MINUTES

KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KIPDA)

## REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

## KIPDA BURKE ROOM

## 11520 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE

## LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

## January 14, 2020

The Regional Planning Council of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency met at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at KIPDA, 11520 Commonwealth Drive, Louisville, Kentucky. Members in attendance were:

Mr. Ryan Libke, Planning and Zoning, Shelby County, Kentucky

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

Honorable Jerry Summers, County Judge/Executive, Bullitt County, Kentucky

Honorable Kevin Nuss, representing Honorable David Voegele, County Judge/Executive, Oldham County, Kentucky

Mr. Keith Griffee, Chief Financial Officer, Bullitt County, Kentucky

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

Mr. Michael King, Louisville Metro, Jefferson County, Kentucky

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE REPRESENTING**

Danielle Story KIPDA

Justin Carter KIPDA

Rachael Miller KIPDA

Randall Embry KIPDA

Adam Forseth KIPDA

Annemarie Sacra KIPDA

Hayden Kandul KIPDA

Olivia Ranseen KIPDA

Chris Limpp Spencer County

Chris Spaulding Shelby County

Jerry Naeurt Oldham County

Kenny Hardin Bullitt County

Joe Reverman Louisville Metro

Nick Grinstead UK Planning Grants

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Story called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBER ROLL CALL**

Ms. Miller called roll. A quorum was present.

**MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 8, 2019**

Mr. Griffee moved to approve the minutes from October 8, 2019. Deputy Judge Nuss seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Nick Grinstead, Planning Grants Manager at the University of Kentucky, gave an update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The importance of creating a Hazard Mitigation Plan cannot be overstated. Potential emergencies can only be managed by planning for them, and the planning aspect includes assessing vulnerabilities, identifying risk areas, and developing strategies to deal with said vulnerabilities and risks.

To be eligible to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hazard mitigation grant funding, a project must conform with state and local hazard mitigation plans. This means that local applicants must have an approved and adopted local mitigation plan prior to the grant award and projects must reflect the goals of the mitigation plan.

There are several FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding programs that are available, including the Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP), Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants Program (PDM), and the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA). The FMA grant includes the Severe Repetitive Loss Program (SRL) and the Repetitive Loss Program (RL). Examples of eligible applicants are state and local governments and agencies, municipally owned utilities, and some non-profits, such as universities and hospitals.

The grant funds become available for use after a disaster declaration. Any eligible entity may apply for HMGP mitigation funds and mitigation proposals can relate to any type of hazard. Planning, regular, and initiative projects are also eligible for mitigation funding. The funding is required to be split into 75% federal, 12% state, and 13% local funds. The local funds can be cash and/or an in-kind contribution. The FMA program funding for Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) properties is 100% federal. Repetitive Loss (RL) properties is 90% federal and 10% local. All other insured properties are 75% federal and 25% local.

FEMA requires that a jurisdiction have a hazard mitigation plan in place before it can be eligible for FEMA grant funding, and the plan must comply with 44 CFR 201.6. The plan must document how the public was involved in the planning process during the drafting stage; it must also document an opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, and agencies that have the authority to regulate development as well as other interests to be involved in the planning process. Discussion of how the community will continue public involvement in the plan maintenance process should also be included.

The hazard mitigation plan must be kept current and updated every 5 years. Plan updates should include revisions that reflect changes in development, local mitigation efforts, and priorities. The plan must also include descriptions of all potential natural hazards, information on previous occurrences events, and the probability of future hazard events that can affect each jurisdiction. It is also required that the plan contains an action plan to identify specific mitigation actions to reduce the effects of hazards and how those actions will be prioritized.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF 2020 COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Ms. Story called for a discussion of potential nominees for the 2020 Regional Planning Council Chairman and Vice Chairman. The council decided to nominate and elect Mr. Ryan Libke as 2020 Chairman and Judge Todd Pollock as 2020 Vice Chairman.

Mr. Myatt moved to approve the election of the nominees. Mr. Griffee seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**COUNTY QUARTERLY UPDATES**

**BULLITT COUNTY**

Mr. Hardin reported that the county has recently closed a large FEMA project with 75% of the funding covered. The county is now moving ahead with other projects. There is a large amount of new construction and growth in the east end of the county.

Judge Summers added that new infrastructure is a major need in the county because investment equals returns. The county will be completing several grant applications in the days and weeks to come.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**

Mr. King stated that the new Bus Rapid Transit or BRT line along Dixie Highway in Louisville is complete and is open for use. The city is also looking to update the language in its public works ordinance to address scooted safety and a few other items. The Broadway Master Plan in process and the city hopes to get public input. The city is working on area plans with Butchertown, Phoenix Hill, and the NuLu being the most important areas to address as their popularity continues to increase. Also, the Floyds Fork area plan has gone to the Metro Council for review and approval.

Mr. Reverman added that the city is looking at forming new parking regulations, creating a new tree ordinance, increasing roadway capacity and level of service standards, and addressing issues with short-term rental properties.

**OLDHAM COUNTY**

Mr. Nauert stated that the Comprehensive Development Plan for the county is still underway, and the county is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to elevate flood-prone properties along the river.

**SHELBY COUNTY**

Mr. Libke reported that the county has amended the zoning regulations ordinance for barrel storage which means that a distiller is allowed to construct a barrel storage facility that is not required to be near the distillery. Shelbyville is planning to build a new plaza downtown and will redo a parking lot to allow for more parking space. The city also plans to build a new conference center on 7th Street and is working on its Streetscapes project.

Mr. Myatt added that the flex fund program is still in effect and the county plans to use that money to resurface the roads in several subdivisions. The county is also gearing up its preparations for possible snow and ice removal.

**TRIMBLE COUNTY**

Judge Pollock stated that the county’s zoning ordinance went into effect on January 1, 2020 and the county is using tracking software to streamline the permitting process. Several permit applications have already been received.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Story stated that the next Regional Planning Council meeting will be held on April 14, 2020 at 11:00am in the KIPDA Burke room.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Story requested that council members give suggestions and ideas for future guest speakers if a particular topic interests them.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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