

MINUTES

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

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

**MEETING CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM
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April 13, 2021

The Regional Planning Council of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency met at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2021 via Zoom video conference. Members in attendance were:

- Mr. Ryan Libke, Planning and Zoning, Shelby County, Kentucky
- Mr. Jim Urban, Planning and Zoning, Oldham County, Kentucky
- Mr. Brian Davis, Louisville Metro, Jefferson County, Kentucky
- Ms. Julie Sweazy, Planning and Zoning, Spencer County, Kentucky
- Honorable Todd Pollock, County Judge/Executive, Trimble County, Kentucky
- Honorable Jerry Summers, County Judge/Executive, Bullitt County, Kentucky
- Mr. Craig Myatt, Road Engineer/Supervisor, Shelby County, Kentucky

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

REPRESENTING

Jarrett Haley	KIPDA
Danielle Story	KIPDA
Rachael Miller	KIPDA
Jenna Graham	KIPDA
Olivia Ranseen	KIPDA
Hayden Kandul	KIPDA
Randall Embry	KIPDA
Holly Clark	UofL
Will Metcalf	UofL

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 JANUARY 12, 2021

Mr. Myatt moved to approve the minutes from January 12, 2021. Mr. Urban seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

U OF L PRESENTATION ON THE PANDEMIC RELATED PRODUCT ACCELERATION & RESPONSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP (PREPARE) PROGRAM

Mr. Metcalf gave a presentation on the Pandemic Related Product Acceleration & Responsive Entrepreneurship (PrePARE) program. The University of Louisville (UofL) is a major metropolitan research facility. Due to the challenges that have been faced over this past year with COVID-19 and related economic and social fallout from that, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) put out proposals for a relief program. UofL submitted an application for this program, which is called Pandemic Related Product Acceleration & Responsive Entrepreneurship (PREPARE). This program was announced in October 2020 and the EDA put out a total of \$25 million in funding through the CARES Act for the program. Applicants could request either \$500,000.00 for one year or \$750,000.00 over 18 months. The latter is the one that UofL applied for and received. This funding requires a 25% cash match or cost share and UofL is providing that match.

The goal of this program is to support economic health and safety responsiveness through entrepreneurship and innovation. It will enable the university to connect its assets with the regional community's asset and incentivize connections and collaboration between the university and the community. It will help speed up the development of products that address unmet needs, catalyze new business ventures, and grow existing business ventures. The university provides deep scientific expertise and entrepreneurial training programs, and the community provides individuals who have an entrepreneurial spirit, deep business experience, manufacturing capabilities, and real-world practical experience and insights.

UofL has great success with innovation grant programs and have received some of the most prestigious grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation all to support translational research, which is taking ideas from the laboratory and then translating them out into practical application in the real

world. Sometimes that means new business ventures, licensing and technology out to an existing large company, etc. The university has one of twelve regional biocontainment laboratories in the country located here in Louisville. This allows the university to study COVID-19 in ways that otherwise would not be able to be done. UofL also has many other types of laboratories and other equipment and facilities that are unique, including capabilities for imaging, prototyping, etc. The university is working to build on the strength of healthcare, manufacturing capabilities, entrepreneurial culture, community involvement, and accessibility in the region.

RESILIENT KENTUCKIANA UPDATE

Ms. Graham gave a presentation on KIPDA's new Resilient Kentuckiana website. The website provides an abundant number of resources for individuals, businesses, and local government. Under the Community Resources tab, individuals can access information about food resources in Kentucky such as food pantries, mobile pantries, and distribution centers in the KIPDA region by county, day, and location. Individuals can even search based on their address to find the nearest food resource location.

Business assistance information on the Resilient Kentuckiana website includes financial opportunities and business resources. Some of the financial opportunities listed on the website are small business grants, program funding assistance, and federal loans and grants. Technical assistance, marketing and outreach, and financial assistance, and online integration information is also available for businesses.

The Resilient Kentuckiana website offers information for local governments including financial opportunities, public engagement, and trainings. Financial assistance opportunities for local governments include several federal and state loan and grant funding programs. Tips for local government to improve public engagement such as community surveys, social media presence, virtual meetings, and community website information are also available. Information about trainings is listed for local government officials where they can access current training opportunities.

The website also includes information about the current KIPDA regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; the Pandemic Recovery Plan; and Connecting Resiliency Planning. All this information can be accessed by visiting the Resilient Kentuckiana website at www.resilientkentuckiana.org.

COUNTY QUARTERLY UPDATES

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Mr. Davis reported that the land development code project is currently ongoing.

OLDHAM COUNTY

Mr. Urban stated that there are several road projects taking place right now in the county, including a project at mile marker 20 off I-71 at the new interchange for the business park. Improvements are also being made to Eden Parkway and East Peak Road. The county is also nearing the end of updating its comprehensive plan. There will be a New Urbanism style development near exit 14. Building permit request numbers have increased greatly over the past 2 years and residential building permits have seen the highest increase.

SHELBY COUNTY

Mr. Myatt reported that the county has completed its CenterLine streets mileage updates.

Mr. Libke added that the Highway 53 construction project is still ongoing. The project is being completed by Louisville Paving.

SPENCER COUNTY

Judge Riley reported that the comprehensive plan update discussions are underway. The last time the comprehensive plan was updated was in 2017. The county is looking into possibly updating its subdivision regulations and ensure new developments have bonding in place for all planned infrastructure. Building permit requests have increased and may even surpass the total from last year.

TRIMBLE COUNTY

Judge Pollock stated the county Planning and Zoning department is doing well and moving along nicely. The county is coordinating with a company that plans to bring 70 new jobs to the county. The City of Bedford CDBG sewer pump replacement project is underway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Story stated that the next Regional Planning Council meeting will be held on July 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. She asked for the council members' opinions on whether or not they would like to hold the July meeting in-person as long as new cases of COVID-19 do not increase. After some discussion, the Council decided to wait and see if any other meetings will be held in-person and if there will be a conflict.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Story stated that there was no other business to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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