

Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2011

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

Commission members present: Amy Sohner, Angela Dossett, Connie Miller, David Jarvis, Farley Schalk, Jane Wilson Eller, Margaret Long, Mark York, Peggy Henson, Scott Blakely, Fran Taylor.

Guests: Susan Bush (LFUCG), Crystal Williams (LFUCG) Jay McCord (LFUCG Council Member) Ashley Chilton (Fayette County Attorney's Office), Beverly Fortune (Lexington Herald Leader), Brenna Angel (WUKY-FM).

Amy Sohner called the meeting to order. The first agenda item was a review and approval of minutes of the January 20, 2011 meeting. There were no changes or corrections and the minutes were approved by consent.

Farley Schalk gave the financial report.

New Business:

1. Councilmember Jay McCord addressed the commission with ideas to encourage participation of citizens in Lexington to begin to take personal responsibility to help the Great American Cleanup. CM McChord suggested the Commission encourage citizens to pick up 1 piece of trash each day.

Mr. McChord also discussed the issue of illegal dumps that need attention and suggested that prisoners from the Corrections could be used to clean up the dumps. He recommended the cleanup event could be publicized with a news conference.

David Jarvis reported that there are 10 documented illegal dumps in Fayette County that the Division of Code Enforcement has tracked. Mark indicated the Inspector General's Office from the state Energy and Environment Cabinet has surveillance cameras that can be deployed at dumpsites to record activity that could lead to prosecution.

Old Business:

1. Cigarette Litter Prevention Plan – Patricia, Jane and Mark are working on appointments to the Task Force. The first Task Force meeting will be March 21, 2011, 9 a.m., in the Phoenix Building. The Commission briefly discussed ways to implement awareness by distributing ash trays and containers.

2. Great American Cleanup (GAC) – KLB has received banners and other materials to promote the GAC. The kick-off meeting for neighborhood groups is March 22, 2011. Peggy Henson, Fran Taylor, Connie Miller, Jane Wilson Eller and David Jarvis agreed to serve on the kick-off committee.

3. KAB Grant Applications – Several grant applications are in process. Mark is reviewing criteria for KAB grants to determine if there are opportunities to match a grant with a local project. The \$1500 cigarette litter grant applications for Hospitals and Downtown are due March 1, 2011. Jane Eller is working on these grant applications. Mark discussed a \$10,000 Waste Management grant that could be used by the city's Division of Waste Management to target an area near the UK campus. The division has had difficulty with residents utilizing Rosies, as well as the improper setout of containers. This grant is not due until June.

4. Community Appearance Index – Litter survey will be conducted Saturday, March 26, 2011.

5. Council Member Henson distributed the ordinance change to members that had been requested at the last meeting. The ordinance, after approval by council, will provide eligible commission members can live *or work* in Lexington.

New Business:

1. Ashley Chilton, Fayette County Attorney's Office, presented information on criminal littering cases prosecuted by the County Attorney's office through Fayette District Court. Ms. Chilton indicated the office will prosecute criminal littering cases and reported more than 80 cases were prosecuted in 2010.

The next meeting will be held at Pepsi, 559 South Forbes Road on April 21, 2011.

Jane Wilson Eller motioned for meeting adjourned, Farley Schalk seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.