

Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission

Minutes: Programs Committee

Sept. 25, 2014

**1:30 p.m., West Sector, Div. of Police
1795 Old Frankfort Pike**

1. Members present: Amy Sohner, David Elson, Thad Scott, Angela Poe, Peggy Henson, Mark York and Chris Schnelle

2. Old Business:

A. Report: Wolf Run grant project: Mark reported that the Commission had set aside \$3,000 last year for a stream improvement private property match with the Friends of Wolf Run. Ken Cooke, from the Friends group, has reported to Mark that only 1 private property owner is participating in the project. The entire \$3,000 amount is listed in the KLB budget as encumbered. A motion was made by Amy Sohner, second by Angela Poe, that the Commission, at its October meeting notify the Friends of Wolf Run that the remaining funds will be withdrawn from the grant program. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Richmond Road project day: Mark reported that he had made a site visit and that there was less litter in the creek and that the majority of the plantings had survived. He has been contacted by the UK Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences about a cleanup project this fall. This group had around 20 students who participate in the Richmond Road maintenance project last year. Mark recommended another maintenance/cleanup day on Saturday, Nov. 1, possibly from 9 a.m. to Noon.

C. Litter Index: Chris reminded the subcommittee that a previous discussion had centered on using the Community Appearance Index information to target a specific area of town for a cleanup. In reviewing the information, it appeared Section "F" in the southern end of Lexington between New Circle Road and Man O'War showed the highest index scores. The areas of Mt. Tabor/Richmond Road, Man O'War/Trent Boulevard and Appian Way appeared to have the highest litter counts.

The subcommittee discussed a comprehensive approach to a cleanup effort in a targeted area, such as using Code Enforcement, LexTran, street sweepers, the Housing Authority, neighborhood organizations and other agencies for a project(s). The discussions also included reviewing the individual scoring sheets for the area, identifying 2-3 targets, and presenting information to the council on the results of the Index and seek partnership opportunities with council members. With 4 new council members coming on board next January, the subcommittee felt it was important to spend the new few months putting together a plan with specific recommendations that could be presented to the council.

3. New Business:

A. America Recycles Day, Nov. 15. Mark indicated the Div. of Waste Management had scheduled a paper shred event for Nov. 15 and that the Commission had supported the project with lunch for the volunteers. More details will be made available.

B. 2015 Great American Cleanup kickoff event. Mark indicated that the Commission was already registered for the 2015 GAC and that he would like to pursue a kickoff event in April or May. Mark reported on the efforts by WUKY radio to coordinate an Earth Week/Earth Month program in Lexington, helping to publicize efforts by various groups during this time. Mark reported he has not had further communication from Republic Services on the possible sponsorship of the 2015 GAC.

4. Next Subcommittee meeting: The subcommittee agreed to meet on Nov. 17, at 1:30 p.m., at West Sector.

5. Adjournment: With no further business, the committee adjourned.

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