

Lowell Community Committee
Feb. 28, 2022
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Jim Kiser, Michelle Sebastian, John Cantrell, Phil Bonham, Heather Seay, and Alex Blackburn.

John called the meeting to order and determination of quorum occurred at 6:00pm. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Dec 16th meeting. Minutes were approved.

Old Business

Signs for the “Clear Out” dates for the cemetery have been budgeted for and will be installed soon.

New Business

The LCC welcomed new member Jim Kiser.

Brandon Black, representative from the City of Gastonia Tourism Development Authority, spoke to the LCC about the upcoming Red Bull sponsored UCI Pump Track World Championships Qualifier event which is scheduled for the weekend of May 21, 2022. 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. Brandon indicated that he is need of volunteers on the day of the competitions. 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>

Alex shared the current Parks and Recreation Fee schedule which includes usage fees for such things as city facilities and fields. The LCC discussed proposed increases in fees, and how they would be aligned with those found in neighboring communities. Michelle made a motion to increase the usage fees to those that was proposed by Alex, and it was seconded by John. Motion passed and will be sent to City Council for review and approval.

The Spring Litter Clean-Up date is scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd. This is a community event of neighbors pitching in to clean up areas around the city. We welcome, and encourage, any volunteers who are interested in helping with this service project to join us the morning of April 2nd at City Hall parking lot. Registration for volunteering may be found at the Lowell City website. Choice Beverage/Sundrop will be supporting the event. April 30th will be a make-up day in case of rain.

Staff Updates

Alex reported that the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Market is scheduled for March 12th from noon until 4:00pm., with the parade scheduled to begin at 2:00pm.

Work continues on the Way Finder and Welcome signs. More to come on those.

John will be connecting with a representative of the Lowell Woman's Club to see about any plans regarding planting spring flowers in the planters in town. He will share more information at the next LCC meeting.

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

The next LCC meeting will be on March 28th at City Hall.