

**Georgetown Scott County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
February 22, 2022 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. All Committee members were present, except Whitehouse, Menke, Osborne, & Jones. Roger Quarles subbed in for Debbie Osborne but did not have a vote. Members of the Oxford Village community and the local Building Industry Association were present for observation. Director Joe Kane, Engineer Ben Krebs, and Planners Matt Summers and Elise Ketz were present.

Introductions:

Motion by Kim Rice, seconded by Jack Conner to appoint Mark Sulski as chair. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Mary Robey Singer, seconded by Conner to appoint Alonzo Allen as vice chair. Motion passes unanimously.

Tom Prather had comments regarding the minutes from the previous meeting. He noted limitations to the current local government tax structure, where if the residential growth and the job growth do not balance each other out the per capita spending would continue to decrease and strain the budget for larger scale projects. He recommends reviewing the “City of Georgetown a Brighter Future” plan for further information.

Motion by Dann Smith, seconded by Allen to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Involvement Plan:

Matt Summers presented an edited public involvement plan (PIP). Sections were added and details regarding engagement practices were outlined as part of the presentation. Joe Kane expanded on the IP specific targeting ads and the design for the advertisement(s).

General questions and comments about language formatting were brought forth from Allen, Rick Hostetler, Kim Rice, Greg Hampton, Charlie Mifflin, Conner, Sulski and Singer. Hostetler had concerns about formatting and scrolling. Rice asked for paper copies be available at key community areas. Sulski and Allen discussed fencing of targeted ads to either exclude or include people in the IP area. Sulski recommended contacting Bruce Gordon with the Immigrant Initiative to contact minorities further.

Allen advised that if a QR code is generated that it be monitored to prevent scams. He recommended that a statement along the lines that “the PC will never ask for personal or financial information”. Conner recommended to approach the Tourism Commission with documentation and contact Kellee French with the Chamber for further conversations on outreach to businesses. Mifflin recommended that retail establishments be contacted to post the signage.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Les Jarvis to adopt the updated Public Involvement Plan, subject to minor staff changes and updates. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Involvement Plan – Visioning Survey:

Summers presented the updated Visioning Survey.

Many comments on terminology and formatting were heard. Hostetler cited issues with length and formatting while also requesting further questions about business development. Singer recommended the addition of more questions on affordable housing and definitions of difficult or awkward terms. She asked for definitions for “impact fees” and “stable community” as the ideas behind them vary from person to person. Conner requested further questions about land and land management be included, specifically on the availability of land for new development. Allen recommended expanding responses about the Elkhorn Creek to include recreation and preservation.

Allen proposed that free response questions be included after each section (6 comment areas total). Prather commented that the contradictions, while difficult to pick between, are beneficial to understand priorities. Rice commented that these types of questions and ideas that people do not consider on the day-to-day further conversations with water quality and availability. Hostetler discussed past practices such as open houses to get more feedback. He also asked for more questions about water pressure, infrastructure, and water tower placement.

Chase Azevedo questioned the terminology for question #5. Azevedo asked about the lot size question (#10). Kane expanded further that it was a carryover from past surveys that would assist in understanding community sentiment. Covington commented about the NRCS Ag. Board and that more questions should be for their uses. Singer and Covington debated lot sizes for agricultural areas. Singer commented about the lot size impacting the rural character and supporting Stamping Ground and Sadieville.

Mifflin asked for a free response option after each question for further comments. Targeted comment sections placed throughout the survey were proposed.

Covington mentioned that the survey should include sections on the new bypass and how they should manage it now for the betterment of the future of Scott County. Prather mentioned a small area plan should be done for the bypass area. Hostetler asked for more questions regarding why people came to Scott County.

Motion by Dwayne Ellison, seconded by Mifflin to approve the PIP Survey subject to edits recommended and minor staff review. Motion passed unanimously.

Vision Statement & Fundamental Principles Discussion:

Summers presented the Vision Statements (VSS) and Fundamental Principles (FPs). Allen recommended changing from “Chapter Vision” to “Chapter Mission” for clarity.

Motion by Sulski to have edits and submittal of the Vision Statements worksheet and Goals & Objectives (G&Os) worksheet to email or to be dropped off at the PC office for the interests of time.

Goals & Objectives Activity:

Joe Kane presented the exercise for the meeting. Kane requested comments from the committee as the items for the Community Form (CF) chapter were reviewed.

After CF 2.5, Mifflin had comments about the relocation of the library and post offices to outside of traditional downtown areas. Covington included the satellite county clerk office in the new county sheriff’s office outside of the city (off of Betsy Lane) as part of the conversation, saying that there are some benefits to having resources elsewhere and that the new location was optimal for residents and security. Allen, Covington, Sulski, Mifflin, and Prather commented on how the sites for the library were chosen and funding situations related to the amenities. Kane explained how zoning regulations relate to the construction of government facilities.

Ellison voiced concerns about the lack of sidewalks near schools. Prather and Hostetler went into detail to the sidewalk cost-sharing program for existing sidewalks. Staff mentioned how the practice is to request all new developments to tie-in to the existing sidewalk networks, but that existing developed areas were not required to install them. Staff also mentioned that if a Bike-Pedestrian Plan was put into place, it was more likely for KYTC to install pedestrian areas when doing roadwork on state-maintained roads. Prather requested that further G&Os be made for specific areas or topics. He requested that staff comments be made available prior to the next meeting.

Kane closed the discussion. He reiterated that the meetings would remain on the fourth Tuesday of the month and that the survey would be released prior to the March 22, 2022 meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned by Sulski.