

Downtown Lexington Management District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 2023
McBrayer

Present Board Members: Dougie Allen, Kevin Atkins, Liza Betz, Councilmember James Brown, Juan Castro, Scott Davidson, Jason Ervin, James Frazier, Councilmember Hannah LeGris, Thomas Pettit, Taunya Phillips, Mary Quinn Ramer, Rachel Savane, 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), James Wells (Block by Block) Jeff Herron (LFUCG Office of Homeless Prevention & Intervention)

Call to Order

Chairman J. Frazier introduced new board member R. Savane to the board. Savane is a downtown business owner within the district.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of September 6 Board Minutes

T. Pettit made an amendment to the minutes to include his participation in the Art Grant Committee. W. Webb 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. DLMD received no revenue since the last meeting, as is customary. Revenue should return shortly, as property tax collection is underway.

The total assets are \$120,948.53. J. Castro indicated that DLMD would need roughly \$29,489.32 to cover expenses, including Block by Block ambassadors and Downtown Lexington Partnership management fee, until revenue returns.

J. Casto indicated that expenses were mostly in line with budget expectations, one exception being a slight increase from Block by Block. BBB and DLMD renegotiate their rate in October, and the actual amount paid will catch-up to the budget throughout the cycle.

Starting at the January meeting, J. Castro will include year-over-year financial reports to give the board a more clear picture of changes to the financials.

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Chairman J. Frazier requested that J. Castro add \$10,000 as a placeholder in the FY24-25 budget for the upcoming district renewal expenses.

H. LeGris made a motion to approve the financial report. T. Pettit seconded the motion. The financial report was approved unanimously.

LFUCG Update

Councilmember H. LeGris gave a brief update on the Fund Balance discuss that happen the previous day. Approved downtown related expenses include \$1.5 million for Phoenix Park Reimagined and \$30,000 to Downtown Lexington Partnership for a strategic plan and additional technical support for businesses desiring the FUSUS services.

Councilmember James Brown provided an update on planned street tree plantings on Main and Vine from the Corridors Commission. A conversation followed regarding potential tree plantings on additional corridors, including Broadway.

Chairman's Report

J. Frazier thank DLP for their work on the State of Downtown and continued efforts to market DLMD. The Board watched two videos created by DLP, one from State of Downtown and one featuring leaf clean-up efforts.

LFUCG Office of Homeless Prevention & Intervention

Guest speaker J. Herron gave a presentation on his office's efforts to help the homeless community in Lexington. He noted that new challenges in these times included a unsteady rental market. He also informed the board of a large temporary winter shelter that was being finalized near the campus of the Northside YMCA.

Block-by-Block Report

D. Warren acknowledged that his planned topics of discussion, street trees and the homeless population, had already been addressed. He introduced his supervisor, J. Wells.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on January 10.