

Lowell Community Committee  
May 24, 2021  
6:00pm  
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Cristy Cummings, Michelle Sebastian, Travis Smith, John Cantrell, Scott Bates, and Alex Blackburn.

Travis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 26th meeting. Minutes were approved.

### **Old Business**

Discussion continued regarding establishing policies for Edgewood Cemetery. Since the maintenance department has found it difficult and time consuming to maintain the cemetery in its current condition, the LCC is hoping to recommend guidelines moving forward. All permanent structures, such as fencing, and memorials will be grandfathered in, but the committee is hoping to make the area manageable for the maintenance department and aesthetically pleasing moving forward. The removal of flowers and ornaments three times a year is being considered (Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>). Once policies are agreed upon, City Council will decide about putting them in place. If done so, the public will be notified, and signs will be posted. The LCC will revisit and discuss the cemetery policies at the next meeting.

In a related topic, there are several undocumented cemeteries in the area. The upkeep of these is the property owner's responsibility.

The LCC would like to make the "Litter Clean-up" a regular project and hope it becomes one that the public joins in on. An assessment of need will determine the streets/areas for these clean-ups.

S & L Creations is seeking artists and bids for a mural to be painted on their building. More to come on this beautification project.

### **New Business**

A consideration of asking local businesses to adopt one of the "Welcome" signs was discussed. Since new signage is going to be ordered after July 31, this topic will be on hold until the new signs are installed.

The upcoming installation of bicycle lanes on McAdenville Rd. and the recent Red Bull event at Poston Park's pump track prompted a discussion of a bicycle theme for our city. The LCC wondered how many bike racks there were in the city and where they were located. John volunteered take inventory of the bike racks and will report his findings at next months meeting.

Harold Rankin Park's current state and usage was brought up at this meeting. Notably the ball park needs more dirt, since it has been packed/worn down. The pandemic impacted some projects, and this was one of them. The LCC discussed how the park was currently used, and we brainstormed some possible ways it could serve the community in the future. Funding for the upkeep of the park and possible new projects was also discussed. One consideration was seeking business donors to support improvements to the park. Another was funding raising. This topic will be up for discussion moving forward as more information is gathered.

S & L Creations is donating tee shirts for the LCC members to be used for future volunteering opportunities. A bright, highly visible green shirt should keep the group safe while doing projects like the litter clean-up. Many thanks to S & L for the terrific shirts!

### **Staff Updates**

Cristy reported on the following:

- A Memorial Day Service will be held at Edgewood Cemetery on May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The Arbor Day Celebration will be on June 12, 11:00am – 1:00pm at City Hall. The Shred It Event will be available for citizens, and there will be planting kits for kids. Adding to the celebration will be music performed by David Michael Howard.
- The *In the Park Series* will include "Dinos in the Park" (July), "Music in the Park" (Aug.), "Trucks in the Park" (Sept.), and "Fall Festival" (Oct.).

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

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