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**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE –
Regular Meeting Martin Luther King Memorial Center –
803 Florida Avenue, Mount Dora, FL 32757
July 11, 2023**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call, Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comment Period
- IV. Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2023
- V. **Discussion Items**
 - 1. Budget Discussion
 - 2. Community Resource & Recreation Center Design Update
 - 3. Retention Pond- Fencing Discussion
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Announcement of next scheduled meeting date: August 8, 2023
- VIII. Adjournment

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**CITY OF
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA**



May 9, 2023

**NE CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call, Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Rona Rowe, Chair; Lillie Taylor, Lynn Tacher, Bryan Belk, Stevie Harley, Ozell Ward

Absent: Rosalyn Harris

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

Public Comment Period

Pastor Bobbie Rowe, informed every one of various opportunities during the summer for the youth in the community. Mr. Rowe stated that the Center of the Arts would like to have a program at the MLK Building for the youth and that he is currently working to create a partnership with St. Edwards Church, to help coordinate cleanup sessions in the city. The goal is to have approximately 100 young people from across Central Florida.

Mr. Ward clarified the dates for an upcoming event: Soul of the City, taking place July 24-28th.

Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2023

Mr. Belk motioned to approve the April 11, 2023 minutes. Ms. Tacher seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

1. Cauley Lot Updates - Mr. Shonk
2. PD Update: Officer Warford

Mr. Warford provided crime statistics for the NE CRA Community.

Mr. Warford and Mr. Ward discussed the recent drug raid on Jackson Street. Mr. Warford clarified that there were three arrests and drug paraphernalia had been ceased. Discussion regarding the owners of the property.

Mr. Abner gave more information stating the Building Department and Code Enforcement were involved after the raid was over.

1. Cauley Lott Updates:

Mr. Shonk provided a brief update on Cauley Lott Park and stated park staff will be making improvements, including a fence, self-locking mechanisms and the removal of dead trees. Mr. Shonk expressed that the park has not officially been handed off to the City but will be after improvements. Mr. Shonk stated there has been no new vandalism since the new cameras have been put in.

Ms. Rowe and Mr. Shonk discussed potential seating in the ample-theatre. Mr. Sumner stated that staff is working with the Finance department for portable bleacher seating throughout the City.

Discussion on prep area and possible cross walk, Mr. Shonk stated that he will take a look into these issues to help resolve any issues or concerns.

Discussion on safety concerns, cross walks that may need to be installed by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Sumner and Mr. Shonk clarified that if the board members have any concerns, they can reach out to either of them at any time.

Discussion on upkeep of the picnic tables, if potentially dry rotted. Mr. Shonk stated that staff will keep an eye on the matter and if it becomes an issue, the tables can be rotated.

Conversation regarding a possible park ranger. Mr. Shonk stated that he submitted it to next year's budget. Mr. Shonk suggested the board and community speak out.

Ms. Harris suggested the topic but put it on next month's agenda for discussion.

Mr. Sumner asked Mr. Shonk to send his budget request over.

Discussion on fencing around the retention area. Mr. Shonk stated that due to it being a dry pond, fencing is not required.

Ms. Taylor stated one of her concerns is during the rainy season, it will become a safety issue.

Mr. Shonk stated that he would pass the concerns on to the Stormwater Department.

Conversation on the basketball court amphitheater lights time duration. Ms. Taylor stated that the time of the lighting should be consistent with other facilities within the city.

Mr. Ward recommended having someone with experience in dry pond matters come speak at the next meeting.

Mr. Sumner stated that he would look into getting a speaker.

Other Business

Mr. Sumner stated that the next meeting packet will be issued a little earlier, due to the upcoming budget year.

Mr. Ward and Mr. Sumner discussed having the City attorney to help facilitate the progression/ understanding of matters currently pending.

Mr. Sumner stated that he would get something scheduled, most likely in July. Provided brief updates on maintenance and upkeep at the Monsanic Lodge.

Discussion on the Juneteenth Festival on June 17, 2023 from 5:00pm-10:00 pm at Cauley Lott Park, more details to be provided.

Mr. Belk mentioned the incorrect meeting date. Confirmed the next meeting date: June 13, 2023

Mr. Ward mentioned the upcoming African American film fest on May 28, 2023 at 3:00 pm. Conversation on new pictures in the MLK building, suggested putting pictures in frames. Mr. Shonk clarified that the pictures aren't permanent and will be coming down. They're just a place filler until February.

Ms. Tacher stated that she provided Mr. Sumner with a list of potential pictures at the W.T. Blank Public Library.

Mr. Sumner stated he would contact Ms. Lunday to see the condition and availability of the pictures.

Mr. Belk questioned if any scholarships are available to teens 17 years of age and younger for facilities like the YMCA.

Mr. Sumner clarified that this will be the purpose of the resource and recreation center. Transportation tends to be an issue.

Mr. Shonk provided information on the upcoming summer camps. Mr. Shonk stated that they would be providing free swim lessons and discounted rates for summer camps and other opportunities.

Mr. Shonk clarified that the city has to use Orange County transportation for their camps. Mr. Belk stated that he would like to volunteer to help assist in anyway, to help provide opportunities.

Ms. Rowe and Mr. Sumner discussed Career Source. Mr. Sumner stated that he would provide an update next month.

Mr. Harley recommended notifying schools about upcoming opportunities for youth. Ms. Rowe announced an upcoming movie night for young people this coming Saturday, May 12, 2023.

Announcement of next scheduled meeting date: June 11, 2023

Adjournment

Mr. Ward moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Taylor seconded the motion. All approved unanimously by voice vote. There being no further business, adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Chair
Northeast CRA Advisory Committee

Administrative Coordinator,
Catherine Hutcheson