

**Minutes**  
**Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission Meeting**  
**August 16, 2012**

**The Thoroughbred Center 3380 Paris Pike**

Commission members present: Angela Dorsett, Blake Eames, Chris Schnelle, Connie Miller, David Jarvis, Farley Schalk, George Ely, James Pendergest, Jane Wilson Eller, Mark York, Patricia Knight, Peggy Henson.

Guests: Esther Moberly, Lauren Manahan LFUCG Waste Management, Michael Cravens, LFUCG Law, Susan Bush and Crystal Williams-Cole LFUCG DEP

Patricia Knight called the meeting to order at 9:30AM

A motion was made by Farley Schalk, second by David Jarvis, to approve the June 21, 2012 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Report was given by Farley Schalk and indicated a balance of \$27856.98 in the KLB accounts. \$1834.98 had been expended for the 2012 Cigarette Litter Prevention Program. Farley also indicated there was a possibility of a future donation from the Kentucky Beverage Industry Recycling Program to KLB, although the amount was not known. A motion to accept the report was made by Chris Schnelle, second by Jane Wilson Eller, and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. The Great American Cleanup (final report) was presented by Mark York: there were 78 reported cleanup events totaling 2000 volunteers, 3700 volunteer hours, 11657 pounds of trash, litter and debris collected, 16.5 miles of streets cleaned, 80 acres of public parks, 1.5 miles of trails, 21 playgrounds, 23 miles of creeks, lakes & shorelines.
2. KLB Annual Report given by Mark York. The report was filed with KAB on time.
3. Lowes Community Improvement Grant – Mark York reported Chris Schnelle and George Ely have been participating with the planning group for the project. Mark has met with the Transportation Cabinet regarding the project and will be applying for an encroachment permit. In terms of the project schedule, October 20 will be the litter pick up day and October 27 will be the day to install the native plants.
4. Criminal Littering statute update - Peggy Henson reported the committee has been working with the LFUCG Dept. of Law on the draft ordinance. Mike Cravens, LFUCG Dept. of Law, advised that due to a risk management issue, violators cannot volunteer to perform a litter cleanup in lieu of a fine. Mark York indicated the Div. of Police, which receives litter complaint

reports, is no longer sending letters to the owners of vehicles in those reports. David Jarvis will contact Sheriff Kathy Witt to determine if her office will be able to take over the letter program. Mark York will review the State Litter Grant to determine if any of those funds can be used to pay for the letters and personnel time. Motion made by Connie Miller, second by Jane Wilson Eller to approve the draft ordinance for presentation to the council's Environmental Quality Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

5. 2012 CLPP grant update – Jane Wilson Eller informed the commission that she is working with the downtown restaurants and it has been difficult to get information from management. Five of twelve restaurants that agreed to participate in the program have responded with the scanning information. Some restaurants have dropped out due to time constraints. Ken Sylvestri contacted Jane with a suggestion for a video contest for students to produce PSA's on cigarette litter with a \$500 prize. The commission agreed to focus on implementing the CLPP for now. Patricia Knight will contact Mr. Sylvestri.

6. Finance Committee/Partnerships – Farley presented a final draft of the partnership letter and distributed it to the commission. Jim Pendergest indicated he has obtained a partnership commitment from Keeneland.

### **New Business:**

1. LFUCG 5-year Solid Waste Plan – Esther Moberly, Div. of Waste Management, presented the city's draft 5-year plan to the commission.

2. KAB Youth Advisory Council appointment - Mark reported that a student from Henry Clay High School had been appointed to the KAB Council.

3. Recycle Bowl: Mark York informed the commission about KAB's Recycle Bowl, a new, nationwide school competition with a \$1000.00 gift prize. In Lexington, the previous school recycling competition had been the Cans for Cash program. That program had been moved to a spring schedule that would not work as well for schools in Lexington. He recommended the Commission agree to become a local sponsor for the Recycle Bowl. Peggy Henson suggested donating \$500 and asking council to match. The motion was made by Peggy Henson, second by Farley Schalk that KLB co-sponsor the Recycle Bowl in the amount of \$500. The motion passed unanimously.

4. LFUCG Littering data: Susan Bush, director of the Division of Environmental Policy, presented litter information to the commission that had been collected at part of a city stormwater program. The data might be useful in planning future Great American Cleanup events.

5. Thursday Night Live - Patricia presented the opportunity for KLB to have a display to promote the CLPP program at several Thursday Night Live events. Commission members were asked to contact Patricia with the dates they would be available to work at the event.

Next meeting: October 18, 2012: to be held at the LFUCG's Municipal Recycling Facility.

Motion made to adjourn by Jim Pendergest, second by Peggy Henson passed unanimously. The commission adjourned at 11:42 AM.

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