

MINUTES

KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KIPDA)

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

KIPDA BURKE ROOM 11520 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

January 8, 2019

The Regional Planning Council of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency met at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 8, 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. Gretchen Milliken, Louisville Metro, Jefferson County, Kentucky
Mr. Keith Griffiee, Chief Financial Officer, Bullitt County, Kentucky
Honorable Todd Pollock, Judge/Executive, Trimble County, Kentucky
Honorable Joe Robinson, Mayor City of Bedford, Trimble County, Kentucky
Mr. Craig Myatt, Road Supervisor, Shelby County, Kentucky
Mr. Charlie Spaulding, representing Mr. Jerry Summers, Judge/Executive, Bullitt County, Kentucky

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jarrett Haley
Justin Carter
Rachael Miller
Randall Embry
Danielle Story
Mike King
Michelle Alison

REPRESENTING

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Louisville Metro
United States Census Bureau

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 JULY 10, 2018

Mr. Griffee moved to approve the minutes from July 10, 2018. Mr. Watkins seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

2020 CENSUS UPDATE

Ms. Elison gave a presentation on the 2020 Census Update. Ms. Elison is a Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau for the state of Kentucky, and she has been working to prepare the state for the upcoming 2020 Census. The Census Bureau has been working on dispersing informational materials to community leaders, elected officials, etc. and encouraging them to form Complete Count Committees in every county of Kentucky.

The Census is mandated by the United States constitution and the Census Bureau is required to do an actual count of every single person living in the U.S. every ten years. The main reason the Census is performed is to determine representation, such as the 435 seats in the House of Representatives. The Census also determines redistricting such as legislative districts, voting districts, and school districts. Businesses and local governments also use Census data. The Census data is used to accurately plan for cities and counties.

Many people do not realize how much funding is tied to the Census. \$675 billion dollars every year is divided up between state and local governments based on the Census results. George Washington University conducted a study that determined that \$2,021 in funds are received per person in the state of Kentucky based on Census results. That means that for every person who does not get counted in the Census, a community to lose out on over \$2,000 in funding every single year for the next decade.

In the 2000 Census, only 72% of Kentuckians self-responded to their Census questionnaire. That means they received a form in the mail, filled it out, and sent it back. That number increased to 77% during the 2010 Census. That still means that

22% of the population of Kentucky were reluctant to be counted in the Census. Respondents will have the option to complete the Census survey online for the first time ever in 2020. April 1st, 2020 is the deadline for all responses for the 2020 Census.

The Partnership Specialist's job is figure out who the hard to count people are in every county. There are several areas throughout the state that are at high risk of being undercounted in the 2020 Census. The hard to count populations are renters, low income households, senior citizens, African American males, and foreign-born individuals. The community leaders should reach out to trusted voices in the community to help convey the message of why being counted in the Census is so important. The Census is confidential, and the Census Bureau is required to protect the information collected for 72 years. That means the information from the Census Bureau cannot be obtained in anything but statistical format for 72 years.

The number one most undercounted population across the country is children age 0-4. The census form is a self-response survey, so the results are not questioned by the Census Bureau. Parents will fill out the census questionnaire and leave their small children off the form. This is unfortunate because so much funding, especially for schools, is dependent on census data. There must be an accurate count of children in every community in order to plan for the next decade for their education.

For the Census to be successful in 2020, a Complete Count Committee must be established in every county in Kentucky. Local planners should also serve on the committee because they have vital data and information about the importance of the Census that can help direct the committee as they move forward with their outreach plans. Individuals from the extension office, library, health department, and school personnel would also be useful for the committee. Ms. Elison then distributed documents that contain an outline for the complete count committee. She stated that the Census offers a tool called the Response Outreach Area Mapper (ROAM) that can be used to determine where to focus with outreach efforts.

Governor Bevin has formed a complete count task force in Kentucky. They hosted a meeting back in February 2017. In October 2017, the governor recorded a LUCA video for the committee to help encourage the local jurisdictions to participate. The governor signed an executive order in March of 2018 which officially created the state task force. Their next meeting in later in the month of January. The city of Louisville was one of the first in the state to kick off with a complete count committee. Oldham County also established a committee via executive order. Officials in Bullitt County have also been working hard with planning and committee meetings.

The Census Bureau is focusing on jobs right now. The bureau is seeking applicants from every single county in Kentucky. Thousands of people need to be recruited throughout the state. Due to the temporary nature of the census jobs, there is a lot of turn over. In the summer of 2019, there will be two Census offices opening in Kentucky – one in Lexington and one in Louisville. There will be many, many more jobs available when those offices open. In August of this year, there will be Census address canvassers going around and making sure the address files are accurate.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF 2019 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Mr. Libke asked the council to nominate and elect the 2019 officers. The council decided to nominate and elect Mr. Libke as Chairman and Judge Pollock as Co-Chairman of the Regional Planning Council.

Mr. Myatt moved to approve Mr. Libke as Chairman of the council. Mr. Griffie seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Myatt moved to approve Judge Pollock as Co-Chairman of the council. Mr. Watkins seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

COUNTY QUARTERLY UPDATES

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Mr. King stated that Louisville Metro has been working on several issues such as Airbnb regulations, long range planning with a focus on transportation, bike share system, neighborhood plans, Floyds Fork area plan, and the Bardstown Road safety study. The comprehensive plan was adopted, and Louisville Metro sent out requests for proposal for much needed work on Broadway Street downtown.

TRIMBLE COUNTY

Judge Pollock reported that Trimble County is working on building up some infrastructure with a sewer project that began in 2015. The project will potentially double the city sewer intake capacity, which will hopefully attract new home construction and businesses. The county is also working on getting a Chamber of Commerce back in Trimble County. The newest thing is the company SunStrand is going to be starting hemp production in Trimble County. They will open a processing facility in Carroll County but grow the hemp in Trimble County.

BULLITT COUNTY

Mr. Griffee stated that Bullitt County has been working on a study for a major road project on I-65 through Bullitt County through Spencer County and Shelby County to Oldham County. The county will also build sound barriers along I-65 and widen roads throughout the county. The county is in discussions with TARC to make a new bus line from Kentuckiana Works in the west end of Jefferson County into Cedar Grove business park. This will allow individuals who need a job to get to where the jobs are available. The county is working with the federal government to resolve zip code issues in preparation for the 2020 Census.

SHELBY COUNTY

Mr. Myatt reported that the county is working on a safety program and safety improvement projects, and the county is in contract with a consulting company to complete an MS4 program which will strengthen the stormwater system.

Mr. Libke stated that the planning commission adopted the comprehensive plan back in September and it has gone into effect. The road between Friedmans Way to Discovery Blvd. to Collins High School is almost complete. Highway 53 is going to be widened. The city of Shelbyville has hired consultants for a streetscapes project along 7th Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Story stated that the next Regional Planning Council meeting will be held on April 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

Mr. Watkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Myatt seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.