**Present Board Members:** Dougie Allen, Clay Angelucci, Kevin Atkins, Liza Betz, Bryanna Carroll, Juan Castro, Jason Ervin, James Frazier, Vice Mayor Steve Kay, Councilmember Hannah LeGris, Thomas Pettit, Taunya Phillips, Mary Quinn Ramer, Woodford Webb

**Advisory Board Members**: Beverly Fortune

**Others Present:** David Warren (Block-By-Block), Laura Farnsworth (Downtown Lexington Partnership), Kate Savage (Arts Connect), Carla Blanton

**Approval of July 6 Board Minutes**

K. Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes. W. Webb seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Downtown Lexington Partnership Update**

L. Farnsworth provided a DLP update, which included highlighting the State of Downtown Address, which DLMD served as a sponsor and participant; six weeks left of Thursday Night Live; and working on the Breeders’ Cup Festival, which will run Oct. 30 through Nov. 5. Tandy Park Takeover, which runs Oct. 31 through Nov. 5, will include food, drinks and music. Appreciation was also expressed for David Warren and his team at Block-by-Block.

**Breeders’ Cup Festival Update**

M. Ramer encouraged businesses to “paint the town purple” with mums, lights, etc., and to find updates on the website: <https://www.breederscupfestival.com/>. She also encouraged ambassadors to be fully prepared and to work with LEXPARK as well. A toolkit will be distributed in October. There also will be a meeting with the Mayor about security.

**Financial Updates**

J. Castro provided the financial update.

Budget YTD: Actual total income is $481,14879 vs. YTD of $475,312.50. The DLMD will receive no more money between now and November because of the cycle of collections. There should be plenty of money until November, when the next checks are received.

Net income is $1,348.79.

Block-by-Block is over by $141.50 YTD with downtown security over $1,639. J. Castro will send totals on what has been spent with the Sheriff’s Office, but there should be enough to make it through Breeders’ Cup.

L. Betz made a motion to approve the financial report. T. Phillips seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**LFUCG Update**

CM LeGris provided an update on city initiatives:

* Closure of Tandy Park starting at 2 a.m., which is one hour earlier, until 6 a.m.
* LED lights on Short Street.
* Comprehensive, programmable LED lighting in the 5/3 Pavilion, which will provide additional lighting in Tandy Park and should be installed by the end of October.
* Prohibiting parking on Short Street on the weekends from midnight to 5 a.m., which will keep congestion off the street, where people have been drinking in their cars.
* Portable lighting in selected parking lots downtown to reduce fighting and drinking.
* Meetings with area business owners, police and others to discuss solutions, including meeting with representatives from area parking lots. In addition, the Triangle Park area will add signage prohibiting loitering and alcohol so security can enforce it.
* The pavers on Town Branch Trail will be completed this month, and wayfinding signage will be installed.

VM Kay provided an update on the Goal 4 Workgroup:

* Council recently approved the data set from the consultant for the Sustainable Growth Task Force. Initial numbers were modified some, and the database will be a starting point for analyzing available land. It will be updated annually and will be the first thing they look at to determine if expansion will occur.
* The workgroup is meeting weekly and aims to finish its work no later than mid-October.
* It mainly is looking at the ability to install sewers in areas outside the Urban Services Boundary and the process for how to use the data.

**Chairman’s Update**

J. Frazier introduced Commander Al Johnson, who gave an update on steps taken regarding security:

* Portable lighting has been installed because of large crowds, drinking and fighting. The lights will be helpful in reducing fights.
* Two additional Lexington Police bike units and three patrol cars, which adds five additional officers downtown during key periods and brings the total number of police officers to 13 to 15 on Friday and Saturday nights.
* Crowds are large. Law enforcement officials are trying to make their presence known.
* The communication with the Sheriff’s Department is good. It is a good partner.
* Each sector is being asked to end shifts with roll call downtown, which increases police presence.
* Some arrests are people known to the police and have been arrested multiple times. They are very combative toward officers. It’s important that police get support from the community.

**Block-by-Block Report**

D. Warren reported that new signage for the mega-brutes will incorporate the Blue Horse and cost $84.

**Executive Director Report**

C. Blanton provided an update on increased social media activity, newsletter distribution and two speaking engagements scheduled. A segment for Government TV also has been scheduled.

**Committee Reports**

The Property Improvement Grant Committee recommended approval of $9,000 for MWM Holdings’ office at 135 W. Short Street, which will include new windows, doors, paint, lighting and signage. With a motion from the committee and second by K. Atkins, the grant was approved unanimously.

The committee also recommended changes to the grant application, including reducing the maximum amount to $7,500, encouraging lighting projects and not funding routine maintenance. The motion from the committee was seconded by W. Webb and approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom and in person at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 2.