

Langston Boulevard Alliance Board Meeting Minutes – April 3rd, 8:30am – Hybrid

Directors Present (9): Jim Lantelme; Eric Malpeli; Peter Bota; Tanya Graham; Tom Wolfe; Elaine Furlow; James Schroll; Jim Wilmont; Michael Foster.

Directors Absent (6): Paul Holland; Matthew Rowan; Lauren Harris; Jeffrey Joseph; Zachary Newkirk; Matthew Weinstein

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

Welcome & Call to Order

Mr. Lantelme called the meeting to order at 8:32am.

AED Update

Susan Sorenko, the AED Partnership Liaison, flagged an upcoming job fair on April 5th.

Nominating Committee

Mr. Wolfe and Ms. Furlow volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.

County Board Update

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

Development Updates

3130 Langston Boulevard (Walgreens Site)

Ms. Brown noted the developer has updated plans for the site, including for overland relief. However, the transportation improvements desired by the community are subject to longer term planning.

Kensington Property

Ms. Brown said the developer is about to file plans for the project.

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

Ms. Brown stated that a developer is proposing a small apartment building at the site. The developer has engaged the Old Dominion Citizen’s Association.

Artis Site (On Cherry Hill Road)

Ms. Brown noted the development would now be townhouses, not senior living.

Air Force Association Site

Ms. Brown said a new plan for development at the site may be forthcoming.

McDonalds

Mr. Lantelme noted the McDonalds is closed and will be rebuilt.

Transportation Updates

Ms. Brown flagged the County’s Langston Boulevard Multimodal Intersections Study, which will cover Plan Langston Boulevard Areas 2 and 3. A subsequent County study in partnership with VDOT will kick off in 2026. Separately, Vision Zero improvements will be put in place at Spout Run Parkway.

President's Breakfast Updates

Ms. Brown said President's Breakfasts will occur two or three times per year and will be focused on corridor wide issues. The forum has a Transportation Committee and a Community Centers Committee. LBA is going to help the North Highlands Civic Association develop a Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

Mr. Lantelme noted he was comfortable stating the County will not consolidate the corridor's three community centers.

Ms. Brown noted the Community Center Committee will look at possible uses for the Lee Arts Community Center.

Ms. Brown flagged the draft letter from LBA and civic association presidents to the County asking for staff's assessment of the pros and cons of the County taking ownership of Langston Boulevard. Mr. Wolfe noted the letter should include a question on how County ownership would affect the provision of services such as snow removal. Mr. Schroll said the letter's questions should be tied to Plan Langston Boulevard.

Need for New Board Members

Ms. Brown noted that LBA will need new Board members in January.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Schroll noted financial documents were unavailable for the meeting due to a software issue. The documents will be available later in the month.

Events

Ms. Brown noted that the Earth Day event would have fewer but larger sponsors.

Ms. Chao noted a completed event at Heidelberg Bakery and a completed networking event for high school seniors. LBA is working on messaging for World Pride Day. Volunteers are needed for Bike to Work Day in May. The next round of the People and Places project will interview seven or eight people. Volunteers are needed for the Earth Day event.

Ms. Brown noted that LBA applied for a \$50,000 grant from the County for creative placemaking.

Adjournment

Mr. Lantelme adjourned the meeting at 9:31am.