



**CITY OF MOUNT DORA
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
NOVEMBER 26, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

The City of Mount Dora Northeast Redevelopment Committee met on Tuesday, November 26, 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 November 26, 2024 meeting of the Mount Dora Northeast CRA was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Rona Rowe, Chair.

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

Present: Rona Rowe, Lillie Taylor, Ozell Ward, Juan Perez, Lynn Tacher

Absent: Stevie Harley, Rosalyn Harris

City Staff: Catherine Hutcheson, Administrative Coordinator and Whitney Scott, Administrative Coordinator; Adam Sumner Northeast CRA Manager.

III. Approval of August 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

APPROVE the minutes as presented and make the discussed corrections.

For: Rona Rowe, Lillie Taylor, Ozell Ward, Juan Perez, Lynn Tacher

Against: none

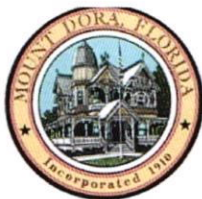
Motion Carried: 5-0

IV. Public participation/hearing for non-agenda items

Katherine DeJongh discussed with the committee a non-profit project called the Island Palm Cemetery and Restoration Project. She requested that the members read through the handout and spread the information through the community for anyone has any knowledge about the family's that may be buried there.

Mr. Perez asked if the cemetery was privately owned.

Ms. DeJongh stated that it is.



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Mr. Perez asked if it was being maintained

Ms. DeJongh stated it is not. She elaborated on why it has not been maintained.

Further discussion on why this project is so important.

Ms. Tacher discussed the cemetery at the back of the Country Club of Mount Dora. Ms.

DeJongh stated that she has worked on that as well, and has provided information to Council and the City.

Further discussion on the cemeteries.

Mrs. Rowe stated that she was appreciative of all of the work Ms. DeJongh has done to help preserve the legacy of the cemeteries.

Councilman Walker stated he was fully in support of the project and was hopeful that the committee could get some community members involved. He stated he was going to be involved personally.

V. Discussion Items

1.) Budget

Mr. Sumner apologized for all of the re-scheduling of the meetings and stated that there were no changes made to the budget since August and it has been adopted by council. He stated from an expenditure standpoint we are right where we need to be. He stated that the end revenue number did end up being a little higher than anticipated.

Mr. Ward asked if a copy of the budget can be emailed out to the committee members.

Mr. Sumner stated, yes.

2.) PD Update

Mr. Sumner stated that there was no update tonight due to the officers being out on calls.

VI. Other Business

3.) Flooding Update

Mr. George Marek, Public Works Director, to come to the December meeting to discuss what the city is doing to help the issue.

Mrs. Rowe agreed to this.

(Pushed to December meeting)

4.) Grandview District Photos

Mr. Sumner stated that the banner is the Grandview Business District need to be re-done since they have become worn by age and weather. He discussed the request by a resident



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who wants to have a banner hung of her mother in front of her church, House of God. He stated we are in desperate need of photos so to reach out to anyone who would like a photo hung and to get the information and photos to us.

Ms. Hutcherson read off the email sent by the resident and showed the photo requested to be hung.

Mr. Ward asked if there was a motion that the committee needed to take on this.

Mr. Sumner stated that no, he would just like to committee members to review the photos and people requesting to make sure the photos hung up are not mis-representing the Northeast Community and that we do not want to keep using the same images over and over again.

The committee was in agreement.

Ms. Tacher asked how many can be hung.

Mr. Sumner said 24 total.

Mr. Ward asked if Mr. Sumner could get a copy of the original proof sheet.

Mr. Sumner stated, yes.

Councilman Walker asked Mr. Sumner if it would be more cost effective to get all of the photos before going to print and if there is a timeframe for this.

Mr. Sumner was in agreement and stated that he would love to have the images up by Easter and after further discussion landed on the 10th day of January to have photo submissions in.

5.) Economic Development Ideas

Ms. Tacher stated that she wanted to discuss with the committee, new economic incentives. Especially for the Grandview Business District so that business owner could have money to hire people.

Mr. Sumner gave an update on the BBQ shack and code compliance.

Further discussion on business incentives.

Mr. Ward requested meeting with the Economic Development Director to discuss some plans for that community/ strip that would be reflective of serving the residential community and to provide opportunities for startup businesses.

Ms. Tacher stated that it would be good to have an overall look to it rather than individual restaurants to have more availability to develop their property or sell it.

Mr. Ward stated that is they provide the guidance then they can look at ways to support those businesses either through grants or jump starts.

Mr. Sumner stated he would discuss with Misty Sommer, Economic Development Director.

Further discussion on what the committee is looking for.



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Mr. Sumner gave an update on the MLK building and when we can expect to be there to do meetings again.

Ms. McClam showed up and gave a statement about her mother for the photos to be hung up in front of her church. The Committee members thanked her and stated they would hang the photo.

Announcement of next scheduled meeting date December 10, 2024

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Perez, Seconded by Ms. Tacher, to ADJOURN the Northeast Community Redevelopment Committee Meeting at 6:49 PM.

For: Rona Rowe, Lillie Taylor, Ozell Ward, Lynn Tacher, Juan Perez

Against: none

Motion Carried: 5-0

**Rona Rowe, Chairwoman,
Northeast CRA**

**Catherine Hutcheson
Administrative Coordinator**