



LEXINGTON

CORRIDORS COMMISSION LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OCTOBER 15TH, 2020
12:00PM
ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order - Brown**
- II. Approval of September 2020 Meeting Summary – Brown (1-7)**
- III. Richmond Road Beautification Update – Plueger/Yanik**
 - a. Change Order/Donation Status
- IV. Versailles Road Welcome Sign Update – Plueger/Yanik (8)**
- V. FY 2022 Budget Request Discussion – Brown/Plueger**
 - a. North Broadway Beautification
- VI. 2022 Meeting Schedule Approval – Brown (9)**
- VII. November Meeting Cancellation – Brown**
- VIII. FY 2019 Project Update (FYI Only)**
- IX. Other Business - Brown**
- X. Adjournment – Brown**

"It shall be the purpose of the Corridors Commission to assess the major roads of Lexington-Fayette County, especially the major or minor arterials, regarding but not limited to aesthetic qualities, landscaping, fencing, signage, litter control, bike and pedestrian considerations and other elements the Commission may deem appropriate."

2020-2021 Meeting Calendar-3rd Thursday of the month. 12:00pm via Zoom. No meetings in July or December.

Jenifer Wuorenmaa is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Corridors Commission
September 17th, 2020
Via Zoom Teleconference
Meeting Summary – DRAFT

Commission Members in Attendance: Roger Damon, Susan Plueger, Liz Pattengill, James Brown, Mary Quinn Ramer, Amanda Mays Bledsoe, Lane Boldman, Mark Swanson, Susan Lamb, Maxine Rudder, Shane Tucker, Charles Ellinger, Robert Trimble, Jimmy Emmons

Others in Attendance: Mike Sanner, Jenifer Wuorenmaa

Brown read the Covid-19 statement for virtual meetings.

I. **Call to Order**

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

II. **Approval of the August 20th, 2020 Meeting Summary**

Motion by Boldman to approve the August 20th 2020 meeting summary. Seconded by Lamb. Motion passed without dissent.

III. **Update on Town Branch Commons (TBC) Project**

Peacher began her presentation on the TBC project.

Peacher presented an overview of the project, noting the various zones of the project and the dates for construction on each zone.

Peacher said there would be construction activity in at least one of the zones through 2022. A mix of sources funds the project. The funding sources drive the timeline.

Peacher said that the Newtown Pike zone started in March. It will be a two – way cycle track. Work should be complete in this section around November.

Peacher said that the median was narrowed. They are working to get the medians back to working order. The TBC team met with Environmental Services to discuss the planting plan. It will be similar to what was previously there. She anticipates an October planting.

Peacher then moved to the block between Broadway and Limestone. She mentioned the need for a lot of coordination due to existing utilities.

Peacher mentioned the installation of modular plastic systems that will be installed to help trees grow healthier and larger in the urban environment.

Peacher said that the TBC project will triple the number of trees on the Vine and Midland corridor. There will be approximately 300, possibly more, trees along the corridor once the project is complete.

Peacher said that there will also be bioswales added.

Peacher said sometime this fall the project will go back to the Lexington Center area. She is coordinating with that project as well.

Peacher said that she anticipates they will start on the area near the transit center sometime around January or February of 2021.

Lamb asked Peacher about the utilities on Vine Street and whether or not this would add extra cost.

Peacher responded that to do, there has not been an impact on the cost of the project.

In response to a question from Daman regarding the previous streetscape project, Peacher said that the TBC goes beyond the boundary of that project, so in turn, this project has uncovered additional underground utilities.

Plueger asked why the City Center block has been redone multiple times.

Peacher said that City Center installed sidewalks prior to the final concrete mix, so it had to be redone.

Lamb asked Peacher who would be responsible for taking care of the area/plantings once the project is complete.

Peacher responded that she is currently working alongside Director Plueger and Director Conrad. There may also be a role for the DLMD. It will be a partnership but will mostly be LFUCG.

Lamb said that she was glad that Peacher was looking at working with the DLMD.

IV. Richmond Road Beautification Update

Yanik said that the project is going well. They are finished with the first phase and are waiting for direction on landscaping and the stone walls. Yanik said that this is helping with the stormwater.

Plueger said that the trees have sun scorch. They are damaged. They can be removed as long as they are replaced. The landowner needs to be in compliance with their commercial landscaping plan. We would need to fund the planning of those trees as part of moving forward with the change order.

Plueger said that there are three parts to the change order: the walls, the trees, and the drainage issue (to be funded through Environmental Services operating budget).

