

Lowell Community Committee
Oct. 25, 2021
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Cristy Cummings, Michelle Sebastian, Travis Smith, John Cantrell, Candy Funderburk, Heather Seay, and Alex Blackburn.

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Sept. 27th meeting. Minutes were approved.

Old Business

The LCC will be celebrating the veterans of Lowell on Saturday, November 13th, which coincides with Veterans Day, November 11th. Kyle Fletcher barbeque will be donating lunch for any interested Lowell veteran. Lunch will be a “drive by and pick up” at First Baptist Church from 12:00 – 12:30.

To ensure that the cemetery is a well-kept and a somber area, the city will have clean off days three times a year. Alex reported that Gaston Signs will be making a sign for the cemetery which will indicate these dates. This sign will be located at the entrance along the road.

Cristy share that the 2nd annual River Sweep is scheduled for November 6th from 8:30am – noon. You may register for the event at the Lowell City website. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

Music in the Park, November 6th, will include “Lobster Dogs” and “Sweet Connections” food trucks. Come join the fun at Rankin Park 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

New Business

The Christmas Parade is scheduled for Dec. 11 at 4:00pm. The LCC discussed possible choices for the Grand Marshall of the parade. The tree lighting will take place across the street from City Hall.

Talks continue with residents and representatives from the Carolina Thread Trail. The goal for our area is to complete the trail between Spencer Mountain and Daniel Stowe Botanical, which would be nineteen miles in length.

Alex shared information regarding the proposed improvements that are planned for I-85. The expansion will be to add a fourth lane in both directions between exits #27 and #17. This expansion requires all the overpass bridges to be worked on. The updated bridges will also be more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. The proposed start date on the construction is 2024.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan that is being developed needs input from our residents. One way to share your views on the direction and vision for Lowell is by completing a 10-minute survey. This survey may be accessed from the Lowell website as well as from the Lowell Facebook page.

Staff Updates

Youth basketball signups are through Nov. 6th.

The LCC discussed the possible reinstatement of the Façade Grants which were available to local businesses in years past. More to come on this.

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

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