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NORTHEAST COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Regular Meeting
Martin Luther King Memorial Center - 803 Florida Avenue, Mount Dora, FL 32757
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call, Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Public Comment Period**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2023**
- V. Discussion Items**
 - 1. Cauley Lott Park Updates**
 - 2. Update on Resource & Recreation Center**
- VI. Other Business**
- VII. Announcement of next scheduled meeting date: April 11, 2023**
- VIII. Adjournment**

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CITY OF
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
NE CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES



February 14, 2023

I. **Call to Order**

Having been duly noticed as required by law, Mrs. Rowe, Chair of the Northeast CRA Advisory Committee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. **Roll Call, Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance**

Present: Rona Rowe, Chair; Ozell Ward, Vice-Chair Lillie Taylor, Lynn Tacher, Stevie Harley, Rosalyn Harris, and Bryan Belk

Absent:

City Staff: Adam Sumner, *Deputy Planning Director & Northeast CRA Manager*; Officer Kenneth Lopez; Councilman Nathaniel Walker

III. **Public Comment Period**

Mr. Bobbie Rowe provided updates on current projects. Encouraged community to attend Monday morning coffee, for community conversation and resources. Mr. Rowe also stated that a van is needed for the tutor/mentor program "Get Connected/Stay connected".

Mr. Raymond Harris discussed placing speed bumps at the corner of Ferron Avenue and Highland Street., to help eliminate speeding.

Mr. Sumner stated that he will send a work order request to Public Works to address the issue.

Mr. Raymond and Mr. Sumner discussed putting a fence around the retention pond at Cauley Lott Park.

Mr. Sumner stated that Mr. Shonk from the Parks & Recreation department couldn't be in attendance but if Mr. Raymond provides an email, staff will be in touch with more information.

Ms. Renee Harris and Mr. Sumner discussed a sink prep area being installed at Cauley Lott Park.

Ms. Renee Harris also stated that she would like to see images/photos representing African American heritage, placed in the Martin Luther King Memorial Center.

Mr. Sumner stated that it is a work in progress and is being pursued.

Councilman, Mr. Walker discussed the grand re-opening at Cauley Lott Park and taking ownership to maintain grounds/facility.

Mrs. Rowe shared her concerns, regarding no fence being around the basketball court.

Ms. Taylor stated that there is a fence currently there but she is unaware if it's permanent.

Councilman Walker confirmed that this is a temporary fence that will be removed.

Ms. Harris and Mr. Sumner discussed the availability for making comments regarding Cauley Lott Park.

Mr. Sumner provided Mr. Shonk's contact information.

Mr. Sumner and Mrs. Rowe discussed the recent vandalism at Cauley Lott Park.

Mrs. Rowe inquired about how soon the cameras would be installed. Mr. Sumner stated that he will try to have an answer before the meeting is adjourned.

Officer Lopez stated that there can be an extra watch/patrol called into dispatch, if necessary.

Ms. Tacher and Councilman Walker, discussed if the handicap swing has been installed.

Mr. Walker stated that it will most likely be installed in phase 3.

Mr. Sumner asked for a motion to amend agenda with IV. Cauley Lott Park updates.

Mr. Harley motioned to amend the agenda with IV. Cauley Lott Park Update. Mr. Ward seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

Board members discussed age appropriate play equipment, available for children at Cauley Lott Park.

Mr. Walker stated that a survey was conducted by GAI Consultants and showed that the community preferred the ninja style course.

Councilman Walker urged that community to continue providing their feedback, in an effort for change. He further stated that GAI's intent, is for the smaller children to go across the street to Lily Park for the swings.

Councilman Mr. Walker, welcomed Mr. Belk.

Mr. Belk provided a brief introduction of himself.

IV. Cauley Lott Park Updates

Mr. Sumner provided updates and confirmed that the swings are slated to be at Lily Park.

Mr. Sumner also stated that the camera work is currently being done and will be live soon.

Discussion on the play areas being separated by age groups.

V. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2022

Mr. Harley motioned to approve the December 13, 2022 minutes. Ms. Tacher seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

VI. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chair

Ms. Tacher nominated Mrs. Rowe as Chairperson of the Northeast CRA Advisory Committee. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Ms. Harris nominated Mr. Ward as Vice-Chair of the Northeast CRA Advisory Committee. Ms. Tacher seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

VII. Other Business

1. **Update on the Resource and Recreation Center:** Mr. Sumner stated the design is final from a schematic standpoint and the construction drawings have officially started. He will be visiting the Grand Avenue Community Center to tour their kitchen, and finalize our layout. Chefs from the community center have helped staff save money with their knowledge on kitchen appliances, and etc. The building has grown and is officially 31,100 sq. feet. This is due to the mechanical and safety areas needing additional space. The state has delayed the Multi Facility Community Center Grant, due to the Florida Department of Taxation. Mr. Sumner stated that the project however, is still on budget.

Discussion on outline of what is expected in the building. Mr. Sumner stated that he can provide a working list. Any changes/revisions made at this point would cost money. Although it has increased in size, there is no dramatic increase in the cost.

Discussion on naming the facility. Mr. Sumner stated that the City will follow the policy on the matter.

2. **Police Department Update:** Officer Lopez provided statistics for crimes/offenses citywide vs. other municipalities in Lake County. Mr. Lopez addressed issues regarding traffic

violations. Officer Lopez stated that there is a new police substation in the area, general hours of operation are 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Discussion on availability for extra watch/patrol by police in neighborhoods. Officer Lopez clarified what a call for an extra watch/patrol entails.

Conversation regarding statistics being higher in Mount Dora and Clermont, due to high traffic and special events.

Discussion on open application with the Police Department for “Citizens on Patrol”. The application deadline is March 24th.

Discussion on bathroom closures at Cauley Lott Park. Mr. Sumner stated that the bathrooms are set on timers to be locked. Depending on the time of year, this varies but generally at sunset. Due to vandalism, the bathrooms are currently locked.

3. Approval of the Northeast CRA Meeting dates for 2023

VIII. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting date: March 14, 2023**

IX. **Adjournment**

Mr. Belk moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Ward seconded the motion. All approved unanimously by voice vote. There being no further business, Mrs. Rowe adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

*Rona Rowe, Chair
Northeast CRA Advisory Committee
& Northeast CRA Manager*

*Adam Sumner, CECD
Deputy Planning Director*