

Community Improvement Advisory Committee
May 20, 2019
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Bob Mulholland, Candy Funderburk, Michelle Sebastian, Scott Attaway, Thomas Gillespie, Kim Collins, and Martha Burris.

Bob called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Bob asked for everyone to review the last meeting's minutes. Martha made a motion to approve the minutes. Kim seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Old Business

Continued discussion regarding the CCOG, a grant of \$500 to improve the city, occurred. The CIAC welcomed Carrie Crawl, who is an art teacher at Ashbrook High School, to help with the creative spirit that the grant would allow for. Photos of gathering spots in town, such as Rankin Park, were discussed as possible place where the addition of public art could occur. (Thanks to Martha, Bob and Scott for the photos.) Carrie's expertise was well appreciated, and she provided our committee many ideas for artistic projects for our city. If Lowell is awarded the grant, Carrie will meet with the CIAC again in the fall to continue our collaborative venture. When school reconvenes, Carrie and her students, may be involved in helping with the outdoor art project(s). The application for this grant will be completed by the end of May.

Thanks to Martha, Candy, Anne and John for the new summer plantings in the planters around town. They are a beautiful addition to the aesthetics of downtown. And thanks to the Women's Club for financially supporting this project, and the Lowell maintenance crew who will help with the watering of the planters through the summer months ahead.

Donations for the Flats Historical Community Plaque for the African American community are being accepted. Citizens who want to donate to this worthy project may do so at City Hall. The goal is to reach a total in the range of \$3,000 - \$5,000.

Scott is in the process of checking bids for the power washing City Hall. He also will be checking on the possibility of painting the tiles near the front door.

The plaque to honor those represented in the American Flag project is in its final stages of preparations. The plaque will be displayed at the Lowell Community Center. Many thanks to Ruth and Pam for their work on the plaque.

Bob reported that Gaston Outside website of a "Close-up of Lowell" is now published. Also noted was "The City of Lowell: 5 Big Things That Have Happened in Just Six Months" on Facebook. It is exciting to see all the positive projects and initiatives that make Lowell a city that is ever evolving and improving.

The CIAC continued discussion on a name change for this committee. Further discussion is required.

New Business

Freedom Festival is scheduled over Memorial Day weekend, and it will be held at Rankin Park. This family friendly event will be a nice way to come together as a community and welcome in the summer.

The CIAC is in the process of trying to fill vacancies on this committee. If interested, there is an application for volunteering that is located on the Lowell website. Included in the search is filling the position of Co-Chair.

The next CIAC meeting will be June 24 at the City Hall. A motion was made and passed to close the meeting.