



MINUTES

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Board of Directors Meeting

December 3, 2025

Members Present

Ollie Barber (Virtual)
Terri Connolly
Ken Herndon
Chris Jones
Kris Kiser (Virtual)
Troy Miles
Susan Moss
Brian Meurer (Virtual)
Ted Nixon

Members Absent

Inga Arvin
Secretary Casebier
Kevin Fields

Mayor Greenberg
Kerry Stemler
Purna Veer

Staff Present

Deborah Bilitski
Emily Clayton
Alex Laughlin
Cordell Lawrence
Catie Nelson
Kelley Runyon
Ashley Smith
Alex Vega

Others Present

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Jones at 4:05 p.m. on December 3, 2025. The meeting was held at Waterfront Development Corporation, 129 River Road, Louisville, Kentucky.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the August 27, 2025, October 2, 2025 and October 22, 2025 were approved.

FY 2025 Audit

Due to lack of quorum at the October 22, 2025 meeting, the board approved the audit opinion unanimously.

Events

Catie Nelson gave an update on events. The Hungry Turkey 5k was last week on the Turf Mutt Great Lawn. Christmas Tree Lane sales are doing well despite the recent snow fall. Upcoming Hot Chocolate 5k will be next week. Catie also provided the board an end of year report on event attendance.

Development/ Fundraising

Ashley Smith reported on Development and Fundraising. The year-end mailer has gone out as well as a successful electronic Giving Tuesday campaign that featured a \$25,000 anonymous challenge grant.

FEMA Flood Recovery Update

Kelley Runyon reported on the FEMA applications for 2025. The February grant has been obligated and we are working on the application for the April flood, some invoices are still outstanding, including the dredging project that is still ongoing.

Park Maintenance

Prior to Alex Laughlin's report on park maintenance, Councilman Ken Herndon thanked the outdoor crew for their work on the trees along Main Street.

Alex Laughlin reported that the trench drain removal project is now complete. Parking lots and curbs have been repainted and restriped. Other painting projects will have to resume in the spring since the temperature is too cold. There is a new AC unit in the shop. About 90% of our trees have arrived for planting which will happen when the snow thaws.

The maintenance crew discovered termites while assessing the rotting wood of the tower at the Children's Playground. Due to this recent discovery, it has been determined that the tower must be demolished. The team has already been discussing with the Happy Birthday Board a renovation of the playground that was dedicated 30 years ago. A capital project is underway to

get the playground back in operation. This project will be included in our spring appeal for support. Deborah has included this project in city and state budget requests.

Phase IV Update

Deborah Bilitski reported updates on state and federal grants. Ongoing discussions with Norfolk Southern regarding land acquisition.

Belle of Louisville Riverboats

Deborah Bilitski reported in Krista Snider's absence. It's been a challenging year for Belle of Louisville Riverboats and staff is working to address the changing economic climate.

Friends of the Waterfront

Emily Clayton reported on Friends of the Waterfront. Webstore for Waterfront Park merch should launch in December.

Closed Session

At 4:52 p.m. the Board entered a closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(b). Having taken no action during the session, the Board reentered open session at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.