



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2024, AT 05:30 PM

MINUTES

Eatonville Community Stakeholder – Meeting Notes & Takeaways

Attendees: Town Staff: 4

Residents: 8

Businesses: 3

Town Representative: Mr. Demetris Pressley, CAO

Facilitator: Mr. Demetris Pressley, CAO

Summary: Residents communicated clear preferences for the future look and feel of the community – workforce opportunities, lots of public parks and green spaces, more locations with dense, mixed-use development with shops right along the sidewalks, and a preference for generally modern-looking buildings that convey the aesthetic of the Historic Town of Eatonville.

Key Takeaways: Community looking for the Town’s Follow-through, team effort, and leadership.

- CRA Introduction New Director (Shaniqua Rose)
- Weatherization program explanation
 - Needs a name, address, phone number, proof of insurance, last power bill, proof of income & proof of disability (all private and only used for the purpose of aiding)
 - Willing to do a one day a week/month remote intake at town hall.
 - Intended to help residents decrease the burden of the energy bill.
 - Software outputs a cost estimate
 - Angela Johnson: for funding purposes is this annual or
 - Does the homeowner have to apply? Yes
 - Are there exceptions to guidelines? They’re strict state and federally set and mandated.
 - Approved Disability? Does not have to be certified by SSI all they need is a doctor’s note to confirm the disability -
 - Application timeline question

- State guidelines for deferral such as If there is lead in the paint or mold, they have to walk away from the project.
- Angie Gardner: question about ownership. If I was a renter and the owner can do it? Are there any concessions for those hair properties. (Yes, as long as they can prove that they are the heir)
 - Worst case scenario we can always call Tallahassee.

EKOS - Bill Z. McDowell Housing

- Should be done with all construction by March first.
- Waiting on the clubhouse to receive its certificate of occupancy.
- Meeting on Thursday at DJC
- Every bedroom has income requirements.
- The event will show the breakdown of the levels and what it takes to qualify.
- Cost based on Orange County rent.
- Waiting on an agreement with Altamonte Springs
- Property manager: Asset Living (JWG Realty)
- Angie: are you going to cover credit, currently already renting/living in an existing income restricted circumstance.
- Angela Johnson: requests 200 flyers for Catalina Park

Pressley Reviews FEMA stats

- Working on a public safety building
- Q. A. Johnson: Is the public safety building separate from the substation on the west side? Yes, the substation is covered by a grant.
 - With the community policing grant have you considered having the substation on the CRA owned property? Or invested energy in determining the best location from a real estate perspective? It is unclear if that has been the case. The current location is a part of the grant.
 - Is there a time frame on spending for the grant that might dictate the timeline for that project? CAO will follow up with the grant coordinator for an answer to that question.
 - Meet the Chief event plugged.
- Referenced setting a time for the community to meet with the i4 project artist.

- CAO Updates
 - Meet the Chief coming up.
 - March Women's history program
 - Eatonville Ride n Rally 2/11
- Community Questions
 - Angela: concrete slabs a risk to Catalina Park near lake?
 - Look to see if the area requires more.
 - Residents having back up from flushing and in the tub, is this related to the Lift station?
 - Will follow up with Valerie to see if we can identify source and or pattern connecting to this.
 - Is there a way to improve stakeholder communication? A listserv?
 - The real goal is to turn the meeting over to the stakeholders. We'll host it and then have stakeholders hold the meeting.
 - Need to build momentum for the holidays.
- A. Johnson, "Thank you to staff. We're seeing the updates. The hints of positive for what's happening. Congrats on the parade. The CRA meeting went well."
- Zora is free to all residents.
- L. Wilder: you spoke about the utility Bill, creating log on IDs and being able to pay online for free and not at 3%
 - Implementing the second phase of our ERP system. Once that's complete, we will even be going to e-signatures and other policies to better serve the community.
 - Angela: Add a deposit based on credit, adding interest on those deposits and that can be placed back on the account.

Strategic Planning:

Growth -Increase cultural and economic development; provide workforce opportunities, identifies and prioritizes specific new development projects as opportunities for future investment; provides an implementation wayfinding sign(s) and branding the Town to better serve existing residents and attract new residents; proposes ideas for strategic placemaking around the Town's existing assets.

Public Service - Conceptualizes ways that the physical form of the Town can be a tool for improving its livability, safety, and governance; improve Neighborhood Infrastructure, locates and accommodates the physical assets and social infrastructure needed to support the Town's existing population; expand health awareness and cultural and leisure opportunities; growing resiliency by enhancing sustainable and emergency provisioning as a backup to conventional methodology.

Fiscal Stability - Envisions a future for the Town as a walkable, transit-oriented place that is attractive, authentic and memorable; communicates the opportunity for investors to make safe investments with high returns that are an integral part of the Town of Eatonville's story, improve Town Efficiency in operation, Town Charter, Codes, and Community Development; safe communities.

NEXT MEETING:

February 26, 2024, at 5:30p.m. at the Eatonville Town Hall