

July 25, 2022
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Heather Seay, Jim Kiser, Michelle Sebastian, Jessica Holbrook, Joe Gates, 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 June 27th meeting. Minutes were approved.

Unfinished Business

LCC began a discussion of the information provided in the “Master Plan: Program Review & Needs Assessment Study”. Some of the topics included but were not limited to esport opportunities, daily workouts for Harold Rankin Park posted online, and portable Gaga Pits and Pickle Ball lines/net. As growth continues in Lowell, the recreational/wellness needs for our community will grow with it. Requiring developers of multi-family units to provide recreational land dedicated for these purposes is recommended. Joe shared that the new development near the new park has done exactly that with dedicated open spaces and a continuation of the Carolina Thread Trail. They also have reduced the number of homes being developed, which allowed for a donation of land to the Gaston Nature Conservancy, providing for protected natural space. The Master Plan will be an agenda item again next month for additional discussions.

Cristy shared some of the upcoming events which included “Truck in the Park”. Since the Lowell Firetruck will be part of the program, the LCC wondered if they could be a quasi-splash/water cannon event too. Cristy is going to discuss this with our Fire Chief.

Joe shared information about Lowell’s former Façade Grant. City representatives are working with business owners on the Downtown Master Plan, and the Façade Grant may work nicely with those plans. The LCC will be discussing the details of a possible city grant, including what it may encompass, who may be eligible, the fiscal feasibility, etc. More to be discussed at our next meeting.

Decorations along the traffic route that is used during busy nights of Christmas Town in McAdenville was up for discussion. Joe shared that the power line poles on McAdenville Road could not be used according to Duke Power. Decorations/flags would cause a clearance problem with the power lines and travel lanes. Our discussion then was around other possible ways in which we could increase the holiday spirit along these routes.

New Business

Joe talked about the city using Polymorphic software to help make resident’s use of online features more streamlined. City staff is beginning to roll out this software as information is built and made public. Work is also being done on the Lowell website.

Scott Bates will no longer be a member of the LCC. We thank Scott for his service.

Staff Updates

Cristy shared several updates. There is one more week for soccer sign-ups. The Senior Lunch will be at Presbyterian Church. This year's National Night Out, which is sponsored by our Police Department, will include kick ball, sodas, and other goodies. There will be a Movie in the Park following the event.

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

The next LCC meeting will be on August 22nd at City Hall.