Yanik said they are cherry trees and are short-lived urban trees. Yanik suggested that the replacement trees be a species that will extend through many generations.

Yanik said that the concrete flume was damaged during construction and must be replaced. It is a little section.

Plueger said that if everything occurs before the next meeting, should she get authorization now?

Brown said that he thought so because the donation was so significant.

Wuorenmaa said that Famer said, yes, that needs to be the series of events. They need to take action on the trees before the donation will be brought before Council for acceptance.

Motion by Bledsoe to approve \$3,000 to move forward with the options. Seconded by Lamb.

Bledsoe amended her motion to approve \$3,500. Seconded by Lamb.

Wuorenmaa asked if EC Matthews would need to remobilize.

Plueger suggested approving a remobilization authorization charge.

Bledsoe amended her motion again to include a possible remobilization charge (but noted that it drives her insane to have to do so). Lamb seconded.

Lamb asked where the funds would come from.

Plueger said that there is funding available in the bond and additional corridors enhancement grant budget. The amount is approximately \$25,000.

Plueger said that depending on donations, it is a matter of balancing the funding for the two projects. Whatever funds are left is what we will have for landscaping for both projects.

Motion passed without dissent.

Wuorenmaa told the Commission that she would let CM Farmer know that the funds had been allocated for the tree removal.

V. Versailles Road Welcome Sign Update

Yanik said that the project is going very well. The slabs that will have the engraved Welcome to Lexington language are coming from Lancaster. Materials are coming together from across the Bluegrass region.

The slabs are scheduled to be delivered next week. They will also do some sodding around the sign.

Yanik said that additional funding is needed for fencing, lighting and landscaping. He is working towards Breeders' Cup.

Wuorenmaa shared an email she had received from Heather Lyons regarding Kip Cornett's inquiry about allowing Breeders' Cup flags to be temporarily installed next to the Versailles Road welcome sign.

Wuorenmaa said that the size and design of the flags was not yet available.

Brown said that he would think the Commission would be supportive of the proposal.

Brown suggested that perhaps they may do some plantings to complement their flags.

Bledsoe told the Commission that she had reached out to her contact at Keeneland to see if there was still an interest in donating the fence. She will update the Commission when she receives a response.

Bledsoe said that their proposal would be precedent setting. Need to be mindful – the Commission has not done anything like this in the past. How will we decide what we say yes or no to?

Brown said that perhaps if they do this, there would need to be criteria and/or an MOU.

Bledsoe said that she is not against it but would like to see criteria.

Ramer said that VisitLex does not have criteria for this topic but said if the Commission says yes, they need to prepare for other requests, including large city conventions.

Lamb asked about the City policy for the downtown area flags.

Wuorenmaa said that the Arts and Special Events Director does manage the downtown banner program. She said that she would locate the policy and send it to Commission members.

Wuorenmaa also mentioned the MOU with Visitlex, Keeneland, and KU for the banners on the Versailles Road viaduct. She told the Commission members that the banners are no longer installed and have not been for some time due to damage from high winds.

Wuorenmaa said that there was a process: they would send a design to her and she would present it to the Commission for approval at their regularly scheduled meeting.

Lamb mentioned that during the WEG there were a lot of documents and suggested looking into whether or not there were any agreements.

Wuorenmaa said that she would research to see if she could locate any files.

Wuorenmaa said that Lyons did not give a deadline for a decision.

Mary Quinn said that she has loosely been involved. For items like this they would need at least a month to get the order in. However, they may be ordering other flags, but she was not sure.

Brown said that he thinks they need to give them as much time as possible.

Bledsoe suggested trying to find a way to get this request to fit under the agreement with Keeneland already in place.

Bledsoe asked to see the agreement and said that perhaps this request would fall here and then they could come up with a policy for any future requests.

Wuorenmaa pulled up the agreement from legistar and displayed in on the screen.

Wuorenmaa said that KU, Keeneland, VisitLEX all signed the agreement.

Wuorenmaa asked Sanner if the addendum would have to go through the Urban County Council.

Wuorenmaa said that there was not a date on the agreement.

Wuorenmaa said that the agreement that the city would maintain/fix the brackets and Keeneland/VisitLex would supply the banners.

Bledsoe said that was her recollection as well.

Wuorenmaa said that the agreement dealt specifically with the Versailles Road viaduct.

Motion by Bledsoe to approve the flags for 2020 at the Versailles sign since they can no longer offer the viaduct signs this year on Versailles Road. Seconded by Ellinger. Motion passed without dissent.

