

Langston Boulevard Alliance Board Meeting Minutes – June 17th, 2025 6:00pm – Hybrid

Directors Present (8): Jim Lantelme; Eric Malpeli; Zachary Newkirk; James Schroll; Elaine Furlow; Michael Foster; Jim Wilmont; Lauren Harris.

Directors Absent (7): Peter Bota; Tanya Graham; Tom Wolfe; Paul Holland; Matthew Rowan; Jeffrey Joseph; Matthew Weinstein.

Staff Present (2): Ginger Brown; Maggie Chao.

Welcome & Call to Order

Mr. Lantelme called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

County Board Update

County Board Member Julius “JD” Spain gave the update.

Development Updates

3130 Langston Boulevard (Walgreens Site)

Ms. Brown noted stormwater issues at the site are still being addressed.

Air Force Association Site

Ms. Brown stated a less tall version of the previously proposed building at the site is moving forward.

Kensington Property

Ms. Brown noted a site plan had been filed.

2221 North Buchanan Street Property (Adjacent to Bill’s Hardware)

Mr. Malpeli summarized a video call held on June 10th between the developer of a proposed apartment building at the site and local residents. Local residents expressed concerns about overflow parking from the proposed building onto adjacent streets and with the building’s height. The developer noted the proposed building conforms with Plan Langston Boulevard. A follow-on call between the developer and local residents is scheduled for July.

Leckey Gardens Site

Ms. Brown noted a site plan will be filed soon to build hundreds of units of committed affordable housing at the site.

President’s Breakfast Updates

Ms. Brown noted LBA sent a letter to the County requesting an analysis of VDOT ownership of Langston Boulevard. In addition, LBA is planning to send a letter to the County expressing LBA’s expectations for future County planning of the Lee Arts Center site.

Ms. Brown noted LBA's application to the IRS for 501c3 status was successful. This will allow LBA to apply for more grants.

Ms. Brown stated LBA's application for a Public Art Placemaking grant for a project close to the I66 overpass near the 3130 Langston Boulevard (Walgreens Site) was successful. A pop up art gallery in the space of the former Walgreens is planned.

Board Recruitment

Ms. Furlow said that in January the terms of both LBA Board seats that are appointed by the County Board are up.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Schroll gave an update on LBA's bank balance and noted there was a large expenditure related to the Earth Day event. Additionally, LBA is applying for a credit card for LBA staff use.

Events and Fundraising

Ms. Chao noted ten more legacy interviews have been completed. This brings the total to date to 41.

Ms. Chao noted that the Earth Day and Bike to Work events were a success. A Business and Brunch event focused on transitioning of legacy business is being planned for September or October. This year's Vision 2050 event may be moved from November to February 2026.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Malpeli determined a quorum of Board members had been reached. The Board approved the minutes of LBA's April 3rd, 2025 Board meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Lantelme adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.