

Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2011

The Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission (KLB) met at G and J Pepsi, South Forbes Road, Lexington, 9:30 a.m.

Commission members present: Patricia Knight, Amy Sohner, Angela Dossett, Connie Miller, Farley Schalk, Margaret Long, Mark York, Peggy Henson, Scott Blakely and Fran Taylor.

Guests: Susan Bush (LFUCG).

Patricia Knight called the meeting to order. The first agenda item was a review and approval of minutes of the February 17, 2011 meeting. There were no changes or corrections. Lt. Blakely made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Farley Schalk and passed unanimously.

Farley Schalk gave the financial report.

Old Business:

1. Cigarette Litter Prevention Plan: Mark reported the Task Force met for the first time on March 21, 2011. The Task Force is made up of representatives from the University of Kentucky, St. Joseph Hospital, the Webb Company, Good Foods Market and Café, Bluegrass PRIDE, LFUCG and the Downtown Lexington Corporation. The Task Force will be responsible for creating and implementing the cigarette litter campaign targeting several downtown locations and hospitals.

2. Community Appearance Index: Mark reported on the results of the Community Appearance Index from March 26, 2011. The index also included an optional index for graffiti. The commission discussed creating a group to review the results and create a plan to target anti-littering activities in specific areas.

3. Great American Cleanup: Mark discussed the plans for the 2011 GAC. The meeting with neighborhood associations was held on March 22.

4. KAB grant application: mark gave a brief report on upcoming grant opportunities with KAB.

5. CM McChord: the Commission and the city's Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works held a news conference April 13 with CM McChord regarding the cleanup of illegal dumps. Patricia, Fran, Peggy and Mark attended the news conference.

New Business:

1. Criminal Littering: the Commission discussed this issue of prosecuting criminal littering cases. The Commission believes it would be more effective to prosecute littering as a civil offense vs. the current status as a criminal offense under state law. Since criminal littering is a state offense, making any changes would require a revision of the state statute. Angela, Fran, Amy, Peggy, Connie, Patricia and Mark agreed to serve on a group to study and review the issue. Mark suggested the state solid waste coordinators group be contacted to gauge/gather support for the revision.

2. Farley gave a presentation on the sustainability program at Pepsi including energy efficiency and recycling. The Commission then toured the plant and adjourned.

The next meeting will be held June 23 2011.