Wuorenmaa said that she will connect Lyons with Plueger for installation.

Brown asked for an update on the plantings for the sign.

Yanik said that he and Plueger will meet to discuss species and expense for the plantings.

Plueger said the fence, lighting and planting remain and said that this is the order of priority.

Plueger said that the area is shady and that solar is not feasible.

Yanik said that he met with KU a few weeks prior and said that the cost will be approximately \$12,000 because there is a transformer closer than they originally thought.

Plueger said that she is waiting on donations.

Yanik said that the plantings will be approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Brown said that they will wait until they get a response on the fence donation.

Bledsoe suggested voting and prioritizing the remaining items.

Motion by Bledsoe to approve \$23,000 in the order of fence, lighting and landscaping. Seconded by Pattengill. Motion passed without dissent.

Brown asked Trimble if KU does this type of lighting installation.

Trimble answered no but said he might be able to get the Commission in touch with a company that could noting that they work with sub-contractors.

VI. FY 2021 Budget and Project Update

Plueger said a small budget amendment went through for the Water Quality Management Fee to pay the fee for the parking lot at the Old Frankfort Pike roundabout.

Plueger said that there is unspent money in the corridors enhancement grant line that has been released. She said it sits in an operating account. The total is \$7,042. There is \$14,350 remaining in the 2014 bond and \$3,164.20 remaining in the 2019 bond.

Plueger said that she will provide a list of all Corridors Commission expenses for FY 2019 at the next meeting.

Plueger noted the only two remaining budget allocations from the prior FY that are still open:

- DesignWorks (FY 2017) for Concept/design N. Broadway beautification - \$12,500
- Mark Yanik Landscape Architect (2018) for Versailles Road Welcome Sign design - \$1,266.43

Plueger said that DesignWorks did complete come concept work. The money is sitting there in an open PO. It would be available for reallocation if that is the decision that is made.

Plueger said no motions are needed at this time.

Bledsoe noted that they may need that money to finish out these projects. She said that due to being in the middle of the pandemic, entities may not have the resources to donate.

Bledsoe said maybe a better use of the money is to finish the two capital projects that are currently underway; it is unlikely there will be new capital money for new projects.

Lamb suggested waiting to see if it is needed for the current projects. Lamb said that she did not want to take all of it and short any future projects for North Broadway.

Lamb wants the sign to be finished and look good.

Brown said that he agrees with both Bledsoe and Lamb. He suggested leaving it there to see how the projects turn out.

Brown suggested considering painting the medians on Broadway. Brown said that there could be sub-committee that looks at a pilot and the price to complete that work.

Lamb said that she would like to take that idea and do it in other areas around town, should the pilot be successful. Lamb suggested looking at gravel interchanges.

Damon said that he would like to look for areas to cut to make them more accessible.

Brown asked who would be interested to serve on a small sub-committee.

Brown, Lamb, Yanik, Wuorenmaa, Plueger will serve.

The group will report back to the full Commission.

VII. Other Business

Tucker told Lamb that central office said that the Arboretum signs will need to be incorporated into the city wayfinding sign program since Lexington has one. If there was not a wayfinding program, the Arboretum would request a sign from Central Office – Traffic. Payment for installation and maintenance (limited supplemental guide program) cost would fall back on Arboretum.

Wuorenmaa said that EQ and PW Commissioner's office handles the wayfinding.

Wuorenmaa said that the program does not have funding and has not in many years. She said it is a grey area.

Tucker recommended that Lamb work with the Arboretum to draft a letter addressed to him requesting that signs for the Arboretum be included in the limited supplemental guide sign program. Within the request they would have to designate a maintenance agreement saying if it gets knocked down that the Arboretum would pay for it.

Lamb said that UK funds the personnel at the Arboretum. The city has provided some capital funds for specific projects. Lamb said that she will bring it forward. They are getting ready to do an expansion of their visitor's center – perhaps this could be a part of the fundraising effort.

Tucker also volunteered to set up a meeting with the District 7 Traffic Engineer. Lamb said that she would connect with Arboretum staff and then they can all connect.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Bledsoe to adjourn. No second.

The meeting adjourned.





To: Corridors Commission
From: Jenifer Wuorenmaa, Senior Administrative Officer
Date: October 6, 2020
Subject: 2021 Meeting Schedule - Proposal

I propose the following meeting schedule for 2021:

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Thursday, October 21, 2021

All meetings to begin at 12:00pm.

