**Blackberry Jam Committee**

**Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 8th, 2023**

Members of the public are encouraged to provide comment or testimony through the following.

* Joining by phone, ablet, or PC. For details, click on the event at [www.ci.lowell.or.us](http://www.ci.lowell.or.us).
* In writing, by using the drop box at Lowell City Hall, 70 N Pioneer Street, Lowell, OR 97452
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**Regular Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order / Roll call 6:00 pm

Ben Anders, Cathy Hernandez, Dennis Sucamele, Ed Morse, Laura Luckey, George Wild, Jeninne Zimmerman, Jeremy Caudle, Lonna Bennett, Meesa Anders, Rustie Ackland, Tina Moreci, Tony Moreci, Tim Stratis on zoom

New Business

**Jeremy-** informed us that the northeast end of the park will be sold next year for commercial use. Cannon street will run through the park, we will only have the area west of Stopping Grounds Coffee Shop. This will cut the festival layout for craft vendors in half. We will have to rethink the number of craft vendors when the planning starts for next year’s festival.

Other Business

Wrap up for the 2023 BBJ.

**Meesa-**

Good job to everyone involved for a successful year.

Next year we need to split the power boxes for the food vendors. We can investigate purchasing a few power boxes for ourselves each year. Maybe send out letters to companies and see if they want to donate any power boxes. Chambers have said they are willing to help us out again next year with power boxes and cords.

We need to work on a park map for craft vendors spots, and possibly a map of where festival goers can find booths. The idea was brought up to have programs at the entrance of the festival for goers to find their way easier.

Need more trash cans throughout the park. More recycling bins and cardboard recycling for the vendors.

More porta potties and more supplies.

2 vendors had heat stroke. We talked about next year putting out a flyer or a poster with educational tips to help against heat stroke listing the signs and symptoms of heat stroke. More cooling fans need to be located throughout the festival.

Try to get more bands.

We need to see if the sound from the stage can carry into the festival farther.

Move the beer and wine between the stage and the caboose.

**Jeninne**- Limit food vendors to schools equaling (2) plus 8 for a total of 10. Have a deadline of when they can sign up and not add past that date.

Bee traps need to be set up around the park.

**Lonna**- only two no shows for the parade.

**Tim-** reinforce the no dog rule. Band bikes in the park during the festival.

Designate handy cap parking somewhere close to the park. Lundi parking lot was brought up as a thought.

Blackberry jam and jelly are for sale at City Hall.

No meeting in September

October will be a celebration potluck, Meesa to set a time.

No meeting in November or December.

Next meeting will be January 9th as the first planning meeting for 2024.

Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

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