

February 26, 2024
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Anne Massey, Heather Seay, Jessica Holbrook, Joe Gates, Michelle Sebastian, Bill Knox, Phil Bonham, Tori Dellinger, Candy Funderburk, Jarel Mackey, and Joe Gates.

Heather called the meeting to order and determination of quorum occurred at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Bill to approve the minutes from the Jan. 22nd meeting and it was seconded by Candy. Minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business

- A. Tori shared an update on the Façade Grant. A couple of applications have been received and the LCC will evaluate these at their next meeting, March 25th. During this application cycle, information had been shared with businesses with a direct mailer, a phone alert, and additional information published on the Lowell website.

- B. Installing Christmas lights along McAdenville Road was discussed. Candy indicated that many people look forward to lights and including them in Lowell would be a nice addition to the festivities of the season. Since there had been discussions in the past, the LCC is going to see what information had already been gathered. This will be up for further discussion at the next LCC meeting.

Staff Updates

- C. Planning Director update:
 - Joe shared that the Lowell website now includes an AI powered search bar. The information used for the AI supported search includes information already posted on the website only, rather than a search on the internet for a response. Links to the documents referred to in the search is provided. This will make using the website more streamlined and user friendly.
 - Joe shared that construction for the extension of Aberdeen Rd. crossing Church St. will be starting soon. Local residents directly impacted will be contacted directly. All may check the City website for more up to date information.

- D. Planning Director Updates
 - Tori shared with the LCC that her last day working for Lowell as the Planning Director will be March 11th. Tori has done an outstanding job in that role, and we thank her for her dedication, hard work and vision.
 - Eggs in the Park will be March 22nd at Rankin Park. There will be three separate "hunts" based on age groups. The food truck, Funnel Cakes by Pam, will have

goodies available. There will be a photo opportunity with an Easter themed "Photo Camper".

- The Golden Egg Hunt will occur before Easter and the duration will be over three days. All residents are invited to search for these eggs by using the daily clue as to the location. Local businesses have donated prizes for the lucky winners.
- March 28th will be the Senior Lunch at Woodlawn Baptist Church. This luncheon will be a dine in option only.
- Tee ball and baseball registration ends this week. Play will start on March 9th.
- Tori encouraged the LCC to consider ideas for funds allocated for the beautification of the city. More discussion at the next meeting.
- The Citizen's Academy is scheduled to attend the April LCC meeting. The original date on the calendar is for April 22nd, but the academy meets on April 29th. The LCC meeting will now meet on April 29th and Tori will update the calendar to reflect the change

Member Comments

- Candy inquired if there had been any businesses interested in the property formerly occupied by Maya Rita's Bakery. Joe shared that there were a couple of inquiries about the property, but the property owner was not responding.
- Candy asked if the Memorial Day recognition at the cemetery could be moved back to noon time, since it was better attended when that was the case. Tori will check into it.

Motion to adjourn was made by Candy and seconded by Jessica. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned.