

Minutes
Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission
Oct. 20, 2011

The KLB commission met at the LFUCG 5th floor Conference Room, 200 E., Main Street at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 20, 2011.

Commission members present: Amy Sohner, Angela Dossett, Connie Miller, David Jarvis, Jane Wilson Eller, Margaret Long, Mark York, Patricia Knight, Peggy Henson and Scott Blakely.

Guests: Crystal Williams, Susan Bush, Rick Lynn, Tim Clark, Esther Moberly, Jennifer Miller and Lauren Monahan.

Patricia Knight called the meeting to order and asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the last meeting of August 18, 2011. Scott Blakely made the motion to approve the minutes, David Jarvis seconded; the minutes were approved unanimously.

Mark York presented the financial report to the Commission.

Old Business:

1. Cigarette Litter Prevention Plan. Jane Eller presented the final report for the CLPP campaign. Patricia added information about the 2 Thursday Night Live events where the Commission had a display and passed out the pocket and auto ash trays. The Commission will partner with the Downtown Lexington Corporation to have similar outreach during 2012.
2. Criminal Littering Statute Committee. Mark updated the Commission on efforts to change the criminal littering statute. LFUCG's Law Department will be consulted on language to amend the statute.
3. Community Financial Support Committee. Patricia reported that due to illness, Farley Schalk is unable to chair the Community Financial Support Committee. Peggy Henson volunteered to chair.

New Business:

1. Graffiti Issues in Lexington.

The Commission heard presentations on graffiti problems in Lexington from Tim Clark, LFUCG Division of Parks and Recreation; Jennifer Miller, Fayette County Sheriff's Office; and Officer Ricky Lynn, LFUCG Division of Police.

Tim Clark reported Parks and Recreation recorded 157 incidents of graffiti in the city parks in 2009, 165 in 2010 and 103 through August 2011. The Division of Parks and Recreation works to remove graffiti within 24 hours through painting over, applying a chemical or sand blasting. The division spends approximately \$5,000 annually on labor and \$1,000 on supplies. The division received a grant several years ago to purchase a compressor to assist in the removal of graffiti.

Jennifer Miller explained to the Commission the Fayette County Sheriff's Office began a graffiti removal program using inmate labor. Inmates can work 3 days a week on graffiti removal, primarily on public property such as signal boxes, light poles and walls. Graffiti removal on private property has been coordinated with the property owner who must provide the supplies.

Officer Ricky Lynn presented information to the Commission on criminal enforcement of graffiti activities in Lexington. Earlier this year a special unit was formed to address the issue following an increase in graffiti activities. Several arrests were made. Typically, the artist has a substance abuse problem and generally there is no collection of fines associated with an arrest. Those arrested can be ordered to complete a substance abuse program and/or serve community service, usually removing graffiti.

2. Connie Miller informed the Commission the Group CJ had received a grant for a "Do the Green Thing" project. The project includes communications initiatives involving TV, radio and print ads for the centered around the Great American Cleanup.

3. Connie Miller circulated a KLB logo to the Commission, David Jarvis made a motion to adopt the logo, Peggy Henson seconded; to the logo was adopted.

3. The presentation to Environmental Quality Committee – As required by ordinance, Patricia will be presenting the annual KLB report to the Urban County Council's Environmental Committee in November. Mark will email out an invitation to the meeting.

3. Outreach offer with Fayette Mall – Patricia reported that she is working with Fayette Mall for an outreach opportunity at the mall during the holiday season.

4. 2012 Great American Cleanup. The Commission discussed looking at ideas to improve the 2012 GAC. The Commission voted to create a committee for 2012 to coordinate GAC efforts. Margaret Long will Chair the committee which will also include a staff person from Bluegrass PRIDE, a neighborhood association representative, Patricia and Mark.

5. America Recycles Day. A. Esther Moberly from the Division of Waste Management briefed the Commission on a free paper shred event scheduled on

Saturday, Nov. 12 at the training pad on Old Frankfort Pike, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is a partnership with Cintas.

B. Citizens can sign a pledge to begin to recycle or recycle more via an online pledge card on the city's Web site.

C. KLB and the Division of Waste Management will partner on a recycling display at the Wal Mart store on Richmond Road on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

6. Adopt A Bed. Mark reported the city's Division of Parks and Recreation is looking for community organizations to adopt planting beds along the Legacy Trail. Mark recommended the Commission adopt at least 1 bed as an outreach effort and to provide a beautification project for the Commission. The Commission, by consent, agreed to the recommendation and Jane Eller agreed to coordinate the project.

7. Monthly media report – Mark reported the cigarette litter fairy TV spot would run again on WKYT later in the fall.

The commission adjourned at 11:35 with motion by David Jarvis and seconded by Margaret Long.

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