CITY OF
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA

NORTHEAST CRA BOARD
MINUTES

January 23, 2024

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; Lillie Taylor; Lynn Tacher; Bryan Belk; Rosalyn Harris; Ozell Ward. Ms. Harris arrived after roll call at 6:02pm.*

Absent: *None*

City Staff: *Adam Sumner, CRA Manager; Catherine Hutcheson, CRA Coordinator; Chris Carson, Special Events Manager; Kenneth Lopez, Northeast CRA Officer.*

III. Public Comment Period

No public comments.

IV. Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2023

Mr. Belk motioned to approve the December minutes. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. All approved unanimously by voice vote.

V. Discussion Items

1.) MLK Mural Discussion with Chris Carson

Mr. Carson gave an overview of the Mural designs presented to the Public Art Commission. He presented Chairman Tom Decker and Director of the Center for the Arts Janet Gamache.
Mr. Carson stated the Center will be funding the mural and working with the Northeast Committee Board in choosing the mural style.

Ms. Gamache stated that the artist they chose for the Mural, Mr. G Lemus, could make the MLK building look more inviting to youths and individuals to get more involved in the art classes they hold there. She stated that historically the attendance for these types of classes have been low. This could be in part to the stoic nature of the building as it stands.
Ms. Gamache introduced the mural proposals and asked what the committee would like to see on the building.
Ms. Tacher asked about the anti-graffiti sealant.
Ms. Gamache stated it is one of the products the artist uses to keep his murals clean and safe from damage.
Ms. Gamache stated during the Public Art Committee Meeting, they how long the mural would take to complete. Mr. Lemus responded about a month.
Ms. Thatcher asked if there was a way to extend the blue color around the entire footing of the building.
Ms. Gamache stated she did not see a reason why that could not be done. She elaborated that the image is not to scale.
Ms. Tacher stated it would make the building look prettier if the color was extended around the building.
Further discussion on this topic.
Mr. Belk asked if the murals presented were set in stone as options.
Ms. Gamache stated in order to move the project along that they should stick to similar options to the murals as those had already by approved by the Arts Commission.
Continued discussion by the Committee on changes that could be made to the mural with the Artist, Mr. Lemus.
The Committee and Artist, Mr. Lemus decided to have MLK looking toward the children playing with "Be the Change" emboldened over the whole image.
Mr. Ward questioned adding in someone like Mamie Gilbert, who had a big impact on the community.
Mr. Lemus stated that would make the image a bit too busy but that is someone that can be worked on in future, to add onto the building.
Continued discussion amongst the committee members.
Mr. Lemus brought up starting classes within the MLK building after the mural is completed.
Officer Lopez stated that if anyone has any questions regarding the mural to reach out to him during "Coffee with a Cop" on Wednesdays.
Mr. Decker introduced himself to the Committee members and asked about have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the mural.
Mr. Sumner stated he has "big scissors" and we can do that.
Continued discussion about the possible art classes at the MLK building.

Mr. Belk motioned to approve the mural (c), with the changes discussed. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. All approved unanimously by voice vote.

2.) Set-Back Requirements

All Committee members were given a packet with set-back information.
Mr. Sumner gave an overview of setback regulations within the city for residential zoning and the, Committee members followed along.
Mr. Sumner stated that one of the previous City Managers requested that PD Code Enforcement ignore all carports but he is no longer going to ignore them as the violate our Code of Ordinances.
Discussion focusing on carports, temporary structures and bad contractors.
Mr. Sumner asked the Committee members to report any bad contractors to him so he can get this issue taken care of.
Mr. Belk asked about Code Enforcement in regards to permits not being pulled.
Mr. Sumner responded that they are reported to Lake County Licensing to get their license revoked.
Ms. Tacher asked about height restrictions in regards to the tree fort by Cauly Lott Park.
Mr. Sumner stated yes and explained the Stop Work Order process.
Further discussion on Stop Work Orders.
Ms. Taylor asked about the Code Compliance timeline for those who are in violation.
Mr. Sumner went into detail from beginning to end of the Code Compliance process; and the importance of voluntary compliance.
Mr. Sumner informed the Committee about the two recently hired Code Compliance Inspectors, hopefully starting in February.

3.) Solar Program

Mr. Sumner went over the solar article handed out at the beginning of the meeting.
Ms. Tacher confirmed that only Mount Dora Electric offers the program not Seco or Duke,
Mr. Sumner responded in the affirmative.
Mr. Belk asked about the cost of the solar program in the first five years.
Mr. Sumner responded "to be determined".
Mr. Sumner stated the end goal is to lower the monthly electric cost.
Ms. Rowe asked about the enrollment process.
Mr. Sumner responded by signing up on the website and gave the phone number.
Mr. Sumner stated that once you get signed up the City gives you a lovely sign which goes against our sign code so to not leave it in your yard.
Further discussion on different solar panel options and HOA guidelines and the cost to qualify.
Mr. Sumner went over possible damage form a wind event for solar panels and how homeowners insurance will not cover that damage.
Continued discussion on solar panels.

*4.) **Recreation Center Update***

Mr. Sumner stated the grant process at this time in regards to legislature.
Mr. Sumner stated that two projects currently going in the Northeast will fully fund the Recreation Center.
Mr. Sumner went over the grant process with the Committee members.
Ms. Tacher asked about possible partner, The Boys and Girls Club.
Mr. Sumner stated at this time they are not a partner.
Mr. Sumner announced to the Committee our new partner, Mr. Solomon Jones III, joining in on the Recreation Center.
Ms. Rowe asked the date of groundbreaking.
Mr. Sumner Stated Fall, October 1, 2024.

VI. Other Business

*1.) **MLK Photo Swap Out***

Mr. Sumner let the Committee members know that if they have any photos they would like to see hung up in MLK to please send them to him and he would hang them up.

*2.) **PD Update***

Officer Lopez stated he had nothing to report at this time.

VII. Announcement of Next Scheduled Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Belk moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Tacher seconded the motion. All approved unanimously by voice vote. There being no further business, Ms. Rowe, Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Rona Rowe

Rona Rowe, Chair,
Redevelopment Board

Catherine Hutcheson Northeast
Coordinator