

July 22nd, 2024
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

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

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

A motion was made by Candy to approve the minutes from the June 24th meeting, with the addition of Anne Massey and Jerel Mackey as attendees. Motion was seconded by Anne. The minutes were approved unanimously. The LCC did not meet in May.

Unfinished Business

Tyler asked the members of the LCC to prioritize the possible improvement projects to spruce up City Hall that they would like to consider. These projects may include, but are not limited to, pressure washing the building, painting the building, painting the letters / signage at the front of the building, and landscaping improvements. There is approximately \$5800 left for the LCC to allocate for project(s) this fiscal year. This topic will be discussed further at the next meeting.

New Business

There was no new business.

Staff Updates

Tyler provided the following Planning Director Updates:

- A Pottery Shop will be opening next to McCord Park and an opening date is tentatively planned for September.
- There has been some interest in the commercial space which once was Maya Rita Bakes at the corner of 1st Street and South Main.
- There is a bank interested in the former BB&T space on Franklin Blvd.
- Back of the Moon has completed their work for the Façade Grant they were awarded.

Andrea provided the following Parks and Recreation updates:

- Scottie Goudy is now an assistant for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- The YMCA of Gaston County is taking over Lowell Athletics.
- Paint and Slurp was a successful event at McCord Park.
- The July Music in Park may be moved to the Recreation Center due to predicted inclement weather conditions.
- The next Music in the Park is scheduled for Aug 10th.
- Summer Lunch Program continues through Aug. 1st.

- Weekly events at the Recreational Center include Pickle Ball, Power Pacers, Chair Volleyball, Zumba and more.
- The Special Events for the remainder of 2024 may be found on the Lowell City website.
- There is a new Facebook page for the Lowell Parks and Recreation Department.

Jamie inquired about a plant bedding area outside City Hall because she is interested in establishing a Pollinator Garden in the space. The members of the LCC thought it was a good idea.

Member Comments

Candy said that she has been enjoying the activities that Andrea has set-up, many of which have been at the Recreation Center. Thanks for your hard work, Andrea.

Candy suggested a community Scavenger Hunt may be a way to engage residents in a fun activity, especially since the similar Golden Egg Hunt of the past Easter Seasons were very popular.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michelle and seconded by Bill. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned. The next LCC meeting will be held on August 26th.