

Eloise CRA Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Monday June 3, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Committee Chair, Larry Powell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., welcoming all attendees. Advisory Committee Members Larry Powell, Eugenia Barton, Lee Castillo, and Minerva Gill were present.

Guests:

Staff:

Ashleigh Drake, Polk County Parks and Natural Resources
Beneshea Frazier, Polk County CRA Manager
Deputy Steve Theriac, Polk County Sherriff's Office
Harvey Green, Polk County Code Enforcement

Welcome to Stakeholders

(#1 on agenda)

Beneshea Frazier, CRA Manager welcomed stakeholders.

Approval of Minutes

(#2 on agenda)

Committee member Eugenia Barton moved to approve the CRA minutes with a second from Lee Castillo. All approved.

Requests from the General Public and Opportunity to be heard

(#3 on agenda)

None.

Old Business

(#4 on agenda)

Summer Youth Internship Initiative

Beneshea Frazier, CRA Manager provided the committee with an update on a previously approved Summer Youth Internship Initiative. In order to move forward with this project the County would need to move forward with an RFPQ (Request for Pre-Qualifications). A draft scope to include participation expectations and program requirements for business participants has been submitted for approval.

Bus Shelter

Beneshea went on to discuss the transit shelter previously approved, and manufactured by Brasco. After communicating with Citrus Connection, it was determined that a new manufacturer has been selected for the production of bus shelters, precluding the original shelter identified by the CRA Committee. Beneshea went on to identify the new shelter option available to include a perforated back and sides, bike rack and trash can, and decreased lead-time of 3 months.

Discussion ensued regarding the difference between the new bus shelter identified and the bus shelter previously selected. Larry Powel made a motion to move forward with the new shelter as proposed, with a second from Minerva Gill. All approved. The Committee went on to discuss maintenance of the bus shelter.

New Business and Updates

(#5 on agenda)

Reappointment of Larry Powell

Beneshea Frazier, CRA Manager discussed the reappointment of Larry Powell to the Eloise CRA Committee, which would commence May 7 and expires May9th 2022.

CRA Meeting Schedule Changes

Beneshea went on to discuss changes to the CRA Committee meeting schedule due to holidays in the respective months. The committee voted to change the scheduled CRA meeting for September 2 to Monday September 9 and the scheduled CRA meeting for December 2 to Monday December 9. The committee was contacted following the meeting to discuss amending the CRA schedule once more. The Committee agreed to change the upcoming CRA meeting dates to **September 23rd** and **December 9.**

New Development within the CRA

Beneshea discussed new construction on Lake Shipp Drive and US 17, noting that the new development will be a gas station and convenience store.

Program and Project Status

(#6 on agenda)

Code enforcement Officer Harvey Green went on to provide an overview of the new gas station, noting that the name listed is Tiger Petroleum. Harvey went on to discuss citations issued and structures on 5th, 3rd street, and 1st court, have been accessed and turned in for demolition. They are currently awaiting funding, to be able to move forward with the process. Additionally, Harvey stated that he has cited several businesses.

Deputy Steve Theriac, with the Polk County Sherriff's Office introduced his partner Alex and reported that there was one incident during the month of May located at 121 9th Street whereby damage was sustained to the women's restroom. Additionally he spoke of the event Jeepin' with Judd.

Set Date of Next Advisory Board Meeting

(#7 on agenda)

The next quarterly Eloise CRA Advisory Committee meeting to be held at the Johnny and Freda Resource Center (formerly Eloise Community Resource Center) was tentatively scheduled as follows:

Monday, September 23rd (per Committee approval)

Committee Chair, Larry Powell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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