

Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission
Oct. 18, 2012

9:30 a.m., LFUCG Recycling Center, 360 Thompson Road

Minutes

Those in attendance: Amy Sohner Angela Dossett, Patricia Knight, Mark York, Jane Wilson Eller, Connie Miller, Blake Eames, Farley Schalk, George Ely, James Pendergest, Peggy Henson

Guests: Esther Moberly, LFUCG Div. of Waste Management, Louise Caldwell-Edmonds, LFUCG Div. of Environmental Policy

Patricia Knight called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Farley, second by Peggy, to approve the minutes of the Aug. 16, 2012 meeting. The motion passed.

Farley Schalk gave the Financial Report which included discussion of the \$2,000 donation from G & J Pepsi for sustainability programs. Motion was made by Connie, second by Jim, to accept the report.

Old Business:

1. Mark York gave an update on the Lowes-Richmond Road Community Improvement Grant project. Honeysuckle removal by LFUCG crews has started and will end by Oct. 15. Partnerships with organizations continue to be established: Idle Hour Neighbors Alliance, Kentucky American Water, Kentucky Utilities, Bluegrass PRIDE, Henry Clay HS and Morton MS. Saturday, Oct. 20 will be the stream cleanup day and the tree planting will take place on Oct. 27. Leftover grant funds will be used to replace any trees that do not survive the winter. The final report to Keep America Beautiful is due Dec. 18 and will include photos, video and media coverage of the project. Educational outreach and maintenance of the area will be coordinated through Bluegrass Pride.
2. Peggy Henson gave an update on the adoption of the Criminal Littering ordinance. Dr. Blues, chair of the Environmental Committee, will report the ordinance out of committee next week. The first reading by council is expected Oct. 25 with second reading on Nov. 15. The ordinance will take effect Jan. 1, 2013. Education and outreach will be required for the Div. of Police, Div. of Code Enforcement and Div. of Environmental Policy.

3. Jane Wilson Eller gave the 2012 CLPP grant update. She continues to work with the restaurants to get the second count of cigarette butts on the ground to see if the receptacles are effective. Once the second count is completed, the final report can be submitted to Keep America Beautiful.
4. Farley gave an update on the Finance Committee/Partnerships. Farley has been working on a list of companies within the food and beverage industry and hopes to have it within the next couple of weeks. The final version of the donation letter will be sent to commission members.
5. Mark gave an update on the adoption of the planting bed on the Legacy Trail. The bed has been weeded three times by Jim, Jane and Mark over the past several months. The Commission will seek opportunities to add plantings to the bed.

New Business:

1. Election of officers: Motion was made by Peggy, second by Farley, to nominate Patricia Knight as Chair, Amy Sohner as Vice Chair, and Farley Schalk as secretary/treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mark mentioned the Commission should develop an action plan for the 2013 calendar year. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Executive Committee would meet to draft the 2013 plan for consideration at the Commission's December meeting.
3. Mark also presented a potential design for Commission shirts.
4. Farley presented information on the Pacesetter Award presented to Pepsi by the state Energy and Environment Cabinet.

Next meeting will be held Dec. 20, 2012 at the offices of the Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau, 21st floor of the Lexington Financial Center.

The motion to adjourn was made by Amy, second by Blake. The motion passed unanimously.

Keep Lexington Beautiful's mission is to engage individuals, businesses and organizations within Fayette County to take personal responsibility for improving our environment.

