

Downtown Lexington Management District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 5, 2021
Zoom Telephone Conference

Present Board Members: Dougie Allan, Clay Angelucci, Kevin Atkins, Liza Betz, Bryanna Carroll, Juan Castro, Scott Davidson, James Frazier, Stan Harvey, Vice Mayor Steve Kay, Councilmember Hannah LeGris, Thomas Pettit, Taunya Phillips, Mary Quinn Ramer, Woodford Webb

Advisory Board Members: Beverly Fortune

Other Persons Present: Terry Sweeney (DLP), Laura Farnsworth (DLP), Taylor McDonald (DLP) Harrison Stiles (DLP), David Warren (Block-By-Block), Kate Savage (Arts Connect), Jomo Thompson (Resident)

The meeting opened at 8:32am.

Jim Frazier welcomed the board and opened the meeting. There were two items for approval on the consent agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes from the March 3 meeting. There was a motion by Kevin Atkins to approve, and a second by Thomas Pettit. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of the Financial Statements. Jim Frazier noted that the balance as of April 30 was \$212,182.84. The meeting agenda includes a discussion the FY22 budget, but it was mentioned by Frazier that expenses were going to be cut as much as possible, highlighting that the Block by Block contract was reduced by \$16,000 for the next year. There was a motion by Thomas Pettit to approve, and a second by Councilmember LeGris. The motion passed unanimously.

DLMD Budget Approval

Jim Frazier began the budget discussion, noting that finances were going to be very tight in the immediate future due to reduction in assessment totals from the PVA. Councilmember LeGris questioned where art projects would be found in the budget, and it was noted that art projects were not specifically funded in the proposed budget. Suggestions were made on how to potentially reallocate funding to provide for art projects and to renew the contract for rotating art currently held with Arts Connect. After further discussion, it was determined that additional details were needed by the Board to determine whether or not to pass the budget or to make amendments prior. Frazier offered to add additional details to budget that would aid in decision making, and a special meeting of the Board would be held to pass the budget prior to presenting it the LFUC Council for approval later this year.

Rotating Public Art

Kate Savage provided an update on the "Windows Gallery on Main", a rotating art exhibit funded by DLMD in the windows of Triangle Center near the corner of Main Street and Broadway. The current exhibit is of Monarch Butterflies, created by John Hockensmith.

DLP Update

Laura Farnsworth provided an update regarding events and programming. She noted that the DLP/DLMD Annual Meeting was scheduled for a limited in-person luncheon on Monday, May 24 at the Hilton Lexington/Downtown. The State of Downtown, another DLP/DLMD cosponsored event, will take place as a limited in-person event on Wednesday, June 23 at LexLive. Both events will require masks,

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and guests will adhere to current social distancing guidelines. Finally, Farnsworth informed the Board that while Thursday Night Live was in the works to return in the summer, there was no official state date at this time. DLP staff continue to work with the Mayor's Office and Parks & Recreation to create an event that is safe and enjoyable to all involved.

On Street Report

David Warren mentioned that he was working on making the Ambassadors more engaged with the public and informative on DLMD and what the District does for the downtown community. Additionally, the Ambassadors will begin to extend their hours of operation as summer approaches to best serve the needs of the district.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Downtown Lexington Management District will be held on Wednesday, July 7. There was a proposal to the Board on whether or not to host the next meeting virtually, in-person, or a hybrid of the two options. Kevin Atkins noted that, as a Board appointed by the Mayor, this group was required to submit a proposal to the Commissioner of Law and Mayor noting how COVID-19 precautions would be followed. Jim Frazier asked Woodford Webb to join him in finding locations that might allow for social distancing, and Terry Sweeney would check and see if LexLive would be open in the morning to host a meeting.

At 9:45am, the Chair asked for a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss the DLP Management Renewal. Councilmember LeGris made the motion, Woodford Webb provided a second, and all were in favor.