

Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission Minutes
April 16, 2015

9:00 a.m., Council Conference Room
5th Floor, 200 E. Main St.

Attendees: Angela Poe, Amy Sohner, Chris Schnelle, Thad Scott, Louise Caldwell-Edmonds, Patricia Knight, Jim Pendergest, Maurice Nalley

Guests: Crystal Williams-Cole

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:10am with the call of the roll of members. The first order of business was the approval of March 5, 2015 minutes. Motion made by Chris Schnelle and seconded by Patricia Knight. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Knight gave the Financial Report. Louise made motion to accept and Chris Schnelle seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Patricia Knight made motion to approve the additional \$287.04 spent for the pencils and seeds. Louise seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Reports from subcommittees:

Program Committee: Chris Schnelle gave an update on the litter index. Louise is to get the mapping to the commission.

Communications: Connie was not available to give update
Keep Lexington Beautiful presentation to EQ Committee (KLB 2014 Accomplishments) will be April 21, 2015.

New Business:

Jim discussed the Legacy Trail Maintenance and is looking to check on how to obtain plants. He will coordinate a plan to pick a date.

Discussion of monthly compensation for Group CJ for website maintenance: Connie wants a monthly compensation for the maintenance of the website. Louise will check on access capabilities and ethics policy.

There was no vote taken, but a number of questions were raised by various commissioners:

What is the platform on which the website is hosted?
Where is the website hosted?

How many hours per month does Connie estimate that her staff puts in on the website and facebook page?

What rate of compensation is she looking for to cover her hard costs?

The secondary portion of the conversation involved whether KLB having a contract with Connie to handle the website would be a conflict of interest. Under section 25-6, it appears to that it would create a conflict of interest. Although Connie may have other contracts with the city, this one would be different because she occupies a seat on the Commission. Options discussed, included determining if there is a conflict of interest in having a contract with Connie, finding an independent party to keep both sites current and taking that load off of her team or finding another sponsor that would pay for maintenance of the pages.

Lowes Grant : Patricia applied, on the behalf of KLB, for three grants \$5K, \$10K and \$20K. Bluegrass Greensource will coordinate outreach on \$5K grant.

Thursday Night Live : Louise discussed times for tables/booths @ events/surveys. A doodle calendar will circulate as a poll to see availability of members to participate.

The commission discussed and voted on purchasing a table skirt and gear not to exceed \$1500. Amy made motion and was seconded by Louise. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: August 20, 2015

With motion made by Angela and seconded by Chris, the commission adjourned at 10:15 am.

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