

## **Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission Meeting Minutes January 20, 2011**

The Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission (KLB) met at the LFUCG 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, 200 E. Main Street at 9:30 a.m.

Commission members present: Connie Miller, David Jarvis, Farley Schalk, Jane Wilson Eller, Margaret Long, Mark York, Patricia Knight, Peggy Henson and Scott Blakely. Guests: Susan Bush (LFUCG), Brenna Angel (WUKY) and Joanna Isaacs (Bluegrass PRIDE).

Patricia Knight called the meeting to order. The first agenda item was a review and approval of the minutes of the Oct. 21, 2010 meeting. There were no changes or corrections and the minutes were approved by consent.

Under Old Business, the commission discussed the creation of the Cigarette Litter Prevention Program Task Force. Mark York outlined the five step process of developing a cigarette litter campaign and stressed the importance of having the task force functional in anticipation of a cigarette anti litter campaign grant award from Keep America Beautiful. Jane Eller volunteered to chair the task force and Margaret Long also volunteered to serve.

Potential task force participants were discussed and included: UK sororities, hospitals, Downtown Lexington Corporation and LexTran. Commission members were asked to send nominations for task force participants to Mark York or Patricia Knight by Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Under New Business:

1. Annual Community Appearance Index:

The annual community appearance index will be conducted in March with a tentative date of Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The index must be completed annually as a requirement of maintaining the commission's certification with KAB, and will serve as a basis for future litter prevention and clean up campaigns.

The Division of Environmental Policy will provide the logistics and support setting up the index event, and commission members were asked to volunteer or suggest volunteers to serve on one of the three teams that will conduct the one-day index survey. Volunteers should e-mail Mark York or Patricia Knight of their willingness to participate in the event.

2. KLB By-Laws:

Commissioner Farley Schalk reviewed the draft by-laws for the KLB Commission that was prepared by the by-laws subcommittee.

- The Commission desires to revise the ordinance which created the KLB Commission to allow individuals who work in Fayette County to serve on the

Commission. Commissioner Henson volunteered to have this change to the ordinance drafted for the Commission's review.

- A motion to move Article 9 of the By-Laws to follow Article 6 passed unanimously.
- Article 4 of the draft by-laws was discussed and it was agreed to allow commission members to send proxies to meetings and to have voting authority provided the proxy was provided in writing to the chair in advance of the meeting. Mark York will provide a form that can be used for this purpose.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the By-Laws with the above referenced modifications – motion passed.

### 3. 2011 Great American Cleanup:

By ordinance the Great American Cleanup is the signature event of the KLB Commission. Mark York briefed the commission on the upcoming event that runs from March 1 through May 31<sup>st</sup>. The KLB commission will focus on increasing volunteer participation to clean up targeted areas of the community such as parks, roadways, green spaces and other common areas as opposed to the past few years when the emphasis had been on cleaning out basements and garages of unwanted items. It was noted that this event is not limited to litter clean up but can also include beatification and graffiti eradication events.

The Commission was advised that the Division of Environmental Policy had applied for a \$3,000 waste tire grant that will support the Great American Cleanup by paying for disposal costs for tires recovered during events.

### 4. KLB Annual Conference Report:

Patricia Knight and Mark York both attended the annual KAB Conference and shared what information they had learned through the work shops and networking with other cities that are KAB affiliates.

Both were optimistic that the KLB Commission would be in a position to compete for a national award within one to two years in light of the programs the KLB is beginning to undertake.

### 5. America Recycles Day Report:

Mark York summarized the various events that were held during November 2010 for America Recycle's Day. The events included tours of the city's newly expanded recycling center, and a paper shredding event hosted by CINTAS where over 64,000 lbs of paper was shredded and recycled. The event was so successful CINTOS has decided to hold additional events for the community. The dates for these will be posted on KLB's web site.

The next KLB meeting will be Feb. 17.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.

