



**CITY OF MOUNT DORA
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
DECEMBER 10, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

The City of Mount Dora Northeast Redevelopment Committee met on Tuesday, December 10, 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, Rosalyn Harris

Absent: Stevie Harley, Lynn Tacher

City Staff: Catherine Hutcheson, Administrative Coordinator; Adam Sumner Northeast CRA Manager; Officer Darrer Graham-Holts; Deputy Chief Deleu; George Marek, Public Works Director.

III. Approval of November 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Mr. Ward Seconded by Ms. Taylor to **APPROVE** the minutes as presented.*

For: Rona Rowe, Lillie Taylor, Ozell Ward, Juan Perez, and Rosalyn Harris

Against: none

Motion Carried: 5-0

IV. Public participation/hearing for non-agenda items

None Present

V. Discussion Items

- 1.) Flood Discussion with George Marek, Public Works Director



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Mr. Marek gave a brief presentation on what the City is doing to alleviate the flooding issues within the Northeast District. He outlined the hiring of an engineer to survey the elevations of drains, pipes, inlets, etc... Engineers will develop a plan to change the flow of storm-water to reduce flooding. Public Works plans on hiring engineers to design construction plans for improvements to the system.

Surveys completed in March. Construction plans will take 6 months to complete. Construction to start winter of 2025.

Mr. Ward, Mr. Sumner and Mr. Marek discussed the proposed projects that are a permanent solution.

Mr. Perez asked for clarification on the start of construction and a target date.

Mr. Marek stated these are his "personal" target dates but no later than October 2025.

Mr. Sumner elaborated on that.

Ms. Taylor discussed one of the slides presented and Mr. Marek discussed the elevations in relation to the area of her home.

Ms. Taylor stated that she is still not able to get into her home from June 28th, 2024 due to water continuing to get into that area. Stated this project is near and dear to her heart.

Mr. Marek stated he will be frank and said the truth is that the depression is so low that the size of the pipe he would need to drain that area is not available right now. He discussed hazard mitigation grant programs with FEMA to do a cost share with raising homes that could be of assistance.

Ms. Taylor stated that she appreciated his honesty and that she does not want to get her hopes up.

Mr. Harris discussed the possibility of the danger of children drowning due to the overflowing retention pond near Cauley Lott Park.

Mr. Marek stated his moto is "when storm water is as bad as you've seen it, it can always get worse". He understands her concern with the fencing for that pond and he would like to see it fenced. However, the City does not allow for that due to the elevation.

Mr. Ward stated he has concerns about the drainage lines going forward.

Mr. Marek discussed contour maps.

Mr. Ward discussed how they can get relief immediately to alleviate the suffering in that area. He stated his frustration.

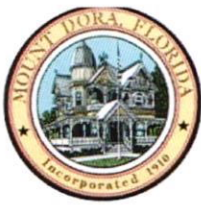
Ms. Taylor and Mr. Ward discussed the history of her home and the flooding.

Mr. Marek discussed a map from the 50-60's and pointed out an area on the map where a depression is located and at the time there were no homes in that spot.

Further discussion about this area.

Ms. Harris asked how this will affect new construction.

Discussion on the highest point in the city.



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Mr. Marek stated he will discuss with the City Manager about fencing the retention pond at Cauley Lott Park.

Mr. Sumner stated he would also be a party of that conversation.

2.) PD Update with Officer Darrer Graham- Holts

Officer Graham-Holts went over a handout showing the stats for crime within the Northeast Area from June to November 2024.

Mr. Ward asked about the assault and battery, and requested examples.

Officer Graham-Holts broke down the different type of assault and battery charges.

Mr. Perez asked about how these stats match up with the rest of the city.

Officer stated he did not know but he would find out.

Mr. Ward asked about the closure rate.

Officer stated he was not sure but he would find out.

Mr. Ward stated they would like to know that the people committing the crimes are being caught.

Mr. Ward discussed an incident that involved him recently and was pleased at how nice the officers were and their quick response to the alarm.

Officer stated that with alarm calls they try to get their pretty fast.

Further discussion on this.

Mr. Perez discussed the MLK sub-station.

Officer stated that it is still active and that he will be in the office more often.

Deputy Chief Deleu stated that the Police Department hired a crime analyst and explained her role in the department and how this pertains to the Northeast.

Mr. Ward stated he really like the new layout that allows them to better see the crime numbers and stats.

Further discussion on this.

Some discussion on the update of the T&N Murders.

Mr. Sumner asked about the placement of the Christmas Dumpster box.

VI. Other Business

Dates on the Santa Tour requested to be emailed to the members.

Snow in the Park this Saturday with bumper cars at 6:00PM.

In order to get Fast Pass Access, bring a toy.

Mr. Sumner spoke with Misty Sommer about the economic development approach on Grandview.



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VII. Announcement of next scheduled meeting date January 14, 2025

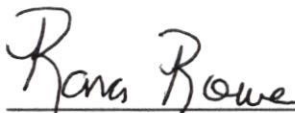
VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Ward, Seconded by Ms. Harris , to ADJOURN the Northeast Community Redevelopment Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM.

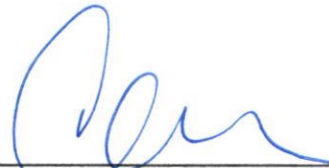
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Against: none

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*Rona Rowe, Chairwoman,
Northeast CRA*



*Catherine Hutcheson
Administrative Coordinator*