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## COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Hall Board Room  
510 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL  
April 5, 2023 at 5:30 PM

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Election
  - a. Chair
  - b. Vice Chair
- IV. Public Comment Period
- V. Approval of Minutes of November 2, 2022
- VI. CRA 101 Training: Redevelopment Management Agency
- VI. Announcement of next scheduled meeting date: June 7, 2023
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. Adjournment

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**CITY OF  
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA  
CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**



**November 2, 2022**

**Call to Order**

Having been duly noticed as required by law, the November 2, 2022 meeting of the Mount Dora Community Redevelopment Agency Committee was called in order by Chair, Mr. Berndt at 5:34 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** David Berndt, Andrea Lothar, Akhtar Hussain, Jay Smith, Robert Paonessa

**Absent:** Jake Guenther, Jack Whittaker

**City Staff:** Adam Sumner, *Deputy Planning Director & CRA Manager*; Faith Gibbs; *Administrative Coordinator*, Officer Nathanael Warford

**Public Comment Period**

**Approval of Minutes of August 3, 2022**

***Mr. Paonessa motioned to approve the minutes for August 3, 2022. Mr. Hussain seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.***

**Discussion Items**

1. Parking Solutions

Mr. Adam Sumner stated that the history of parking solutions was sent to the committee members by staff for review. RFPs have been done for valet and shuttle services, and trial runs with golf carts and shuttles during events, but all were unsuccessful. Assuming there is no growth or occupancy loads, there is a need for 399 additional parking spaces. As more businesses move in, that need will increase. All suggestions in the study have been tried at least twice except for building a garage and paid parking. Mr. Sumner would like to get a recommendation from this committee to take to council for consideration.

Ms. Lothar suggested implementing paid parking. Staff is requesting a recommendation from the committee for council to implement paid parking. Mr. Smith referred to #4. If there is ample parking, there is no parking problem but people do not want to walk. Mr. Smith asked why not run a shuttle program. Mr. Sumner stated that 3 RFPs were done with the cheapest vendor of \$200,000 per year and council chose not to move forward due to costs. Mr. Berndt asked for the cost of the 840k

for parking improvements. Included the \$.5 million is in the budget for the sensors. Mr. Paonessa suggested diagonal parking on one-way streets. Mr. Hussain said that a parking garage is the only solution and everything else is just putting a bandaid on the issue. October to March is the time of year with the most parking issues. Mr. Sumner asked the committee if there's a need to move forward with installing sensors for a year for data collection before going to paid parking with council setting the price. There was a discussion of kiosks and mobile apps as payment options and, if paid by CRA the funds would be used to solve parking solutions. Ms. Lother suggested considering the barge parking on the lake as an option. Mr. Paonessa said that the money going towards future parking is critical.

***Mr. Paonessa motioned to go to paid parking with the sensors as soon as possible, Ms. Lother seconded the motion. The vote was approved by a 4-1 vote and new parking options.***

## 2. Police Department Update

Officer Nathanael Warford introduced himself as the new CRA Officer and provided the committee with the most recent summary. The damaged property vandalism has a 5-bump. It is one case with multiple charges. The report reflects all of the CRA district and not just downtown. Mr. Hussain thanked the Officer for his service, stating that this was the first officer he had seen active in the downtown CRA area throughout the day.

### **Other Business**

Kimberly Hall, the new Code Compliance Inspector, has started. Since the Planning Department inherited Code Compliance, as of this morning, over 101 cases have been closed. There are currently 27 open cases with only one case downtown. The ordinances and codes regarding merchandise on the sidewalk are under review to refine it one more time before bringing it to council for approval in either December or January. This week, code staff sent out about 60 letters to unlicensed and uninspected rental properties. If someone is concerned about the property, call our office for assistance.

**Announcement of next scheduled meeting date: January 4, 2023**

### **Adjournment**

***Mr. Smith motioned to adjourn and Mr. Paonessa seconded the motion. All approved unanimously by voice vote. There being no further business, Mr. Berndt adjourned the meeting at 6:16 PM.***

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*David Berndt, Chair  
CRA Advisory Committee*

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*Adam Sumner,  
Deputy Planning Director & CRA Manager*