

Itinerant Merchant Task Force Report Out

- The Itinerant Merchant Task Force held 20 meetings from April 20, 2011 to June 25, 2012. Each meeting was scheduled for two hours and open to the general public with time for public comment at the conclusion of each meeting.
- In addition to the 20 meetings of the task force there were also subcommittee meetings held.
- All meetings, summaries and packets were posted to the LFUCG website.
- The purpose of the Itinerant Merchant Task Force was to restrict itinerant merchants at the entrances to our neighborhoods from a holistic standpoint without eliminating complete access to the downtown area.
- Task Force Members:
 - Council Member Peggy Henson, Chair
 - Council Member Diane Lawless
 - Paula Singer, Hamilton Park Neighborhood Association
 - Anthony Rios, Food Truck Vendor
 - Art Shechet, Bricks and Mortar Owner
 - Mark Jensen, Caterer
 - Renee Jackson, Downtown Lexington Corporation, Chair of Subcommittee
 - Lori Houlihan, Mayor's Office
 - Jeff Fugate, Downtown Development Authority
 - Gary Means, Lexington Parking Authority
 - Nancy Marinaro, Building Inspection
 - Chris King, Planning
 - Sgt. Chris Young, Police
 - David Jarvis, Code Enforcement
 - Bill O'Mara, Revenue
 - David Barberie, Law Department
 - Luke Mathis, Health Department
- Current definition: Section 13-1 (39) Itinerant merchant: An individual who does not have a permanent business location in Fayette County and who sells items of merchandise by means other than peddling (see attached).
- Current ordinance: Section 15-8 (see attached)
- During the course of the task force meetings a subcommittee was formed to specifically look at the downtown area and the possibilities of pursuing a pilot program for that area. Multiple versions of a pilot program were circulated and discussed however at the final meeting of the Itinerant Merchant Task Force a motion was made to move the draft ordinance forward without the pilot program.

Another motion was made to move the pilot program to the Economic Development Committee.

- June 25, 2012 meeting - Ms. Singer made the following motion which was seconded by Ms. Marinaro: to move the draft ordinance forward as discussed and amended at the meeting without the pilot program to the Planning Committee.
 - June 25, 2012 meeting – Mr. Means made the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Fugate: 1) the Council and Planning Department work to initiate text amendment language, 2) the Division of Revenue work with Planning to streamline the revenue process, 3) the pilot program be moved to the Economic Development Committee.
- The current draft ordinance is attached.