

MINUTES

**KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(KIPDA)**

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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

October 8, 2019

The Regional Planning Council of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency met at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at KIPDA, 11520 Commonwealth Drive, Louisville, Kentucky. Members in attendance were:

- Ms. Emily Liu, Louisville Metro, Jefferson County, Kentucky
- Mr. Michael King, Louisville Metro, Jefferson County, Kentucky
- Ms. Julie Donna, representing Ms. Gretchen Milliken, Louisville Metro, Jefferson County, Kentucky
- Honorable Kevin Nuss, representing Honorable David Voegelé, County Judge/Executive, Oldham County, Kentucky
- Honorable Dan Ison, County Judge/Executive, Shelby County, Kentucky
- Mr. Keith Griffée, Chief Financial Officer, Bullitt County, Kentucky
- Ms. Amy Alvey, Planning and Zoning, Oldham County, Kentucky
- Mr. Craig Myatt, Road Engineer/Supervisor, Shelby County, Kentucky

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

REPRESENTING

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| Danielle Story | KIPDA |
| Justin Carter | KIPDA |
| Rachael Miller | KIPDA |
| Randall Embry | KIPDA |
| Hayden Kandul | KIPDA |
| Olivia Ranseen | KIPDA |
| Wallace McMullen | KY Solar Energy |

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Carter 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 9, 2019

Ms. Alvey moved to approve the minutes from July 9, 2019. Mr. Myatt seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

SOLAR OVER LOUISVILLE

Mr. Wallace McMullen, Chair of the Kentucky Solar Energy Society, gave a presentation on Solar Over Louisville. Solar Over Louisville is an initiative of the Kentucky Solar Energy Society designed to encourage the growth of solar energy in Louisville through education and advocacy. Created in 2015, it was originally part of the Louisville Sustainability Council. The mission of the Solar Over Louisville campaign is to promote the use of solar energy in Louisville through education, advocacy, and supportive actions.

The country is beginning to feel the harsh impacts and challenges of climate change. In 1979, there were only a few areas of the United States, mainly southern Texas, California, and Arizona, that experienced more than 100 days per year that were 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above. By 2080, the projected map of areas that will experience more than 100 days per year of temperatures 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above will include more than half of the country if nothing is done to curtail emissions.

In many ways, the world is responding to the threat of climate change and rising temperatures. There were major climate strike demonstrations held all over the world on September 20, 2019. More than 900 rallies and demonstrations were held in over 190 countries. The organizers of these demonstrations state that over 7.5 million people participated in the march. The big local development that came about after the climate strike is that Louisville Metro Council is now considering a resolution to achieve 100% renewable electricity in Louisville.

Climate change is a major force in the move away from the use of fossil fuels to solar power. September 2019 was the hottest month in recorded history on planet Earth.

The use of solar energy reduces carbon emissions which reduces the heat island effect and the greenhouse gas effect. It also improves the quality and cleanliness of the air and water which enhances public health. Individuals who use solar installations versus fossil fuels will save money on energy costs. Changing to solar technology will create new jobs and boost local economies which attracts new businesses, residents, and visitors. Diversifying the energy supply through the use of solar will improve resilience and energy security.

The cost of installing solar panels has decreased significantly. There are good solar resources in Kentucky, even better than in Germany where the country is currently running on 30% solar energy. Throughout the state of Kentucky, there are numerous solar panel installation companies that are booked solid until the end of this year. The 30% rebate for residential solar installation will end on December 31, 2019.

COUNTY QUARTERLY UPDATES

BULLITT COUNTY

Mr. Griffee reported that there will be a new planned community similar to Norton Commons built in Mt. Washington, and the development has been approved. Also, a new assisted living community has been approved for development. The county has had to turn down some large manufacturers due to the ongoing natural gas shortage and line issues.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Ms. Liu stated that the proposed project at the corner of Grinstead and Lexington, which is a mixed-use development the includes residential, commercial, office, and hotel aspects, will be discussed at an upcoming public hearing. After the public hearing, the project will be sent to Metro Council for approval. There are some concerns in the community that the project may cause increased noise and traffic because of its scale and size. The city adopted its new comprehensive plan and will be looking at zoning and parking regulations soon. Louisville is also continuing work on increasing the tree canopy to combat effects of the urban heat island.

Ms. Donna reported that Mayor Fischer announced a climate emergency in Louisville on September 20, 2019. The Office of Sustainability is developing an emissions reduction plan and a climate adaptation plan to be released by December. The office is also looking into starting a rebate program to fund efficient energy sources.

Mr. King stated that there has been some reorganization of government agencies within Louisville Metro due to the ongoing budget crisis. He is working on updating the

Complete Streets ordinance. The Floyds Fork plan was recently approved and will now be sent to Metro Council for their approval.

SHELBY COUNTY

Mr. Myatt reported that the county has received the flex fund money and governor’s discretionary funds that were requested to begin road repairs throughout the county. The county now has a little over \$1 million to resurface roads and make necessary repairs.

Judge Ison stated that he just returned from Washington, D.C. where he met with government officials to discuss the ongoing opioid crisis in Kentucky. The county has recently created a community of tiny houses for homeless veterans. The county zoned 300 acres for light industrial use and has 1,000 acres of industrial land available.

OLDHAM COUNTY

Ms. Alvey reported that the county recently adopted new and updated zoning regulations. They will now be presented to fiscal court for approval. The county rewrote the warehousing regulations portion, which now states that distillery warehousing for storage cannot be built in the county without a related distillery operation. The county is also working on several road projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Story stated that the next Regional Planning Council meeting will be held on January 14, 2020 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

Ms. Alvey moved to adjourn the meeting. Judge Ison seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.