

Meeting Minutes
Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission
April 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.
Bluegrass Greensource – 835 National Avenue

Attendees: Amy Sohner, Susan Plueger, Councilmember Kathy Plomin, Mac Ferguson, Mark Brand, David Elsen, Coe-Ee Shelby, Ryan Sandwick, Greg Butler, Arin Arnold Davis

Guest: Steven Brown

1. Welcome New Member – Ryan Sandwick

2. Call of the roll of members

3. New Business:

A. Presentation - E.J. Hayes Tree Planting Project

Ms. Plueger introduced Stephen Brown to present a funding request for E.J. Hayes Middle School. Stephen presented on behalf of his son, James, who is the current student government president. James is raising funds and support for a tree planting plan at the middle school. If funded, KLB logo will be present on all fliers. There is currently funding for 14 trees and mulch. Additional funding will be used for more trees and tree water bags.

Ms. Plueger asked if there was a maintenance plan in place. Stephen responded that school staff would handle during the school year and there is plan for the students to maintain this summer.

Ms. Plueger suggested funds be used for at least one Burr Oak, the official city tree. Stephen would verify the school approved tree list allows a Burr Oak.

Ms. Sohner stated she would recuse herself from a vote since her daughter attends E.J. Hayes.

Mr. Brand and Councilmember Plomin stated that they want to encourage and support students' interest in the environment, and that the project fits the KLB mission. Mr. Elsen stated that he supported the project, but it should be more educational and at least some students should be involved in tree planting.

Ms. Plueger motioned to approve a \$500 donation to the E.J. Hayes Tree Planting Project. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Sohner recused.

B. Current Financial Report

Ms. Plueger reported changes to the financial report and identified two typos to be corrected. Expenditures from the last report include food for litter volunteers, Reforest the Bluegrass sponsorship, and cigarette urn maintenance. Ms. Sohner verified with Ms. Plueger that funds not spent on the Lowe's grant revert into the KLB general fund.

Councilmember Plomin motioned to accept the Financial Report. Mr. Ferguson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2019 Great American Cleanup First Status Update

Ms. Plueger informed the Commission that 23 events occurred so far in 2019, which is on pace with previous years. Ms. Plueger stated that staff needs to complete and send the announcements for councilmember newsletters.

D. Citizen's Environmental Academy – Saturday, May 18, 2019

Ms. Sohner asked for a volunteer to represent KLB at the event on May 18. Ms. Plueger volunteered to represent KLB.

E. Other New Business Items from Members

4. Old Business:

A. Review and approval of prior minutes

Mr. Butler presented the minutes from February 21, 2019.

Ms. Arnold-Davis motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Shelby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2019 Litter Index Results

Ms. Plueger stated that staff are analyzing results and will present at a future meeting.

C. 2018 CLPP Grant Final Results

Ms. Plueger reported that staff completed the final scans for the grant, and that butts on the ground decreased by 50% from initial scans.

D. Text amendment changes to KLB Ordinance

Ms. Plueger presented the ordinance recommendations; the only change not able to be made is the designation of the Bluegrass Greensource Executive Director as a member cannot be amended to include "or their designee".

E. Update on Corridors Commission collaboration

Ms. Plueger and Mr. Elsen reported that they requested a Corridors Commission member be assigned to a joint fundraising committee. The Corridors Commission will meet in May 2019. The fundraising committee will be focused on the Breeders Cup.

F. Prior Member Legacy Trees

This item was not discussed.

G. Other Old Business Items from Members

a. Resignation and Position Vacancy

Ms. Sohner informed KLB that Jack Hillard submitted his resignation, effective immediately, creating a Food and Beverage position vacancy. Mr. Ferguson suggested that Pepsi previously supplied a member, and that we approach them again.

b. Social Media Update

c. Ms. Arnold-Davis reported that the KLB Facebook page has 995 likes, with a goal of reaching 2000 likes in 2019. Ms. Arnold-Davis requested that members like the page and share on their social media pages.

Ms. Arnold-Davis suggested a spotlight on businesses that appreciate KLB and its mission. Ms. Sohner recommended reaching out to Republic Services since they are a sponsor.

Councilmember Plomin asked how often posts are made to Facebook. Ms. Arnold-Davis tries to post twice weekly.

Ms. Arnold-Davis motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Plomin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: May 16, 2019 (Bluegrass Greensource)