

April 29th, 2024
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Heather Seay, Jessica Holbrook, Michelle Sebastian, Bill Knox, Tyler Cobb, Andrea Nixon, Anne Massey and Candy Funderburk.

We welcomed the Citizens Academy and highlighted what function and service the LCC provided for our community.

Heather called the meeting to order and determination of quorum occurred at 6:11pm.

A motion was made by Bill to approve the minutes from the March 25th meeting and it was seconded by Candy. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Tyler shared that the planters were updated with seasonally appropriate plants/flowers around town. There was some discussion around helping the maintenance department with the watering over the summer months and replacement planting in the fall. Possible support may come from the LCC members, Women's Club, or local businesses where the planters are located.

Unfinished Business

A. Façade Grant Updated

The City Council approved the Façade Grants for the four properties that the LCC recommended. The recipients of this grant included MEM Investments, Vera Floyd Beauty Salon, Back of the Moon, and York Properties. The total of the funds awarded is \$6661.03 which leaves a balance of \$5838.97 for future Façade Grant applicants.

Staff Updates

B. Tyler provided the following Planning Director updates:

- Lowell is currently not a Tree City, but it wouldn't take much to be once again designated as such. The city already has established a tree ordinance, the LCC could serve as the required Tree Board, and a celebration for Arbor Day would need to be reinstated. Tyler is going to check on the cost required and report back.

- The Litter Sweep collected 300 lbs. of trash. Thanks to all who volunteered.

- The Welcome signs will not be updated until the I-85 exit is construction is complete.

C. Andrea Nixon provided the following Park and Recreation updates:

- The Bike Rodeo was a huge success. The weather was perfect for the riders to enjoy the obstacle course, bubble bike wash and snow cones and cotton candy. Helmets were fitted and provided for the children.

- The second annual BBQ Cookoff and Music in Park is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th. There are still entry spots available for competitors, and registration is open until May 3rd. This year the “grill masters” will compete with brisket, wings, Boston Butt, and ribs. Trophies and gift cards will be provided for the winner of each of the four categories.

- Andrea inquired about suggestions for a keynote speaker for the Memorial Day service on May 24, at Edgewood Cemetery. Ann asked about including students from Holbrook, but the school year will be near its end, and students would be starting their summer break. Andrea also reported that Todd Stroupe, GIS Analyst, is currently mapping the cemetery and identifying those who were veterans.

Member Comments

Candy mentioned that the façade of City Hall looked like it needed to be spruced up, pressure washed, and to consider updating the silver letters near the entrance of the building. Even though there are plans for a new City Hall, it is likely that will many years in the future.

Michelle mentioned that the Police Station window film is separating/damaged and needed to be replaced.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill and seconded by Ann. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned.