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North Magnolia Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, July 25, 2024

8:30 AM

1. Call To Order

a. Roll Call

Present	Floyd Hershberger, David McCollister, Mike Needham, and Clark Yandle
Absent	Toni Yoder
Excused	Angie Clifton, and Darian Mosley

2. Public Notice

- a. The public notice for the North Magnolia CRA Advisory Committee was published on July 15, 2024.

3. Approval of Minutes

Attachments: [5-30-24.pdf](#)

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Floyd Hershberger

SECONDER: Clark Yandle

AYE: Hershberger, McCollister, Needham, and Yandle

ABSENT: Yoder

EXCUSED: Clifton, and Mosley

4. Grants/Applications

a.

Application CRA24-45764

Attachments: [Application CRA24-45764 - 130 NW 17th St..pdf](#)

Economic Development / Cultural Arts Projects Coordinator Charlita Whitehead provided a brief overview of a request to install an air conditioner, and a new roof; replace the fence; and add insulation to the attic for grant application, CRA24-45764, located at 130 NW 17th Street.

Mr. McCollister asked if the house has the original tin roof. Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis replied yes.

Mr. Hershberger said he was there for a site visit and the applicant has done a great job.

Motion to approve to CRA24-45764 for the amount of \$17,690.21.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Floyd Hershberger

SECONDER: Mike Needham

AYE: Hershberger, McCollister, Needham, and Yandle

ABSENT: Yoder

EXCUSED: Clifton, and Mosley

5. Project Updates

a. CRA Grants Fiscal Year 2023-24

Attachments: [CRA Grants Fiscal Year 2023-24.pdf](#)

Mr. Ellis provided a brief update of the CRA grants for fiscal year 2024. One grant project has been completed and three projects are in progress. Mr. Ellis said there will be a balance of \$31,000.00 once CRA24-45764 grant request is approved. The next meeting will be in a new fiscal year and additional funds will be available for future grants. Mr. Ellis said grant information and application letters were sent out to property owners in the Marion Heights community.

Mr. Ellis said there are funds available for Christmas decorations and for new pole banners. Mr. Ellis said the funds will have to be used before September 30th. Mr. Yandle said some of the hardware on the vertical banners will have to be replaced which requires the Christmas decorations to be taken down. Mr. Yandle said he would provide Mr. Ellis a list of what is needed to be replaced.

Motion to approve to get hardware for the banners and get new decorations.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Clark Yandle

SECONDER: Floyd Hershberger

AYE: Hershberger, McCollister, Needham, and Yandle

ABSENT: Yoder

EXCUSED: Clifton, and Mosley

b. Code Enforcement Case Update 7-2024

Attachments: [Code Enforcement Case Update 7.2024.pdf](#)

Mr. Ellis reviewed the closed code enforcement cases. Mr. Yandle said he is the adjoining property owner to the property at NW 8th Place, case 2024_10489. He stated

the property has been an issue for many years and he has concerned that there may be some contamination. Mr. Ellis replied an assessment can be done for the contamination with the EPA grant.

Senior Code Enforcement Officer Jennipher Buller said the property on 1807 North Magnolia Avenue went to a Code Board hearing for overgrowth and derelict vehicles. The compliance date is September 5, 2024. She said 122 NW 17th Place and 136 NW 17th Place are on code enforcement's cut and clean list. Ms. Buller said the property on 2103 North Magnolia pulled a permit to have the sign removed by June 17, 2024. She said she would follow up to see if the sign was removed.

Mr. Ellis said Imagine North Magnolia Project is still going and the main focus is to get the city owned properties developed. The process is to remove code liens, finalize Title of Opinion, approval of the plat and issue invitation to negotiate.

Mr. Ellis said the grand opening for the Imagine North Magnolia Neighborhood Park was held on June 5th and it was a great success.

Mr. Ellis stated the City has have been acquiring properties as they become available for reasonable prices. Mr. Yandle asked if there were results from the letters that were sent out about purchasing properties. Mr. Ellis replied two properties were purchased from the letters.

Mr. Needham said he received a packet in the mail and has questions on the proof of ownership section. Mr. Ellis replied initially it was for Homestead property, but in March the program was revised and was opened to include rental property owners.

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Staff Comments

None.

8. Board Comments

Mr. Yandle said in past meetings the Board discussed signage for two entrances stating " Marion Heights Historical subdivision." Mr. McCollister agreed that there is no identification. Mr. Ellis said that he would follow up on the Marion Heights signs.

Mr. Yandle asked how much money the Board received for the tax grant and wanted to know how the funds are going to be spent. Mr. Ellis replied he did not have the exact amount, but will have the information at the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date: September 26, 2024.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 am.