

**Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission  
Minutes Dec. 19, 2013**

**9:30 a.m., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
200 E. Main Street**

Members present: Amy Sohner, Angela Poe, Thad Scott, Blake Eames, George Ely, Mark York, Patricia Knight, Peggy Henson, Chris Schnelle and Jim Pendergest.

Jim Pendergest called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Chris Schnelle, second by Patricia Knight, to approve the minutes of the Dec. 19, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Patricia Knight reported on the current balance of \$13,905.13 Motion made by Peggy Henson, second by Angela Poe, to accept the financial report.

**Old Business:**

1. Mark gave a report on the maintenance work on the Legacy Trail planting bed. Additional plants were installed and more plants should be installed in 2013. David Elsen mentioned the concept of an "Edible Trail" with the planting of fruit trees close to the trailhead at the YMCA.
2. Mark reported on the America Recycles Day event: 570 cars came through, 27,000 pound of paper was shredded, 1,100 pounds of cardboard was collected and recycled, and 779 pounds of food was donated.
3. Mark reported on the Oct. 26 Richmond Road project cleanup event: 40 volunteers donated 80 hours of service, collecting 1,000 pounds of litter & trash. The new owners of the apartment complex replaced plants that had been damaged by mowing earlier in the fall. The new onsite manager is interested in scheduling a cleanup of the area next spring.
4. Wolf Run Grant Project: In Peggy's absence Mark reported 37 volunteers came to the cleanup event at Wolf Run Park on Oct. 19. 275 pounds of litter was collected and 30 plants were installed. The remaining work on the grant will take place in the spring with private property owners.
5. Mark gave a report on the Executive Committee's recommendations on the commission retreat.
6. Patricia Knight reported on the meeting of the Finance Subcommittee. The subcommittee recommended a budget of \$28,000 for FY 2015, including \$2,500 in grants, \$500 in donations, \$10,000 in partnerships and \$2,000 in sponsorship for the Great American Cleanup. It was noted in the discussion that KLB still had

a \$2,500 in-kind donation from Stout Printing for brochures that had not been used. The subcommittee also recommended the Programs/Projects Committee consider the sponsorship of the GAC with a possible signature/kickoff event. Motion by Angela, second by George, to accept the subcommittee report.

7. Angela Poe reported on the Grant Subcommittee, which recommended KLB not implement a grant program at this time. When more stable funding becomes available, the commission may want to reconsider this position. Motion by Patricia Knight, second by George Ely, to accept the report.

8. Chris Schnelle gave the report from the Programs/Projects Subcommittee. The subcommittee identified potential partners for projects that included Master Gardeners, Gardening Clubs, neighborhood associations and council members. The subcommittee also discussed the possibility of placing waste/recycling receptacles at LexTran stops. The full commission also discussed this suggestion, as well as using the CLPP grant to purchase ash receptacles for LexTran stops. The GAC partnership of a signature event was discussed, similar to the Valvoline cleanup of Shillito Park, and the subcommittee agreed to pursue the suggestion. Christine Holt, Republic Services, was in attendance and indicated she thought her company might be interested in the partnership. Motion by Angela, second by Amy, to accept the report.

#### **New Business:**

1. Mark mentioned the possibility of extending KLB's social media outreach. Connie Miller was not present and the issue will be placed on the February agenda.
2. Term Expirations: Mark mentioned that some terms of KLB commissioners were set to expire in February and those members would be contacted by the Mayor's Office regarding their desire to be re-appointed.
3. Community Appearance Index: Saturday, March 29 will be the date of the 2014 Community Appearance Index. This is a requirement for local affiliates to remain in good standing with Keep America Beautiful.
4. Mark informed the Commission that KLB had received an award from the Environmental Commission for the Richmond Road project.
5. America In Bloom: Mark reported to the commission that the Friends of the Arboretum and Master Gardeners were working on an effort to have Lexington participate in the America In Bloom program. KLB would be invited to participate and would likely have information that would be of benefit to the initiative.

6. Vacancy on the Commission: Mark mentioned that he and Jim had discussed the vacancy created by the passing of Farley and had indentified potential candidates.

7. Farley Schalk memorial gifts: Patricia indicated that she would be willing to coordinate donations to the school in Indiana for those wanting to make a donation in Farley's memory. Donations to KLB in Farley's memory could be sent to Mark.

8. Motion by David Elsen to adjourn, second by Patricia and the meeting was adjourned.

The next KLB meeting is February 20, 2014.

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