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## North Magnolia Redevelopment Advisory Committee

### Minutes

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**Monday, November 25, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

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#### 1. Call To Order

##### a. Roll Call

<b>Present</b>	Angie Clifton, David McCollister, Mike Needham, and Clark Yandle
<b>Absent</b>	Darian Mosley
<b>Excused</b>	Floyd Hershberger

#### 2. Public Notice

The public notice information for the North Magnolia CRA Advisory Committee was published on November 19, 2024.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

##### a.

**Attachments:** [7-25-24 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** David McCollister

**SECONDER:** Clark Yandle

**AYE:** Clifton, McCollister, Needham, Yandle, and Yoder

**ABSENT:** Mosley

**EXCUSED:** Hershberger

#### 4. Grants/Applications

##### a.

**Attachments:** [CRA24-0000 - 1618 NW 1st Ave.pdf](#)

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis provided a brief overview of CRA24-0006 a request to replace all windows and doors for the property located at 1618 NW 1st Avenue.

Motion to approve CRA24-0006 for the a grant in the amount of \$9,707.68.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** David McCollister

**SECONDER:** Toni Yoder

**AYE:** Clifton, McCollister, Needham, Yandle, and Yoder

**ABSENT:** Mosley

**EXCUSED:** Hershberger

**b.**

Mr. Ellis provided a brief overview of CRA24-0007 a request to demolish the property located at 1711 NW 3rd Avenue.

Motion to approve CRA24-0007 for a grant in the amount of \$6,370.50, the property owner will be responsible for the remaining demolition expenses.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** David McCollister

**SECONDER:** Mike Needham

**AYE:** Clifton, McCollister, Needham, Yandle, and Yoder

**ABSENT:** Mosley

**EXCUSED:** Hershberger

## **5. Project Updates**

Mr. Ellis provided a brief overview of the completed Imagine North Magnolia projects. The property located at 1224 North Magnolia Avenue was an automotive shop and now it's a beauty salon. The parking lot at 909 NW 4th Avenue was resurfaced exterior lighting installed.

Mr. Ellis said staff is trying to get the City owned property plats finalized and into private ownership. The focus for Imagine North Magnolia has been on Project Area 1, which is the Marion Heights community

Mr. Ellis provided a final design for the spring themed pole banners. Approximately 56 banners were installed and 40 sets of brackets were purchased for pole banner replacements.

Ms. Clifton said the brackets were supposed to be replaced in April. Mr. Ellis replied that the brackets are in the process of being replaced.

Ms. Clifton asked where the banners will be kept. Mr. Ellis responded all the banners will be moved to a city storage facility.

**a.**

**Attachments:** [Ocala CRA - Grant Review Committee Guidelines.pdf](#)

Mr. Ellis gave an overview of the Grant Review Committee. The objective of the committee is to increase the efficiency of the grant approval process and ensure compliance with the Sunshine Laws. The committee will elect a Grant Review Chair and a Vice Chairman to serve initial terms.

Ms. Clifton appointed Clark Yandle for the Grant Review Committee Chairman and

David McCollister for Vice Chair.

**6. Public Comments**

None.

**7. Staff Comments**

Mr. Needham said the City cleaned up the property south of the cemetery and did a real good job. Mr. Ellis replied that the property has underground storage tanks and has some drainage concerns. The CRA grant will cover the removal of the tanks.

Ms. Clifton asked if there was still money available in the EPA grants. Mr. Ellis replied there is money in the EPA grants until September 2026.

**8. Board Comments**

Ms. Clifton said she has been following the homeless issue and Marion County is short 7,000 homes. It was discussed in a previous board meeting that two lots were supposed to be given to Habitat for Humanity to build. Ms. Clifton asked what the delay was to getting the transfer done. Mr. Ellis replied the City has identified the lots that will be donated, but he will get an update from on the two lots for Habitat for Humanity. Two lots were donated to Gainesville Housing Development Corporation and the donations are handled through Community Development Services Department.

Ms. Clifton asked why the lots were given to Gainesville. Mr. Ellis replied he would speak with James Haynes from the Community Development Services Department.

**9. Next Meeting Date: January 30, 2025**

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.