



Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee

January 22, 2019

Summary and Motions

VM Kay called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. Committee Members Moloney, McCurn, Gibbs, Farmer, Evans, Worley, F. Brown, Mossotti, and Bledsoe were present. Council Members J. Brown and Plomin were also in attendance as non-voting members.

I. Election of Chair / Selection of Vice Chair

CM F. Brown nominated CM Farmer to serve as chair of the committee; Farmer accepted the nomination and there were no other nominations made.

A motion was made by CM F. Brown to elect CM Farmer as chair, seconded by CM Worley. The motion passed without dissent.

CM Farmer selected CM F. Brown as vice chair of the committee and F. Brown accepted.

II. Approval of October 23, 2018 Committee Summary

A motion was made by VM Kay to approve the October 23, 2018 Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee Summary, seconded by CM Mossotti. The motion passed without dissent.

III. Annual Keep Lexington Beautiful Report

Amy Sohner, Chair of the Keep Lexington Beautiful (KLB) Commission, presented the item. She reviewed their mission which focuses on litter prevention, beautification, waste reduction, and community improvement. She reviewed the 2018 Program Priorities including the community appearance index, Great American Cleanup, Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP), and outreach and support. She reviewed the commission's finances and budget. Lastly she highlighted their goals for 2019 and pointed out various ways to connect with KLB.

CM Mossotti asked if KLB takes care of the roadways and corridors, particularly beautification projects. Susan Plueger, Director of Environmental Policy, explained that it will be either Corridors Commission or Environmental Services. She said Corridors Commission focuses beautification projects and litter pick-up while Environmental Services does a lot of litter pick-up on all corridors. Mossotti said she was referring to signage that was posted and asked about corporate partners. Plueger said the state also has a highway pick-up program and the state has signage where we do not have signage for our programs.

CM F. Brown asked about the difference between Keep America Beautiful (KAB) and KLB and asked if they are both non-profit. Sohner explained KAB is the national non-profit organization and KLB is a local affiliate but pointed out that they are not a non-profit. F. Brown asked if we are getting grants through KAB. Sohner said the Lowe's grant and the CLPP grant come from KAB. She said an advantage of being an affiliate is the access you can get to these grants. CM F. Brown asked if there is anyone on the board with the Corridors Commission and asked if there was duplication among these boards. Sohner said they meet with Greenspace and Environmental Commission to make sure they are not duplicating efforts. F. Brown said he would like to see more collaboration between LFUCG and non-profit organizations. She said we can have discussions about this.

CM Worley asked about the Great American Cleanup events and how council members can work to have more cleanup events. Sohner explained how they have had some difficulties with people showing up for planned cleanups. She said for 2019, they plan to have a social media push for neighborhood outreach to get people involved. She suggested council members use their newsletter to reach out to members of the community. Worley encouraged involving legislative aides in the outreach process. He emphasized the potential partnership with the city's parks.

CM Moloney talked about partnerships and local businesses, particularly fast food restaurants many of which are owned locally. He said that the city will likely have data to target certain areas and ask for cleanup help. Sohner said she would love to speak with members of the fast food industry and would welcome any support with contacts of specific businesses. Moloney asked if there was any entity in this group that is non-profit for the purpose of a tax write off. Plueger explained the way the commission can collect donations added that these donations go into the commission's donations fund which is why KLB has not been non-profit - because they have been able to function as an official commission of government.

CM Bledsoe expressed appreciation for the cleanup efforts with the Southland Street Fair. She said KLB raised well over 6 figures for the cleanup efforts in preparation for Breeders Cup. She said the "panhandler" program is beneficial as well because the amount of work they are doing is unbelievable and the program has been very successful as it is having a great impact on litter clean up.

CM Evans said it seems confusing with the varying organizations that are working towards a similar interest to beautify Lexington. She commented on the possibility of rolling these efforts into one organization under one umbrella and asked if that has been discussed. Plueger explained that each board or commission was developed over time and were created to meet a specific need at that time. She said KLB is a volunteer program, related to litter and beautification; Greenspace focuses on open space; America in Bloom is a local organization involved in beautification and horticulture; and Corridors Commission is focused on the corridors and the specific areas are laid out on a map. She added that they all work together, and that the greater the synergy between them the more they can accomplish.

IV. Comprehensive Review of Items Referred to Committee

A motion by CM Gibbs to remove consideration of lower speed-limits., seconded by CM F. Brown, the motion passed without dissent.

A motion by CM Moloney to remove the review of salt equipment, seconded by CM F. Brown, the motion passed without dissent.

A motion by CM Gibbs to remove the speed-limit enforcement county-wide. , seconded by CM Mossotti, the motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by CM F. Brown to Adjourn, seconded by CM VM Kay, the motion passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.
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