

Apr. 25, 2022
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Heather Seay, Jim Kiser, Michelle Sebastian, John Cantrell, Phil Bonham, and Cristy Cummings.

Heather called the meeting to order and determination of quorum occurred at 6:00pm. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Mar. 28th meeting. Minutes were approved.

Old Business

City Council approved the LCC's recommendation to remove term limits for members of this committee.

Cristy reported that the Carolina Thread Trail extension will be utilizing neighborhood sidewalks, rather than a trail along the Southfork River in River Falls. There is also likely to be spur trails into more neighborhoods.

An architectural firm presented a draft to the City for the new riverfront park, and Cristy shared some of the highlights with the LCC. This plan includes using a combination of old and new structures. There are many recreational opportunities included. Also, Lowell Public Works will relocate to a portion of the property. On May 24th, 5:00pm – 7:00pm, at City Hall, there will be a public workshop for all to see the plan and to provide feedback. City Council members would appreciate your ideas on the plan, programming ideas, and a possible name for the park.

The upcoming Red Bull sponsored UCI Pump Track World Championships Qualifier, the weekend of May 21, 2022 still could use volunteers. The event will occur at the Poston Park pump track. This is one of three qualifying events worldwide and it is extra special that it is going to occur again in Lowell. Volunteers could help with such things as supporting the onsite registration, monitoring areas, and running errands as they are needed. Volunteers would also likely score free “event swag” and meals, as well as other goodies. For more information you may email Brandon at Brandon.Black@gastongov.com. The website for the competition itself is: <https://www.redbull.com/sg-en/events/red-bull-uci-pump-track-world-championships-gaston-county-usa>

Staff Updates

Cristy shared some of the upcoming events scheduled which include Mommy and Me Yoga, Memorial Day Service, Music in the Park, Arbor Day Celebration, and Trucks in the Park.

Lowell tee ball is currently “in season”.

A new City Planner Director will be joining the staff in May. Welcome, Joe Gates!

The city is looking into possibly installing benches at the park space across the street from City Hall.

Folks from City Works will soon be putting up American flags for the upcoming patriotic holidays. About a dozen more flags have been added to the current inventory. We should see these proudly displayed from Memorial Day through The Fourth of July.

The city is receiving quotes for the signs to be installed at the cemetery. These will include information for the clean out dates.

The Façade Grant that had been available for businesses in previous years is being revamped to more closely meet the needs of local businesses and our community. More to come on this.

John made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Michelle. Meeting adjourned.

The next LCC meeting will be on June 27th at City Hall.