

MINUTES

KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KIPDA)

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

**MEETING CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM
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October 5, 2022

The Regional Planning Council of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency met at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 5th, 2022, via Zoom video conference. Members in attendance were:

- Mr. Ryan Libke, Planning and Zoning, Shelby County, Kentucky
- Mr. Jim Urban, Director of Planning & Zoning, Oldham County, Kentucky
- Ms. Rachel Casey, Representing Mike King of Louisville Metro Advanced Planning and Sustainability, Jefferson County, Kentucky
- Ms. Emily Liu, Louisville Metro Government, Jefferson County, Kentucky
- Mr. Keith Griffiee, Chief Financial Officer, Bullitt County, Kentucky

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

REPRESENTING

Justin Carter	KIPDA
Jennifer Wilson	KIPDA
Dustin Duncan	KIPDA
Ryan Lloyd	KIPDA
Felicia Harper	KIPDA
Jon Park	Shelby Co. Deputy Judge Executive
Tony Arnold	UofL Brandeis School of Law & UPA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Libke called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROLL CALL

Mr. Lloyd called roll. A quorum was present.

MINUTES FROM APRIL 12, 2022

Mr. Griffie moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, July 12, 2022, Regional Planning Council meeting. Ms. Liu seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

KIPDA UPDATES

Ms. Wilson gave an update on her completed draft of an economic and pandemic resiliency plan for KIPDA's ADD. She talked about some of the various action items and pandemic response measures the plan covers. Additionally, she asked for input and feedback on the plan from RPC's members. Mr. Lloyd said he would send the draft of the plan in a follow-up email to the RPC group following the meeting.

Mr. Lloyd then gave a brief update on the status of the Bedford wastewater improvements project, which should see completion by spring of 2023. He also introduced Ms. Felicia Harper as the new CED division director.

Mr. Carter then updated the council on his work with the Cleaner Water Projects Program. He is currently holding water mgmt. council meetings for 2nd round funding in KIPDA's counties and said that KIPDA's region is fielding about 50 of these projects in total.

Mr. Duncan updated the council on the near completion of the CEDS Plan update, which he said KIPDA will follow up on and ask for input from council members and county representatives when a draft is complete.

COUNTY QUARTERLY UPDATES

BULLITT COUNTY

Mr. Griffie updated the council on wrapping up water mgmt. council meetings with Justin Carter. He also recapped projects in the works with the lieutenant

governor involving road, water, and broadband projects. He said Bullitt County's judge executive has been out of town working on securing revenue for additional infrastructure projects in their communities.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Ms. Liu updated the council on Jefferson County's recent hosting of the OKI planning conference. She also recapped Louisville metro's efforts in zoning reform over the last couple years. These efforts include the adoption of a first phase of this plan, which has measures for the approval of accessory dwelling units in Louisville metro, as well as measures for urban agriculture and small-scale childcare center approval. She said that Louisville metro is now in their second phase of this project, which includes some efforts to address missing middle housing and the inclusion of two new form districts to the zoning ordinance in the metro area. She also outlined efforts on the Floyd's Fork overlay, and pandemic-related temporary relief to zoning for restaurants utilizing outdoor dining, which is up for codification by metro council to make a permanent fixture. She also talked about the approval of the Top Golf center, which should be opening soon following discussions in metro communities.

Ms. Casey updated the council on a 20-million-dollar grant for the Reimagine 9th Street project, some of which came through KIPDA. She also mentioned a 5-million-dollar grant that is being provided to help a street redesign project on Broadway near downtown Louisville.

OLDHAM COUNTY

Mr. Urban has no recent revisions involving zoning ordinances in Oldham. He outlined efforts by a new urbanism housing development that has been working on a plan to open in Oldham for the last few years. He said he has seen little development in new single-family building permits in the county, though he has seen increased investment in current properties due to increased interest rates and uncertainty surrounding the purchasing of new residential properties. He talked about the installation of county-wide broadband in a contract with AT&T, as well as road construction projects on I-71 including repaving, installation of ramps, and widening of the highway, which has been ongoing. He talked about some developments in Oldham that have been in the news, such as a recently denied gun club by the board of adjustments, a solid waste transfer station that withdrew an application, and a

subdivision that was denied by the planning commission. He mentioned several lawsuits related to planning that Oldham County is currently dealing with as well.

SHELBY COUNTY

Mr. Libke stated that the City of Simpsonville's comprehensive plan is being prepared, and that a public comment period was recently held at a fall festival and was a success in terms of engaging community members in planning efforts. Work to complete this plan is ongoing. He also mentioned a road construction project is ongoing on Hwy. 53, which is scheduled to be completed sometime in November.

ADAPTIVE AND INCLUSIVE WATERSHED MGMT. PRESENTATION

Dr. Arnold talked about his work with adaptive and inclusive watershed planning in southern Jefferson County. He stressed the importance of including adaptive and equitable measures into plans to make them more successful. He has worked in watershed planning, resilience in planning and governance, and equity, which led to the Resilience Justice Project being created. This project works with groups across the country to get bottom-up feedback on ways that planning projects can mitigate unintended consequences of planning projects like gentrification and segregation of marginalized communities.

One such project is the Mill Creek watershed mgmt. project, which he is working on in conjunction with MSD. He describes Mill Creek as a diverse watershed, both in terms of infrastructure and communities within it. His efforts with Mill Creek include working with MSD and their partners to make them more competitive for federal funding for management of the watershed. He did this by developing a tool to inclusively engage communities in the planning process. This tool was comprised of open-ended questions that allowed interviewees from the communities in Mill Creek watershed to voice their priorities and concerns regarding the planning of their communities, effectively allowing them to be a more integral part of the design process when creating management plans that include their areas. This is in contrast to the creation of community groups, which is a more top-down method of organizing that does not seem to lead to long-term solutions.

Dr. Arnold talked about the assessment techniques that he and his team used to assess inequities in the Mill Creek area. This tool is a sort of auditing process that can assess areas of interest related to inequity.

Dr. Arnold also touched on efforts he is involved with in Louisville metro for brownfield redevelopment and policy analysis that looks at redevelopment in the metro area through the lens of equity. He is trying to incorporate equity into policy to make planning efforts in Louisville more egalitarian and favorable to historically marginalized communities.

He talked about his projects' relevance to planning at the federal level, with ramifications for planning decisions at the EPA and the Army Corps. Of Engineers Dr. Arnold talked about the logistical aspects of his approach and said that should anyone else in the KIPDA region be interested in utilizing their services that they should reach out to him with their ideas to discuss potential for a project.

Mr. Lloyd asked about the definitions of green and blue infrastructure and what that infrastructure looks like, and how measures for that infrastructure are carried out. Dr. Arnold said that blue infrastructure is the water side of green infrastructure planning, which includes things like watershed conservation and stream restoration, as well as bioswales and rain gardens. Green infrastructure also includes things like tree canopy management and conservation projects, which can allow critical wetlands to exist as recreation areas, flood mitigation areas, and general bastions for biodiversity in urban and rural areas alike.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Lloyd stated the need to update the RPC's council member list, and that he and Ms. Harper would be working to coordinate with county judges to get new representatives appointed for vacancies. Ms. Harper explained the process for appointment of councilmembers and said that KIPDA would be following up to organize this process with each county. Annual elections from Planning officials will also be held in January of next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Lloyd stated that the next Regional Planning Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom video conference.