimate had increased since last meeting in order to allow for the uncertainty of costs resulting from supply chain issues. He also explained that the County and the School District had a facility use agreement in place that would allow the County to perform the repairs and upgrades to the park. He added that the School District requested that the project be carried out during the summer months so as to interfere with the use of the park for students during the current school year.

Eugenia Barton made a motion to approve the recommendation of the expenses from the CRA Trust Fund to the CRA Board, for an amount not to exceed \$ 182,912, with a second Martha Paul. All Advisory Members approved.

Alain went on to explain that staff would begin to work on an agreement between the CRA and the County Parks Division to fund the project.

Advisory Committee requested that pictures be taken before and after to show the project's impact. Alain explained that he had already taken pictures of the park prior in order to work on getting the estimates.

No. 5 on Agenda: New Business

There was no new business discussed.

No. 6 on Agenda: Project Status

There are no current projects to discuss.

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No. 7 on Agenda: Requests from the General Public and Opportunity to be Heard

Deputies Morales and Owens gave an update on recent law enforcement matters within Eloise.

Diane Rosebrough directed County staff to communicate with the Roads Division to see what possibly can be done regarding the merging that occurs in front of the elementary school on Snively Avenue eastbound. Also mentioned if lane markings can be repainted.

Additional community related discussion ensued.

No. 9 on Agenda: Set date for next Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee set the next CRA Advisory Committee meeting to Monday, June 13, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. at the Johnny and Freda Brooks Resource Center.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.