

Sept. 23, 2024
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Jessica Holbrook, Michelle Sebastian, Bill Knox, Candy Funderburk, Jarel Mackey, Anne Massey, Andrea Nixon 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 Aug. 26th meeting. Motion was seconded by Bill. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Candy made a motion to add to the agenda the selection of a new chairperson. Motion was seconded by Anne. The addition to the agenda was approved unanimously.

Michelle made a motion to add to the agenda a discussion regarding quotes for painting the windows. Motion was seconded by Anne. The addition to the agenda was approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Candy asked about if there were quotes for the painting of the windows of City Hall. Bill will check on the quotes and report back at the next LCC meeting.

New Business

Michelle made a motion to approve Bill Knox for the position of Chairperson for the LCC. Jessica seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Updates

Jamie provided the following Stormwater Updates:

- Work is being done on making changes regarding inspections for the Stormwater Controls Measures. Additional changes will also include working with HOAs of the new residential developments regarding their temporary retention ponds to transition them to permanent retention ponds.
- Jamie is now working with, and updating, the GIS maps for the city of Lowell.
- The DEQ self-assessment audit was uploaded to the state site. Representatives will meet with Jamie later in the year to update the City's Stormwater permit.

Andrea provided the following Parks and Recreation updates:

- Music in the Park and Shred Day occurred on the same day but at different times. The Shred Day activities were not well attended, but residents did utilize the shred truck. Andrea shared ideas that may be considered for next year's event. One consideration is positioning the Shred Truck near the Recycle Center which may

make more sense for residents. And a Medical Prescription drop off may also be included.

Music in Park had good weather, and it was well attended.

- This year's Trucks in the Park included the Med Center Air helicopter which was a hit with all attendees.
- Weekly events include Pickle Ball, Line Dancing, and Skills & Drills.
- Upcoming Events include Fall Festival, Treat Walk, and Halloween Paint & Slurp. Fall Festival will be **held** at Rankin Park on October 5th between 3:00pm and 7:00pm. The festival will include Food Trucks, a Touch a Truck area, and a kid zone sponsored by the Lowell Police Department.

The annual Catawba River Sweep will also occur on October 5th 9:00am – 12:00pm, if conditions allow for it. Volunteers are encouraged to participate.

The Lowell Treat Walk is October 24th 4:00pm – 5:00pm.

- Andrea plans on working closely with Ranlo's City Manager and Public Works Director to coordinate city events to avoid doubling up activities for both cities on the same days.
- The next Senior Luncheon will be held on November 21st located at Lowell Church of God.

Member Comments

Jessica initiated more discussion around the annual River Sweep which is sponsored by the Catawba River Keepers. Jamie shared the importance of having a community outreach program such as the River Sweep. Jamie will also be coordinating with Public Works to assist volunteers that day.

Candy inquired about the status of the property which once was a BB&T branch located on Wilkinson Blvd. Skyla Credit Union has plans to occupy the facility.

The LCC discussed the logistics of planting fall flowers in the city planters in town. Jamie will reach out to Public Works to see if the soil needs to be amended and to also see what role Public Works has in planting/caring for the planters. Candy and Anne would like to work on these this month.

Candy brought up the possibility of repainting the mural at the police station. Members also discussed mural installations for other locations in town. A business who wanted to add a mural may want to consider applying for a Lowell Façade Grant. More to come on this topic.

Anne asked for an update on the renovation status of the Community Center. Andrea indicated that the work has been completed and the city will be taking reservations for renting the facility in the very near future.

Anne asked about the whereabouts of the photos of former Mayors which used to be hung in the City Hall Assembly Room. The photos were taken down for a renovation. Jamie is going to find out more about what happened to these photos.

Michelle inquired about the status of the updates planned for Rankin Park, and as to when we might see work begin. Jamie and Andrea will find out more and report back to the LCC.

The LCC has a vacancy and would like to encourage anyone interested in joining this committee to consider applying. More information about the committee and its purpose may be found on the Lowell website.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michelle and seconded by Candy. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned. The next LCC meeting will be held on October 28th.