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**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Regular Meeting
Martin Luther King Memorial Center - 803 Florida Avenue, Mount Dora, FL 32757
May 9, 2023**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call, Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comment Period
- IV. Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2023
- V. **Discussion Items**
 - 1. Cauley Lot Updates - Mr. Shonk
 - 2. PD Update - Officer Lopez
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Announcement of next scheduled meeting date: June 11, 2023
- VIII. Adjournment

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CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
N.E. CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 11, 2023



I. Call to Order

Having been duly noticed as required by law, Mrs. Rona 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; Bryan Belk; Stevie Harley; Rosalyn Harris.

Absent: Lillie Taylor, Lynn Tacher

City Staff: Adam Sumner, Deputy Planning Director & Northeast CRA Manager, Interim Chief Gibson; Whitney Scott, Administrative Coordinator; Catherine Hutcheson; CRA Administrative Coordinator.

III. Public Comment Period

Resident Ms. Christine Harris, provided information regarding follow-up sessions with City Council and stated that she met with the Water Department, regarding water treatment and water clean-up projects.

Discussion regarding police dispatch being transferred over to Lake County.

Conversation on Cauley Lott Park fixed seating.

Residents Mr. & Mrs. Harris, discussed pictures being placed in the Martin Luther King Jr. Center. Inquired about where to obtain images.

Mr. Sumner advised to get in touch with staff once pictures are obtained and he will make sure it is taken care of.

Mr. Ward recommended the Mount Dora Historic Museum and contacting Ms. Lundy from the W.T. Bland Public library, for images.



Conversation on speedbumps on Fearon Ave/Highland Street. Mr. Sumner stated that M.D.P.D has been stopping more dangerous drivers and writing tickets. The City is working on getting another speedbump installed.

IV. Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2023

Mr. Ward made two recommendations for amendments. Mr. Ward clarified, that the fence previously mentioned is on the side of the court facing the side street, not around the court. The second amendment regarding the verbiage for Mr. Belk's welcoming.

Mr. Belk motioned to approve the February 14, 2023 minutes. Ms. Harris seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

V. Discussion Items

1. Cauley Lott Park Updates

Mr. Sumner stated that more updates on Cauley Lott Park will be provided at the next scheduled meeting, due to Mr. Shonk not being present.

Conversation regarding vandalism, Mr. Sumner stated there have been two incidents recently but the bathroom damage has been repaired.

Mr. Belk and Mr. Sumner discussed alternative table options, to help limit damage due to vandalism.

Discussion on the Northeast CRA budget, possible Park Ranger and the Parks & Recreation Department maintaining maintenance at Cauley Lott Park.

Mr. Sumner stated that he will follow up with Mr. Shonk on all questions and concerns regarding the park.

2. CRA 101 Training: Redevelopment Management Associates

Ms. Esteban gave a brief introduction of herself and continued with the CRA 101 Training presentation.

Ms. Harris and Ms. Esteban discussed what the CRA can incorporate in the community.

Mr. Sumner stated that he will be bringing in a proposal to develop affordable housing. Further clarified that it will be a mix of duplexes and single-family homes.

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Discussion on N.E. CRA funding and how it can be used. Mr. Sumner elaborated on what's allowed using CRA funding.

Mr. Belk and Ms. Esteban discussed youth and incentive programs funded by N.E. CRA budget.

Ms. Esteban clarified that funding cannot be for social service programs, it has to have economic development.

Mr. Ward stated his concerns regarding possible City-funded housing due to the cost. He also spoke about improving the quality of the neighborhood for existing residents.

Conversation regarding eligibility for applicants with financial hardships being able to apply for grants/subsidized living programs. Mr. Sumner stated that the issue is being reviewed holistically.

Discussion on rental license process/procedure.

Mr. Belk and Mr. Sumner has a conversation on the types of home repair that N.E. CRA can fund.

Mr. Sumner stated that the funding also assists with food pantries and that Lake Community Action also assists with numerous funding programs.

Mr. Ward discussed the possibility of the N.E. CRA funding vehicles, for enhancement opportunities. Ms. Esteban stated that this is usually provided by cities or grant funding through F.D.O.T.

Mr. Sumner stated that he will follow up with Mr. Shonk for more information.

VI. Other Business

Mr. Sumner stated that we are continuing to move forward with the Resources and Recreation center. Staff will be fine tuning everything over the next 45 days and will be sharing with committee within the next few months.

Councilman Walker, stated that Habitat for Humanity will be having a workshop on receiving benefits/ preparing individuals for home ownership.

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VII. Announcement of next scheduled meeting date: May 9, 2023

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Belk moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Harris seconded the motion. All approved unanimously by voice vote. There being no further business, adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

Chair

Northeast CRA Advisory Committee

Whitney Scott, Administrative Coordinator

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