

**MINUTES**

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

**REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**MEETING CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM  
AND STREAMED ON THE AGENCY'S YOUTUBE PAGE**

**July 13, 2021**

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

Mr. Ryan Libke, Planning and Zoning, Shelby County, Kentucky  
Mr. Craig Myatt, Road Engineer/Supervisor, Shelby County, Kentucky  
Ms. Felicia Harper, Planning and Zoning, Bullitt County, Kentucky  
Mr. Keith Griffie, Chief Financial Officer, Bullitt County, Kentucky  
Mr. Brian Davis, Louisville Metro, Jefferson County, Kentucky  
Ms. Emily Liu, Louisville Metro, Jefferson County, Kentucky  
Mr. Mike King, Louisville Metro, Jefferson County, Kentucky  
Honorable John Riley, County Judge/Executive, Spencer County, Kentucky  
Honorable Joe Robinson, Mayor of Bedford, Trimble County, Kentucky

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**REPRESENTING**

Jarrett Haley	KIPDA
Danielle Story	KIPDA
Justin Carter	KIPDA
Rachael Miller	KIPDA
Jenna Graham	KIPDA
Olivia Ranseen	KIPDA
Hayden Kandul	KIPDA
Randall Embry	KIPDA
Tom Fitzgerald	KY Resources Council

## **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 APRIL 13, 2021**

Mr. Griffee moved to approve the minutes from April 13, 2021. Judge Riley seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

## **MODEL SOLAR ZONING ORDINANCE**

Mr. Fitzgerald gave a presentation on Kentucky's Model Solar Zoning Ordinance. In response to the increasing interest in the development of solar energy resources in Kentucky, the Kentucky Resources Council has developed a Model Solar Zoning Ordinance to assist localities in adopting provisions to regulate the siting of solar energy facilities in their communities.

The Model Solar Zoning Ordinance is based upon a review of best practices from across the United States and is tailored to meet the unique needs of Kentucky, with the goals of encouraging appropriate siting of solar facilities and protection of the correlative rights of landowners to the use and enjoyment of their lands.

All counties in Kentucky are unique, and planning and zoning should be tailored to meet and guide current development and future aspirations of the county residents. The ordinance offers a "menu" of options in certain areas, to allow local officials in conjunction with county residents, to select the options that best meet their needs.

The Model Ordinance provides the framework for the regulation of land uses involving the construction and operation of solar facilities. It is intended to provide suggestions for consideration by communities, Planning and Zoning Commissions, and County governments as revisions are made to Comprehensive Plans and zoning ordinances and may need to be modified or adapted to conform to the framework of local planning and zoning ordinances.

## **COUNTY QUARTERLY UPDATES**

### **BULLITT COUNTY**

Ms. Harper stated that the county is currently working on updating its subdivision regulations and should be complete soon. The subdivision regulations will then be up to date for 2021 after not having been updated since sometime in the 1980s. Next, the county will work on updating its comprehensive plan and zoning regulations.

### **JEFFERSON COUNTY**

Mr. Davis reported that the county is transitioning out of virtual meetings and will begin holding in-person meetings again beginning in August with the possibility of hybrid meetings. The county is finally on its way to getting back to normal since the start of the pandemic.

Ms. Liu added that the county began working on zoning reform about ten months ago, and it is going well. Phase one has just been implemented in the two-year process of these zoning reforms and updates. Three of the recommendations have already been approved by Metro Council.

### **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 Highway 53 project is still going well, and the county is currently working on the railroad bridge. Also, there have been many new subdivisions being built in the county which have kept the permitting office busy.

Mr. Libke added that the any solar installations in the county must be regulated, and private solar installations are seen as more of a business that should be located in industrial zoned areas. There have been a lot of new homes being built, some new

industrial facilities, and a small number of new commercial buildings. Tourism is starting to pick back up and hotels are seeing 60% capacity, which were the levels pre-pandemic. The county hopes to see more growth now that the pandemic is winding down.

### **SPENCER COUNTY**

Judge Riley stated that there were no to report updates for Spencer County.

### **TRIMBLE COUNTY**

Mayor Robinson stated that the county in moving forward with sewer upgrades in the City of Bedford with help from KIPDA.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Story reported that work on the Resiliency Plan as required by the Economic Development Administration (EDA), and there are surveys that are currently available on the resilientkentuckiana.org website. There is a separate survey for local businesses, government officials, and the community.

The Regional Hazard Mitigation Council meeting will be held on July 28, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. where the Risk Analysis will be approved for each county.

The next Regional Planning Council meeting will be held on October 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom video conference.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. Davis stated that the American Planning Association is currently accepting nominations for its annual awards. The American Planning Association conference will be held on September 23 and 24 at Lake Barkley State Resort Park in Cadiz, KY.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Griffie moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Harper seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.