

Downtown Lexington Management District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
McBrayer

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

**Advisory Board Members:** Beverly Fortune

**Others Present:** David Warren (Block-By-Block), Allen McDaniel (Downtown Lexington Partnership), Laura Farnsworth (Downtown Lexington Partnership), Cameron Cramer (Downtown Lexington Partnership) Kate Savage (Arts Connect) Hannah Eiden (Office of CM LeGris), Laura Boison (Lexington & Fayette Co. Parking Authority)

### **Call to Order**

Chairman J. Frazier called the meeting to order with quorum at 8:33a.

### **Comments from advisory committee members/public**

M. Ramer provided an update from VisitLEX: in 2023 occupancy rates returned to pre-pandemic levels of around 62.8%. Chairman Frazier introduced Laura Boison, recently hired Executive Director of the Lexington & Fayette Co. Parking Authority. Boison's immediate objective include upgrading security camera in garages, collaborating with other organizations and creating a Transit Center task force.

### **Approval of November 1 Board Minutes**

K. Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes. T. Pettit seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Financial Updates**

J. Casto provided the financial update. Revenue from property tax collections remains strong, with \$31,000 anticipated in January. Expenses remain as expected, with normal allocations to Block by Block for Ambassador services.

Year-to-year expenses are also as predicted, with timing around the end-of-year holidays causing a timing issue on the different in 2022 and 2023. Year-to-date will catch up in January. K. Atkins made a motion to approve the financials. T. Pettit seconded the motion. The financials were approved unanimously.

### **LFUCG Update**

Councilmember H. LeGris announced that the Phoenix Park project was fully funded, and a ground breaking is anticipated for the spring. As a follow-up to a prior meeting regarding street trees and who was responsible for which ones, CM LeGris said that a map has been created and

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work is ongoing. It was confirmed that trees/tree wells along a sidewalk are the responsibility of the property owner.

Councilmember James Brown provided an update on the helpfulness of the FUSUS camera system as Lexington Police continue to roll out that program throughout the county. CM LeGris will invite Commander Murdock and Commander Salyer to attend the next DLMD meeting and provide an update on the LPD work downtown.

### **Chairman's Report**

J. Frazier addressed the recertification of the district in spring of 2025. Properties near the border, including The 500's On Main condominiums, are interested in expanding the district to include their property. Frazier encouraged the board to think about other potential expansions. Additionally, the Board should continue to consider expanding the term from five to 10 years.

### **DLP Update**

A. McDaniel provided an update on DLP, encouraging everyone on the board to take a survey related to DLP's Strategic Plan project. The research phase of the plan is nearly completion, and a final plan should be available by late spring. C. Cramer informed the board he was working on a DLMD marketing video, and that all suggestions for future videos are welcome.

### **Property Improvement Grants**

C. Angelucci introduced a grant application from the Hilton Lexington/Downtown for their façade improvements in the amount of \$9,000. K. Atkins made a motion to approve the application, T. Pettit seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The payment will be made in FY25 following the completion of the project.

### **Art Grant**

Hilton Lexington/Downtown has also submitted an art grant application for murals incorporated into their façade upgrades. A. McDaniel will provide additional information prior to a vote.

### **Block-by-Block Report**

D. Warren provided an update that included continued quality of life issues. Warren requested an ongoing budget allocation of \$500.00 to allow staff appreciation opportunities on behalf of the District. C. Angelucci made a motion to approve the allocation, J. Ervin seconded, and all were in favor.

**With the work of the board complete, the meeting was concluded at 9:27a. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on March 6 at McBrayer.**