

Downtown Lexington Management District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2024
McBrayer

Present Board Members: Clay Angelucci, Kevin Atkins, Councilmember James Brown, Juan Castro, James Frazier, Beverly Fortune, Councilmember Hannah LeGris, Thomas Pettit, Rachel Savane, Ron Tritschler, Lawrence Wetherby

Present Advisory Board Members: Liza Betz

Others Present: David Warren (Block-By-Block), Allen McDaniel (Downtown Lexington Partnership), Laura Farnsworth (Downtown Lexington Partnership) Mary Ford McGlaun (Downtown Lexington Partnership), Laura Boison (LEXPARK), Hannah Eiden (LFUCG), Liza Betz (Failte)

Call to Order

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

Approval of July 10 Board Minutes

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

Financial Updates

J. Casto provided the financial update. Overall the expenses and revenue are in a good position to the budget. Upcoming liabilities include grant, additional security, and district recertification encumbrances. Additionally, there is \$50,000 in restricted funds from LFUCG for the additional security. Tax revenue will begin to be dispersed to DLMD November – February. Overall, the year-to-date on the budget is in a much better place than in 2023.

K. Atkins made a motion to approve the financials and budget, C. Angelucci seconded the motion. The financial report was approved unanimously.

Advisory Requests

Downtown Lexington Partnership will include information about how to join the DLMD as an Advisory Board member on the DLMD social media. In addition to contact information, the form will include space for a biography and why one is interested in joining the Board.

Community Partner Updates

L. Boison provided an update on LexPARK. Food for Fines will return for the 10th year, with updates that make it more accessible to participate, including “donating cans” online. Updates to the Transit Center garage continue, including the addition of new doors and key fobs. LexPARK has also entered into a lease that will allow them the use of surface parking lots near Second and Upper streets, with improvements to those lots scheduled.

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A. McDaniel provided an update on Downtown Lexington Partnership. DLP staff celebrated the DLMD Ambassadors at a recent Thursday Night Live. DLP continues to produce social media and e-newsletter content for DLMD, which is well received. McDaniel encouraged everyone to purchase a ticket for the upcoming State of Downtown event on September 18.

Block-by-Block Report

D. Warren provided an update on the Ambassadors. Ambassadors continue to maintain a clean environment downtown. Warren is also lightly searching for new office space.

Chairman's Report

J. Frazier addressed the recertification of the district. Soon, a mailing will be sent to all property owners containing a letter from Frazier, a brochure, the reauthorization petition and a return envelope. Additionally, the Board will be called upon to make targeted asks of property owners. The goal is to hit the target percentages by the end of this year, with the term of the District now at 10 years.

LFUCG Update

Councilmember H. LeGris provided an update from City Hall. The construction on S. Mill St. should be completed in two months. A Downtown Master Plan, the first since 2006, will be proposed to Council with funding sought during the fund balance conversation in October.

Councilmember J. Brown provided an update on downtown trees, including that the holiday lights are preventing some work on their growth. Brown also provided an update to the Short Term Rental guidelines, including limits for density, distance, and reduced occupancy.

With the work of the board complete, the meeting was concluded at 9:47a. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on November 6 at McBrayer.