

**Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission  
Minutes February 20, 2014**

**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 York reported that the annual Community Appearance Index is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, at 8:30 a.m. KLB commissioners, city staff and volunteers will meet at the offices of Group CJ for the index.
2. Mark reported the annual planning meeting for the Great American Cleanup was scheduled for Monday, March 10, at the Town Branch Waste Water Treatment Plant, Lisle Industrial Boulevard, at 6:30 p.m. An email was being sent to all council members and letters were being mailed to all neighborhood groups in Lexington.
3. Lextran receptacles: Mark reported that Connie Miller had been in contact with Lextran officials regarding the Cigarette Litter Prevention Grant for 2014. No final word had come from Lextran on the proposal.
4. Patricia Knight gave a report from the Finance Committee.
5. Downtown Trash Bash. Mark reported the annual Downtown Trash Bash is scheduled for Friday, April 18, from noon to 4 p.m. This event is coordinated by the Downtown Lexington Corporation.
6. Mark reported that commission re-appointments were in the process of being made. Thad Scott was appointed to replace David Jarvis from the Division of Code Enforcement.
7. America in Bloom: Jim Pendergest reported that he had participated in the Environmental Group for the America in Bloom (AIB) project. AIB promotes nationwide beautification through education and community involvement by encouraging the use of

flowers, plants, trees, and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements. Master Gardeners in Lexington and the Friends of The Arboretum are working to have Lexington participate in the AIB program.

8. Annual Report to Council: Jim reported that he had made the annual presentation to the Council's Environmental Quality Committee on February 18. He noted that CM Stinnett commented that it appeared the Commission was doing a lot of work for very little money.

**New Business:**

1. St. Patrick's Day event: Mark announced the annual St. Patrick's Day parade and festival was scheduled for Saturday, March 15. The Commission has had a table in previous years to distribute pocket ash trays and auto ash trays.

2. Arbor Day: Mark recommended the Commission help sponsor the annual Arbor Day event at The Arboretum. Blake commented that she had worked the KLB at last year's event and that many people attend the event. There was a discussion on the use of give-away items; Blake volunteered to work on that and Angela volunteered to provide information on seed balls. Motion by Amy, second by Blake, for the Commission to donate \$500 for the Arbor Day celebration.

3. Marie Armbruster Project: Mark mentioned that Marie Armbruster, a student at Lafayette High School and a member of Keep America Beautiful's Youth Council, is working on a project to provide dual-stream containers at high school athletic stadiums in Lexington.

4. Keep America Beautiful Annual Conference: Mark reported on some of the conference sessions he attended including fundraising, the Great American Cleanup, a Pedal for America project and a meeting with staff from Novelis, an aluminum recycling company. The company has a plant in Berea.

The next meeting of the Commission is April 17.

Motion by Chris, second by Patricia to adjourn.

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