

Downtown Lexington Management District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 3, 2025
McBrayer

Present Board Members: Dougie Allen, Dennis Anderson, Clay Angelucci, Kevin Atkins, James Brown, Bryanna Carroll, Juan Castro, James Frazier, Beverly Fortune, Hannah LeGris, Thomas Pettit, Mary Quinn Ramer, Rachel Savane, Ron Tritchler, Lawrence Wetherby

Present Advisory Board Members: Liza Betz, Diane Massie, Fausto Sarmiento

Others Present: David Warren (Block-By-Block), Allen McDaniel (Downtown Lexington Partnership), Laura Farnsworth (Downtown Lexington Partnership), Maria Folio (Downtown Lexington Partnership), Laura Boison (LEXPARK), Hannah Eiden (LFUCG) Mario Zuanetti (Resident)

Call to Order

Chairman J. Frazier called the meeting to order with quorum at 8:34a.

Approval of July 2 Board Minutes

T. Pettit made a motion to approve the minutes. B. Fortune seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Community Partner Updates

VisitLEX – M. Ramer announced that VisitLEX was gearing up for fall following a productive summer in tourism.

LexPARK – L. Boison informed the Board that LexPARK was working with several neighborhoods to implement residential parking programs, in part to offset some of the issues seen with the opening of Gatton Park. Boison also noted that LexPARK was begun closing the Victorian Square garage on weekends between 2:15a-3:30a to mitigate issues.

Downtown Lexington Partnership – A. McDaniel stated that DLP continues to have a strong year, with events drawing thousands to our downtown. On August 28, DLMD ambassadors were recognized during a “purple night” at Thursday Night Live. The DLMD-sponsored State of Downtown event will take place at Harper Hall on September 23, and all are invited to attend.

Financial Updates

J. Castro provided the financial update. Though unusual, DLMD received income in August, as late-payer tax revenue was received. A new line was added to the Income Activities, showing interest earned from the new savings accounts CDs. The month ended at a loss, but that is typical for this time of year, as revenue is mostly received in fall. The Year to Date vs. Annual Budget is normal for 2 months into the year. There was a suggestion to move additional funds from checking into the money market account. The amount in checking appears high but is annually spent on reoccurring costs i.e. Block by Block.

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L. Wetherby made a motion to approve the financials, T. Pettit seconded the motion. The financial report was approved unanimously.

Block-by-Block Report

D. Warren provided an update on the Ambassadors. All is well as they begin to gear up for fall, which brings guests into downtown for Keeneland, UK Athletics, and fall vacations.

Property Improvement Grant (PIG) Approvals

The PIG committee recommends that applicant C. Cope 135-137 N Limestone receive a \$6,500 property improvement grant once work is complete on his building. T. Pettit made a motion to approve the grant, R. Savane seconded the motion. The grant was approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Chairman J. Frazier provided a safety update. Two sheriff deputies will patrol Short and Main Streets between Broadway and Limestone in the morning, at lunch, and after work. DLMD is requesting City funding to offset this cost but can absorb the entire amount if needed. This service will continue until after the Keeneland fall meet.

LFUCG Update

Councilmembers Hannah LeGris & James Brown provided an update that additional safety was a priority of LFUCG, and more police patrols, as well as private security, has been added to downtown 24/7. The Street Outreach team continues to engage in the downtown community as needed. More cameras have been added. The ribbon cutting for the reimagined Phoenix Park will take place on September 18 at 4:30pm. The Downtown Master Plan task force will host an input session on October 8.

Following the Council remarks, the Board of Directors went into closed session.