

**Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**February 18, 2016**  
**Held at Visit Lex, 250 W. Main Street, 9:00 a.m.**

Attendees: Amy Sohner, Blake Eames, Chris Schnelle, Chrissie Tune, David Elsen, George Ely, Jim Pendergest, Patricia Knight, Peggy Henson, Salvador Sanchez, Mac Ferguson, Susan Plueger

Guests: Louise Caldwell-Edmonds, Crystal Williams-Cole, Angela Poe

1. The meeting started at 9:00am with the call of roll members.
2. The approval of December 17, 2015 meetings was unanimous with motion made by George and seconded by Chris.
3. Financial Report: Patricia gave the financial report and was unanimously accepted by the commission with motion to accept by Chris and seconded by Amy (see attached).
4. Old Business:
  - A. Reports from subcommittees: There were no reports from subcommittees.
  - B. Council Presentation Report: Jim Pendergest provided a summary of his report to the Environmental Quality and Public Works Council Committee (see attached).
  - C. Facebook Update: Angela Poe gave an update on Facebook. LFUCG is in the process of reviewing all of its social media and the entire city website. Government Communications has recommended that KLB's Facebook page be unpublished as the information could be disseminated on the Live Green Lexington Page. The Commission discussed this request. There was concern that KLB's message would be diluted by being lumped in with the larger Live Green Lexington page. In addition, KLB may not have as much control over the timing of the content. Blake suggested reorganizing the page management and Chrissie volunteered to help. Peggy made a motion to continue the KLB facebook page for 4 months and re-evaluate at that time. Blake Eames seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  - D. Legacy Trail Maintenance update: The Commission discussed updating the KLB beautification planting bed located on the Legacy Trail. Amy Sohner suggested planting two bur oak trees, milkweed, blackeyed susan and purple corn flower. Jim suggested a watering plan. The members requested that the Division of Environmental Services provide assistance with this effort. Susan Plueger agreed to purchase and install the trees, provide mulch and compost, purchase perennial plants, provide a truck and a staff person to help with the planting and provide watering and occasional maintenance. The event was scheduled for March 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Patricia Knight motioned to allocate \$1,000 to purchase the trees, mulch, and plants. Peggy Henson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - E. Status of Commissioners: Jim provided clarification on the duration of a commissioner's tenure. Once a position has expired, the member can remain on the Commission until a replacement is found, after which they must roll off for one year before being reappointed. Per the bylaws, the Commission can elect a non-member into an advisory position.

5. New Business:

- A. KAB Conference Update: Louise and Patricia gave a briefing on the KAB conference they attended. They suggested having a state affiliate (association). Municipalities that have a state affiliate are much more likely to receive recognition. Suggestion was made that Susan Plueger ask the KY Transportation Cabinet if they have an interest in pursuing a state affiliate.
- B. Merchandising: The Commission discussed the current inventory. Patricia Knight made a motion to purchase seed packets, pencils and totes and seed balls with a budget not to exceed \$1000. Motion was seconded by Amy Sohner. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Greenup Sponsors: All of the Green Up for Breeders' Cup Sponsors have paid. The temporary signs were removed in December. A budget amendment is in process to reimburse the Corridors Commission for the \$48,750 in donations for the Man O War Blvd installation. There was a brief discussion about permanent signage, which is not allowed on State Right-of-Way.
- D. Display Booth Opportunities: The Commission discussed upcoming display booth opportunities, including St. Patrick's Day, Reforest the Bluegrass, and Arbor Day. Volunteers are needed to man the booth during these events. The Commission was in agreement to have booths at each of these events.
- E. Sponsorship Opportunities: Amy Sohner made a motion to donate \$500 to Reforest the Bluegrass and \$500 to Arbor Day. Motion was seconded by Blake. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Upcoming Events: The Commission discussed planning fundraisers, flyers, and ways to promote KLB. The upcoming events were discussed. Angela Poe and Louise Caldwell-Edmonds added that they were working on an easier web based program to allow for commissioners to sign up for volunteer events.

GAC Kickoff	2/24/16 (Wed.)	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Phoenix
St. Patrick's Day Parade	3/12/16 (Sat.)		Downtown
Community Litter Index Survey	3/19/16 (Sat.)	8:30 – 12:30 a.m.	Bluegrass Greensource
Reforest the Bluegrass	4/9/16 (Sat.)	8:00 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.	TBD
Arbor Day	4/30/16 (Sat.)	8:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.	Arboretum
Papershred	5/14/16 (Sat.)		Old Frankfort Landfill

G. 2016 Project Planning:

- i. KAB CLPP Grant submittal: Patricia Knight wrote the grant application and it was submitted.
- ii. Auto Ashtray distribution: The Commission discussed establishing a partnership with Paul Miller/Don Jacobs.
- iii. Litterbug program: There was a discussion about revising the program.
- iv. Amy Sohner informed the commission that Green Fest is May 12, 2016

The commission adjourned at 11:15 with motion by Chris Schnelle and seconded by Amy Sohner and passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 21, 2016