

MINUTES

KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KIPDA)

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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

January 9, 2024

The Regional Planning Council of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency met at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2024 via Zoom video conference. Members in attendance were:

Mr. Ryan Libke, Planning and Zoning, Shelby County, Kentucky
Mr. Keith Griffie, Chief Financial Officer, Bullitt County, Kentucky
Honorable Scott Bates, Judge/Executive, Henry County, Kentucky
Honorable Jason Stanley, Henry County Deputy Judge/Executive, Henry County, Kentucky
Mr. Mike Ray, Volunteer, Henry County Planning and Zoning, Henry County, Kentucky
Mr. Mike King, Louisville Metro Government, Jefferson County, Kentucky
Mr. Brian Davis, representing Ms. Emily Liu, Louisville Metro Government, Jefferson County, Kentucky
Honorable Dan Ison, Shelby County Judge/Executive, Shelby County, Kentucky
Mr. Lawrence Blackaby, Shelby County Roads Supervisor, Shelby County, Kentucky
Honorable Scott Travis, Judge/Executive, Spencer County, Kentucky
Ms. Diana Arnold, Trimble County Planning and Zoning, Trimble County, Kentucky

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

REPRESENTING

Felicia Harper	KIPDA
Rachael Miller	KIPDA
Justin Carter	KIPDA
Dustin Duncan	KIPDA
Ryan Lloyd	KIPDA

Jennifer Wilson
Mick Logsdon
Chad Reischl

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Libke called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROLL CALL

Ms. Miller called roll. A quorum was present.

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 10, 2023

Judge Ison moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Regional Planning Council meeting. Judge Bates seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

KIPDA UPDATES

Mr. Lloyd stated that the KIPDA Community and Economic Development (CED) Division has been working on obtaining funding for three or four Cleaner Water grants for Louisville Water Company. Mr. Lloyd has also been working on the Clean Energy and Resiliency project. Area Development Districts (ADDs) across the state are partnering with the U.S. Energy and Environment Cabinet on this project. Currently, Mr. Lloyd has been working with the systems across the region to collect data on energy resilience on critical facilities.

Mr. Duncan stated that KIPDA is entering into a busy grant season for land and water conservation, recreational trails, assistance to firefighters, and more. The Council should keep an eye out for more information about these grant applications and contact KIPDA for more information or assistance.

Mr. Carter stated each county in the region had several projects that were submitted to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) and the Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW) for State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans. Mr. Carter submitted about 38 water and wastewater project applications for SRF funding on December 15, 2023.

Ms. Harper stated that many of the Council members have received an invitation from Louisville Metro for a Net Zero advisory group kickoff meeting which takes place tomorrow. KIPDA was just asked to provide contacts for all the rural counties. All that is known about this meeting is that Louisville Metro received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a study that includes Jefferson County, all the surrounding counties, and some counties in Indiana as well. Hopefully, this means that the region will receive another grant for the Solar for All program.

Mr. Logsdon stated that there is a \$500,000 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) grant that was awarded to assess the viability of passenger rail service between Louisville and Indianapolis and a separate grant for a study to add passenger railroad service between Indianapolis and Chicago. KIPDA is partnering with Louisville Metro Government, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), and the City of Indianapolis on this assessment project. The assessment will include potential station locations, level of frequency and speed, estimated ridership, and any infrastructure improvements necessary to make the route car competitive. Hopefully, this will lead to passenger rail service returning to Louisville; the previous Amtrak service to Louisville ended in 2003.

COUNTY QUARTERLY UPDATES

BULLITT COUNTY

Mr. Griffie stated that the county is almost finished constructing the new EMS building in Lebanon Junction, which will also include a small health clinic to treat patients. The county is looking at its Comprehensive Plan to start the process of an update. Work has started on the I-65 at KY-480 interchange project, which will include the first diamond interchange in the state of Kentucky. This will alleviate issues on KY-480.

