



**CITY OF MOUNT DORA
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AUGUST 13, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

The City of Mount Dora Northeast Redevelopment Committee met on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, in the Mount Dora City Hall, located at 510 North Baker Street, Mount Dora, Florida to discuss matters pertaining to the Committee.

I. Call to Order

Having been duly noticed as required by law, the August 13, 2024 meeting of the Mount Dora Northeast CRA was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Rona Rowe, Chair.

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

Present: Rona Rowe, Lillie Taylor, Ozell Ward (Zoom), Rosalyn Harris, Lynn Tacher

Absent: Juan Perez, Stevie Harley

City Staff: Catherine Hutcheson, Administrative Coordinator and Whitney Scott, Administrative Coordinator; Adam Sumner Northeast CRA Manager; Nathanael Warford, Police Sergeant ; Darrer Graham, Police Officer .

III. Approval of June 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

DISSAPROVE the minutes as presented and make the discussed corrections.

For: Rona Rowe, Lillie Taylor, Ozell Ward, Rosalyn Harris, Lynn Tacher

Against: none

Motion Carried: 5-0

IV. Public participation/hearing for non-agenda items

V. Discussion Items

1.) Budget



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Mr. Sumner gave an update on the budget process, stating no numbers have changed. He stated next week he will get his final numbers and he will email it to the members. He stated the RFQ for the Resource and Recreation Center has been published and in mid-October the bids will come in and based off of that a recommendation will be made to council on who to make a final contract with for final approval.

Mr. Ward discussed on whether or not the members have seen the building design.

Mr. Sumner stated yes, that it has not changed since the last viewing.

Mr. Harris discussed the budget years and if there is room for changes on the budget to include safety on the retention pond.

Further discussion on Storm Water Ponds and safety issues.

Ms. Harris discussed the flooding and what has been done.

Mr. Sumner gave a brief description on what the City has done to aid flooding issues so far.

Ms. Harris discussed how the retention pond should be addressed.

Mr. Sumner stated the City has hired engineers to do study's on the ponds.

Mr. Ward discussed some way the CRA can be involved in re-purposing the pond in conjunction with the city.

Mr. Sumner stating he was not sure how to respond to that question.

Further discussion on the ponds.

Ms. Harris stated we cannot keep ignoring it now that we are in the midst of hurricane season.

Mr. Sumner discussed this further.

2.) MLK Mural Part II with Chris Carson

The artist gave a summary on how he plans on extending the painting further around the building.

Mrs. Rowe discussed the tree in the way and if it was going to be removed.

Mr. Carson and Mr. Shonk stated that the tree has already been removed.

Mr. Carson discussed the awning and the removal of that.

The artist further discussed the details of the painting.

Ms. Tacher discussed where the Dove in the painting is located.

The artist stated it is in there but may be difficult to see with the image given.

Ms. Harris discussed the wording "I Have a Dream" to be added to the mural.

The artist stated he could add that in, further discussion on the location of the wording.

Mrs. Rowe discussed the difference in color between the murals. She also stated that it looked nice and the committee members agreed.



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The artist stated the work could take 3 weeks to one month to complete.

Mrs. Rowe discussed if any of the kids from the neighborhood would be involved in the painting.

The artist stated yes he is bringing some of his students who live in Mount Dora and is hopeful for more to show up.

Mr. Ward stated it looks great.

VI. Other Business

2.) PD Update

Sergeant Warford gave the Zone 6 Crime Statistics which is the zone for the entire Northeast CRA area. He showed a video and discussed the recent shooting at Cauley Lott Park.

Mr. Sumner discussed the importance of helping the Police Department but talking to them if you know something.

Ms. Taylor stated that the police do not protect them and saying that if the police want them to assist then they need to keep their information private. She stated people are afraid that the police will not protect them.

Mr. Ward stated that there is a real fear and that the cops aren't to be trusted.

Ms. Harris stated it is not so much the police not being trusted but being afraid of retaliation.

Mr. Sumner stated that they can utilize crime line because it is sealed and anonymous.

Sergeant Warford discussed ways the Police department can assist with the art mural at MLK. He also discussed the change in Northeast CRA Officer, Officer Graham. He gave a brief introduction to the new officer.

Officer Graham spoke about himself and stating he is looking forward to working with the Northeast CRA.

Ms. Taylor asked how they plan to tackle the crime.

Officer Graham stated that he wants people to feel safe speaking with him. He wants it to be different and feel that they are protected.

Further conversation about what the committee needs from their Officer. Discussion on how important it is to drive with your window down.



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Announcement of next scheduled meeting date, October 8, 2024

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Ward, Seconded by Ms. Tacher, to ADJOURN the Northeast Community Redevelopment Committee Meeting at 6:50 PM.

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Against: none

Motion Carried: 5-0

*Rona Rowe, Chairwoman,
Northeast CRA*

*Catherine Hutcheson
Administrative Coordinator*