

MINUTES

KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KIPDA)

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

**KIPDA BURKE ROOM
11520 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

April 9, 2019

The Regional Planning Council of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency met at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at KIPDA, 11520 Commonwealth Drive, Louisville, Kentucky. Members in attendance were:

Mr. Ryan Libke, Chair, Triple S Planning Commission, Shelby County, Kentucky

Mr. Larry Watkins, Constable, Bullitt County, Kentucky

Ms. Emily Liu, Louisville Metro, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Mr. Mike King, representing Ms. Gretchen Milliken, Louisville Metro, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Honorable John Riley, Judge/Executive, Spencer County, Kentucky

Honorable Todd Pollock, Judge/Executive, Trimble County, Kentucky

Mr. Craig Myatt, Road Supervisor, Shelby County, Kentucky

Ms. Felicia Harper, representing Mr. Jerry Summers, Judge/Executive, Bullitt County, Kentucky

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Justin Carter

Rachael Miller

Randall Embry

Danielle Story

Stacey Burton

Louise Allen

REPRESENTING

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Bluegrass Land Conservancy

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Libke called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROLL CALL

Ms. Miller called roll. A quorum was present.

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2019

Mr. Myatt moved to approve the minutes from January 8, 2019. Mr. Watkins seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

BLUEGRASS LAND CONSERVANCY

Ms. Louise Allen, Director of Strategic Initiatives with the Bluegrass Land Conservancy, gave a presentation about the organization. Bluegrass Land Conservancy is a nonprofit 501(c)3 conservation organization. The organization's mission is to actively work to conserve land and protect Kentucky's quality of life. Efforts are concentrated on protecting important lands that make the Greater Bluegrass Region special such as working landscapes like farms that grow food and forested lands, natural habitat and wetlands for wildlife and plants, watershed areas, and scenic landscapes. Bluegrass Land Conservancy has protected over 27,000 acres consisting of 127 farms across the Bluegrass since 1995.

The vision of Bluegrass Land Conservancy is to provide a thriving community where land is protected to sustain the local identity, economy, and quality of life. The focus areas of the organization are farmland and fresh food, clean waterways, working family farms, iconic landscapes, wildlife habitat and natural resources, and scenic resources. Bluegrass Land Conservancy provides land protection through permanent protection and stewardship of lands that are critical to agricultural viability and character in the Bluegrass Region. The goal of organizational sustainability is met by growing the financial and organizational capacity to ensure the commitment to perpetuity and to meet dynamic conservation goals. Bluegrass Land Conservancy also provides education and outreach to elevate the importance of the regional identity and land conservation as a high priority for maintaining a high quality of life and a vibrant economy.

Bluegrass Land Conservancy provides conservations easements to meet its goals. The conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner

and a land trust which restricts some uses of the land to protect the land's resources. Conservation easements allow the landowner to continue to own and use the land and sell it or pass it on to heirs. It also provides tax benefits to the landowner.

COUNTY QUARTERLY UPDATES

SPENCER COUNTY

Judge Riley reported that the county is awaiting the completion of the study of the outer Outer Loop corridor.

TRIMBLE COUNTY

Judge Pollock stated that the county is still inviting the public to come to the planning and zoning meetings. There is some participation in the meetings, but the people who fought it the most are not showing up.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Ms. Liu reported that Jefferson county adopted its comprehensive plan for the next 20 years as of January 1, 2019. The county is looking at tree canopy and landscape requirements and a possible tree preservation amendment. The county will be looking into tightening ordinances on short-term rentals. The Conference for New Urbanism will take place on June 12-14, 2019 and will feature four legacy projects in Louisville.

BULLITT COUNTY

Ms. Harper stated that the county is busy as usual. New permits are down, but the county is hoping that the new interchange will spur growth of new developments. There will be a new mixed-use development, like Norton Commons, in Mt. Washington that will take up a little over 200 acres. The county is also considering raising fees.

Mr. King reported that the county budget crisis is still ongoing. The county will be looking to update the Complete Streets ordinances.

SHELBY COUNTY

Mr. Myatt reported that the county is working on the widening of US-53 and moving utilities. There is also work being done on surfacing new roads. The county

is looking for an engineer or company to handle the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) which will include water quality monitoring.

Mr. Libke stated that streetscapes such as lighting and curbs are being completed on the 7th Street corridor. The county is moving the curb and adding new plants to increase the beauty of the area. The county also recently purchased a nearby parking lot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Story stated that the next Regional Planning Council meeting will be held on July 9, 2019 at 11:00am in the KIPDA Burke room.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Riley moved to adjourn the meeting. Judge Pollock seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.