

Downtown Lexington Management District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 5, 2022
Zoom

Present Board Members: Dougie Allen, Clay Angelucci, Kevin Atkins, Liza Betz, Juan Castro, James Frazier, Stan Harvey, Vice Mayor Steve Kay, Councilmember Hannah LeGris, Thomas Petit, Taunya Phillips, Woodford Webb

Advisory Board Members: Beverly Fortune

Other Persons Present: David Warren (Block-By-Block), Kate Savage (Arts Connect), Terry Sweeney (DLP), Laura Farnsworth (DLP), Polly Ruddick (LFUCG), Commander Jackie Newman (Div. of Police), Heather Lyons (LFUCG), Councilmember James Brown (LFUCG)

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 November 3 meeting. There was a motion by Thomas Pettit to approve, and a second by Taunya Phillips. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of the Financial Statements. Juan Castro informed the Board that the DLMD is a good financial position. As Juan continues to become familiar with the income schedule of DLMD, he will better project the monthly report. He reported that DLMD was on budget with the expected income and expense. During this time of year, with the income collected in late 2021, the general fund balance will only decrease. Taunya Phillips made a motion to approve the financial statements, Thomas Pettit provided a second, and all were in favor.

In the first of three guest presentations, Polly Ruddick, LFUCG Office of Homeless Prevention informed the Board of steps taken to address homelessness. There is a street outreach team that works to engage the trust and offer resources to those in need. They also provide a housing assessment if needed. Polly's office works to address criminal activity by engaging with Lexington's police. They also work closely with the department of Parks & Recreation in cleaning of the parks, and helping to enforce parks rules.

Next, Commander Jackie Newman provided an update on public safety in the district. She said the Downtown entertainment district officers can remove people from the Pavilion for doing illegal acts. There is a plan to meet in 2022 regarding illegal behavior that increased during 2021-2020. The police are experiencing limited personal at this time. The downtown entertainment district has 12 officers who work six days per week.

Chairman's Update

Jim Frazier informed the Board that unless the General Assembly expands the emergency order, the Board will need to return to in-person meetings. He also reported on a meeting between Ryan Foster, a downtown property and bar owner, Councilmember James Brown, and Vice Mayor Steve Kay to discuss what can be done to address the safety issues downtown. Suggestions include closing bars an hour early. Also, DLMD entering into an agreement with LFUCG to fund additional security in the core of downtown.

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Council Update

Third district councilmember Hannah LeGris informed the board of ongoing meetings to address homelessness in Tandy Park. Additionally, the ARPA meetings continue regarding allocations of funds. Decisions are not finalized as of this meeting.

Committee Reports

- Marketing – The Marketing committee continues to gather contact information from property owners to send e-mails/postal mail. Social media posts are being made to the DLMD Facebook page and shared on the DLP page. Harrison Stiles will be working with David Warren collect stories and photos that can be used in the newsletter and social media.
- Art – The guidelines and application for the art grants were presented to the Board for approval. Thomas Pettit made a motion to accept the content, Lisa Betz provided a second, and all were in favor. DLP will now post the files to the DLMD website. DLP will work internally to publish the information on social media and newsletters. Next, Heather Lyons from the Mayor’s Office gave a presentation on the Art on the Town project, which includes carts that will be used to local artists to sell their craft on select days starting in 2022. Heather will be making a request through the art grant application for in-kind services – she is requesting the ambassadors assist in moving the carts.
- Grants – The committee will be looking to update the application for 2022, and directly approach owners who may have properties who need attention.

DLP Update

DLP is working on the 2022 event calendar, which includes the co-sponsored with DLMD State of Downtown event to take place in June.

On Street Report

David Warren is continuing to gather quotes to wrap the DLMD truck. The current quotes are between \$3,700-\$4,000. There was also the question of who was responsible for cleaning the new Town Branch Commons trail, with the answer being that is a city park, and not the responsibility of DLMD.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Downtown Lexington Management District will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

At 10:03am, with the work of the Board complete, the meeting was adjourned.