



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES  
TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY OPEN DISCUSSION WORKSHOP  
MEETING MINUTES**

**TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 155 F. Road, Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470  
Tuesday, March 05, 2024**

**TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Danowski called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Laura Danowski, Vice Mayor Robert Shorr, Councilmember Margaret Herzog, Councilmember Phillis Maniglia, Councilmember Marianne Miles, Town Manager Francine Ramaglia, Town Attorney Glen Torcivia, Public Works Director Richard Gallant, and Interim Town Clerk Valerie Oakes were present.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Mary McNicholas addressed the Council and town officials including the Mayor, Clerk, Attorney, and Town Manager. She inquired about the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Friday regarding thoroughfare maps affecting 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 40<sup>th</sup> Street North, and Simmon Boulevard, specifically in relation to the town's northern and northeastern boundaries. She expressed concern about 140<sup>th</sup> South being on the thoroughfare map and asked if the town had taken any official position or action to request its removal.

Town Manager Ramaglia responded that the map had been shared with the Town Council, but there was no direction to take a formal position.

Ms. McNicholas emphasized the importance of removing 140<sup>th</sup> South from the Thoroughfare Identification Map (TIM) for the protection of affected residents and urged the Council to consider

a formal position. She then shifted to a separate topic and highlighted the accomplishments of the Landowners of Loxahatchee Groves Association (LGLA), calling it a valuable nonprofit and noting the community contributions such as providing over 90 filled backpacks to local school children, assisting with school supplies and health needs, organizing road cleanups, and awarding four \$1,000 scholarships. She offered to collect input on topics the Council would like to see presented at LGLA meetings.

The Council members discussed potential topics including emergency preparedness, identifying elderly people in need of food or medicine, and the possibility of joint projects between the town and LGLA and it was noted that they have previously collaborated with Wellington Cares and other partners.

Town Manager Ramaglia shared that while the town has general census information, it does not have specific names or addresses, making outreach difficult. She also confirmed the town has informational materials produced by outside agencies and that staff could assist if the Council agreed.

Mary McNicholas asked about the status of the town's scholarship program, which had been discontinued in recent years. And she shared how meaningful the scholarship efforts were, especially the categories for traditional college, trade school, and special needs students. Ms. Nicholas asked about the town's decision not to live stream a recent candidates' forum. And how she appreciated the clarification and encouraged consideration of live streaming for future events. Ms. Nicholas thanked the Council for their time and their service to the community.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Danowski adjourned the community meeting at 6:32 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,  
FLORIDA**

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Valerie Oakes, Town Clerk

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Mayor Laura Danowski

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Vice Mayor Robert Shorr

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Council Member Margaret Herzog

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