

Community Improvement Advisory Committee
Feb. 24, 2020
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Bob Mulholland, Candy Funderburk, Michelle Sebastian, Travis Smith, Alisa Frye, Cristy Cummings, Scott Attaway, and (Police Chief) Scott Bates.

Bob called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
The minutes for the January meeting were approved.

Old Business

The dedication of the historical plaque recognizing/memorializing the families who lived in the area known as the Flatts will be Saturday, Feb. 29th at 2:00pm. The location is at Kenworthy Avenue at South Main, near Joe Hudson Park, and parking is available at Sonic.

The public art work intended for the concession stand at Rankin Park will include painted panes by students from Ashbrook High School. Using the boards, rather than painting on the building itself, will allow other similar pieces of work to rotate or replace previous pieces of art. The CIAC will be working with art teachers and students to finalize the plans for the project this spring, and with City Councils approval, there is a projected installation by summer.

Scott shared that City Council approved the new city logo. This logo is showing up on the website and will be included in future updates around the city.



Saturday, March 21, the City of Lowell is hosting a River Sweep clean-up event of the South Fork River. It will start at 8:30am at the Carolina Thread Trail's head at 1100 Catawba River Run. Details of what to wear, where to park, and how to sign up, can all be found at the City of Lowell website or call 704-824-3518. T-shirts, coffee/cocoa, and lunch will be provided, but you will want to register by March 18 to ensure a t-shirt. Thanks to the American Rivers, S&L Creations and Fryeday Coffee Roasters for sponsoring this event.

The Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt is April 3rd. There will be four different age groups participating: under 2 years, 3 – 5 years, 6 – 8 years, and 9 -12 years. There will be up to 5000 eggs involved so there will plenty for all. Also, there will be a book give away at the event. If you are interested in volunteering at the egg hunt, you can find information on the Lowell website.

The CIAC continued discussions about the name change of this advisory committee. Some suggestions included "Lowell Community Committee" and "Citizens Advisory Committee". We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

New Business

Cristy updated the CIAC on the happenings with the Parks and Recreation department.

- Youth baseball sign-ups is available.
- Woodlawn Baptist Church has been a close partner with the basketball program.
- A recap of the recent Senior Luncheon was shared. Good food and fun for all the seniors in attendance.
- The Parks and Rec department is seeking sponsorships for the upcoming Freedom Festival which is May 16th.

Bob, chairman of the CIAC, will be stepping down from this position in April. Bob has served as the chairman over the past year, and the time is right for him to pursue other endeavors. We appreciate the leadership, direction, and smiles that Bob provided the members of the CIAC. He will be missed, but we wish him all the best! Thank you for your service, Bob.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

The next CIAC meeting will be Mar. 23 at City Hall. A motion was made and passed to close the meeting.