

LOOK MEMORIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Gerard at 7:26 p.m.

Members present: Dr. Donald Gerard, Barbara Brown and Leah Vredenburg.

Members absent: Mary Ann Gwatkin and Chuck Myers.

Guests: Betty Morlock, Judy Straub, Diane Dimmick, Kraig Haybarker, Ray Wolfe, Gordon Gould and Rick Seese.

It was moved by Brown, seconded by Vredenburg that the minutes of the October 25, 2006 meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried.

The Financial Statement was discussed and accepted. Dr. Gerard stated he would contact City Treasurer Sue Olin for explanation of monies available.

1. Judy Straub, Executive Director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum stated her request of \$10,000 is for the hiring of a data entry person to enter the records for 10,000 objects, artifacts and photographs. Over 75% of the volunteers of LAHM are over 60 years of age and are not comfortable with the technology needed to do this project. The person being hired to do this is very familiar with the Cultureware program being used and has already donated approximately 1,500 hours of volunteer work toward this project.

Straub noted this grant request could be paid over a two year period of \$5,000 each year,

IT WAS MOVED BY BROWN and seconded by VREDENBURG to grant the request from the Lowell Area Historical Museum for \$10,000, with \$5,000 being paid in 2006-2007 and \$5,000 to be paid in 2007-2008.

YEA: 3. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Kraig Haybarker, Diane Dimmick and Ray Wolfe were present on behalf of the Flat River Outreach Ministries requesting \$6,183.81 for the completion of the site plan requirements of Lowell Charter Township for the former Cumberland Manor building that is being purchased for their new location. Most of the work will not be finished until spring, but the Township requires a guarantee that this work will be completed in order for FROM to open up for business within the next week.

IT WAS MOVED BY VREDENBURG and seconded by BROWN to grant the \$6,183.81 as requested from Flat River Outreach Ministries. Motion Carried.

3. Gordon Gould and Rick Seese were present to request \$3,600 on behalf of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and Chamber Foundation, Lowell Area Arts Council and Lowell Area Historical Museum to create an entertainment event targeted at celebrating the 75th anniversary of the first Lowell Showboat performance on the east bank of the Flat River. In collaboration of the above groups, the committee wishes to hold two evening concerts

highlighting amateur acts, a Showboat choral group (composed of local talent) and a regionally known "headliner" following a program format reminiscent of the past community festival. This event would extend the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert series for an additional outdoor event to be held on August 24 and 25, 2007. This would take place on the Riverwalk Plaza. The Lowell Showboat would provide the backdrop with the stage located on the Plaza facing the Lowell Library.

The total budget for this project is \$13,500. A grant is also being requested from the Lowell Area Community Fund. If either grant is denied, the project will be dropped.

IT WAS MOVED BY BROWN and seconded by VREDENBURG to approve the grant request from the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce for \$3,600 if other funding is received.

YEA: 3. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GERARD to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk