

Meeting Minutes

Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission

WEDNESDAY – December 19, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

The Thoroughbred Center – 3380 Paris Pike

Attendees: Susan Plueger, Amy Sohner, David Elsen, Jack Hillard, Greg Butler, Councilmember Plomin, Jim Pendergest

The meeting was called to order at 8:50a.m.

2. New Business:

A. Current Financial Report

Ms. Plueger presented financial report. The current balance is \$16,696.22. Ms. Plueger highlighted that the Lowe's grant for Jacobson Park has \$2,531.55 remaining and that the 2018 CLPP grant has a remaining balance of \$1,740.27. Ms. Plueger stated that the CLPP grant balance will roll over into the general fund once KAB closes out the grant.

Mr. Pendergest moved to accept the financial report. Councilmember Plomin seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

B. 2019 Commission Schedule

Ms. Sohner recommended changing the time to 8:30a and location to Bluegrass Greensource. Ms. Plueger will update.

Councilmember Plomin moved to accept the 2019 Commission Schedule as amended. Mr. Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

C. Applications for Members

Ms. Sohner reported that no current applicants meet Neighborhood Association standard, and that there are three applicants for the one at large position. Ms. Sohner stated that our goal is ultimately to fill three at large roles plus one education role.

The Commission held a general discussion on incoming diversity requirements and determined that important qualifications are the ability and desire to consistently attend meetings, and to meet the needs of the Commission – including fundraising, public relations and marketing, organizing and attending community events. The general consensus is that all applicants are suitable.

Ms. Plueger indicates that ordinance changes to allow additional at-large members will go before Council in January 2019.

Mr. Pendergest moved to amend the ordinance to change “BG Pride” to “Bluegrass Greensource”, and to require a member from Bluegrass Greensource instead of the Executive Director. Mr. Butler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hillard moved to nominate John Michael Carter as an at large member. Mr. Elsen seconded the motion. Ms. Plueger asked if this candidate contacted us; Ms. Sohner said yes and that she met with the candidate regarding his interest. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sohner asked who our second candidate should be if the first declines. Mr. Pendergest motioned for Mac Ferguson to be the alternate at large member. Mr. Elsen seconded the motion; the motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Sohner asks if anyone knows potential members who meet the Education requirement. Councilmember Plomin will ask Dean Cox in the College of Ag if she knows anyone who may be interested. Ms. Sohner will provide the board agreement and other documents.

D. Other New Business Items from Members

Ms. Sohner updated the Commission that Keep the Bluegrass Beautiful is officially a Keep America Beautiful affiliate, representing Central Kentucky counties outside of Fayette. Keep the Bluegrass Beautiful learned that there is a President’s Club status with KAB that allows members early access to grant opportunities. Ms. Plueger will investigate to determine whether Keep Lexington Beautiful should participate.

Mr. Pendergest asked when 2019 report to Council will occur. Ms. Plueger responded that most likely date will be February 19 before Environmental Quality Commission. Mr. Elsen says that we should be prepared to ask Council for assistance on a specific project or goal. Ms. Plueger suggested asking Council for locations to focus Lowe’s grant applications.

Councilmember Plomin asked if Keep Lexington Beautiful was connected with the Environmental Commission. Ms. Sohner and Mr. Butler met with Chair of the Environmental Commission recently.

Councilmember Plomin asked if Keep Lexington Beautiful presented to Fayette County Neighborhood Association. Ms. Sohner and Ms. Plueger suggest presenting on what Great American Cleanup is. Councilmember Plomin will reach out to the Fayette County Neighborhood Association for a presentation date. Ms. Plueger suggested Adopt a Spot as another program that Keep Lexington Beautiful can present to the Fayette County Neighborhood Association. Adopt a Spot pays groups who are willing to collect waste quarterly for one year on a specific road.

3. Old Business:

A. Review and approval of prior minutes

Mr. Pendergest presented the minutes from November 15, 2018 with a minor title change. Councilmember Plomin motioned, Mr. Pendergest seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Butler presented minutes from September 20, 2018. Mr. Elsen moved to approve; Mr. Hillard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2018 CLPP Grant Update (Susan)

Ms. Plueger reported that Ms. Caldwell-Edmonds submitted the initial report to KAB, including pre and post scans.

C. 2018 Lowes Grant Update (Susan)

Ms. Pleuger reported that once plantings are ordered, the grant will be complete and closed out.

D. Other Old Business Items from Members

Ms. Plueger recently met with Mr. Polston regarding the Panhandlers Program, and reported that they are operating on a new contract and are focused on fundraising.

Councilmember Plomin motions to adjourn. Mr. Elsen seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.