HENRY COUNTY

Judge Bates stated that there are many distilleries being built or added on to in the county. Some grants are in the works for sewer and water projects. Funding has been received for the Pendleton Sewer Project, and the county has sent out Requests for Proposals to receive bids for the project. The project along KY-146 is

going well and should be complete mid-summer this year. Housing growth is continuing, and there are 181 new homes being built in Eminence.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Mr. King stated that the funding process for the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Corridor ID project will soon be done. Also, the City of Louisville is working with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for road grants to begin work on the Broadway project.

Mr. Davis added that requests for building permits have decreased slightly. The City will create updated regulations language for property within the Floyds Fork overlay.

SHELBY COUNTY

Judge Ison stated that the county is working on updating its planning and zoning regulations on land use, and the county has over 1,000 acres for development. There are approximately 400 acres for annex and there is opposition to any change to its land use. Also, work is being done on the Eminence Turnpike turning lane.

Mr. Libke reported that the City of Simpsonville is close to completing the re-write of its Comprehensive Plan.

SPENCER COUNTY

Judge Travis stated that the county has been experiencing the expansion of incoming businesses and plans to make sewer service more readily available to increase economic development. The county is looking at adding zoning regulations for distilleries.

TRIMBLE COUNTY

Ms. Arnold stated that the County is moving forward on a potential project to include menthane capture at its landfill.

CITY OF JEFFERSONVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Chad Reischl, City of Jeffersonville, IN Director of Planning and Zoning, gave a presentation on the City of Jeffersonville's updated Comprehensive Plan, Building Jeff. The Plan is the primary vision for the city and includes policy and projects for land use, transportation, utilities and public services, economic development, and quality of life.

Jeffersonville is experiencing population growth and the construction of new residential dwellings. There have been 800+ new single-family dwellings and 1,200+ new apartments built. Apartment growth seems to be slowing, but the City is expecting an uptick in new residential subdivisions along Charlestown Road in the near future. There has been an increase in small-lot, in-fill development throughout the City. There are projected to be 55,000 – 56,000 residents living in Jeffersonville by 2030.

Drivers of the growth in the City are quality of life investments in downtown Jeffersonville, arts and cultural district and programming, new parks and recreation spaces, and infrastructure improvement. There is continued job growth in the City, especially along River Ridge. The ease of access to the Ohio River thanks to the Ohio River Bridges Project has also been a significant driver of growth. Infrastructure improvements throughout the City include:

- Charlestown Pike and Utica-Sellersburg Road widening and Shungate Road improvements
- New Chapel Road widening from Utica-Sellersburg Road to Gottbrath Parkway
- Utica Pike sidewalks from Allison Lane to Port of Indiana
- Spring Street improvements

Plans for the future of Jeffersonville include an 80-acre, mixed-use waterfront development in and around the former Jeffboat site which will possibly bring \$1 billion investment to the City; a 1-mile extension of the Ohio River Greenway; upgrades to Market Street; and a 1.5-mile Rail-to-Trail conversion. The Regional Trails Master Plan is a 6-county regional effort focused on trails in both Clark and Floyd Counties. Plans include extending and building the Ohio River Greenway and constructing the 57-mile Monon South Rail Trail and connecting it to other local trails to connect communities throughout the region.

ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS

The Council nominated Mr. Ryan Libke to serve as Chairman of the Regional Planning Council for 2024.

Judge Bates moved to approve the nomination. Judge Ison seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council nominated Judge Scott Bates to serve as Vice Chairman of the Regional Planning Council for 2024.

Judge Ison moved to approve the nomination. Judge Travis seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Libke gave the Council an overview of House Bill 102, which was introduced back on January 3, 2024. If passed, this Bill would create new sections of KRS 100, relating to local planning and zoning. It would require local governments to prioritize housing within applicable zones by easing minimum square footage requirements and aesthetic design requirements. This would facilitate the location of multi-family housing, accessory dwellings, tiny homes, and manufactured housing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regional Planning Council meeting will be held on April 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Burke Conference Room and via Zoom video conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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