

**MINUTES**

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

**REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

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

**July 11, 2023**

The Regional Planning Council of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency met at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2023, in the Burke Conference Room and via Zoom video conference. Members in attendance were:

- Mr. Ryan Libke, Planning and Zoning, Shelby County, Kentucky
- Mr. Lawrence Blackaby, Roads Supervisor, Shelby County, Kentucky
- Mr. Keith Griffee, Chief Financial Officer, Bullitt County, Kentucky
- Mr. Travis Buchanan, representing Honorable Scott Bates, Judge/Executive, Henry County, Kentucky
- Ms. Emily Liu, Director of Office of Planning and Design Services, Louisville Metro Government, Jefferson County, Kentucky
- Mr. Brian Fogle, Planning and Zoning, Oldham County, Kentucky
- Honorable John Ogburn, Trimble County Judge Executive, Trimble County, Kentucky
- Ms. Diana Arnold, Director of Planning and Zoning, Trimble County, Kentucky

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**REPRESENTING**

Ryan Lloyd	KIPDA
Felicia Harper	KIPDA
Jarrett Haley	KIPDA
Rachael Miller	KIPDA
Justin Carter	KIPDA
Dustin Duncan	KIPDA
Jennifer Wilson	KIPDA
Ethan Schrage	KIPDA
Mick Logsdon	KIPDA

Pam McGill  
Karah Jaffe  
Paul DeGarmo

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBER ROLL CALL**

Ms. Miller called roll. A quorum was present.

**MINUTES FROM APRIL 11, 2023**

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Regional Planning Council meeting. Ms. Liu seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**KIPDA UPDATES**

Mr. Lloyd stated that he has recently taken up the role of Hazard Mitigation planning and has been increasing his involvement in that role over the past few months. He sent out an email about a month ago to all Council members regarding an energy resiliency project he will be working on for the state. The state wants KIPDA to collect information about energy resilience for the Area Development District, so Mr. Lloyd will put together a stakeholder group for that. Mr. Lloyd invited the Council members to complete a survey to identify information about critical facilities in the regional communities that he will send out in the future. The goal of this project is to understand energy resilience needs in the region to obtain dedicated funding in the future.

**COUNTY QUARTERLY UPDATES**

**BULLITT COUNTY**

Mr. Griffee stated that the county has hired a new level three inspector for code enforcement, and this should hopefully increase county revenue. Also, the county

currently has a bid out for comprehensive plan work, and he hopes that the process will start within the next month or so.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

Mr. Buchanan stated that he had no county updates to report.

#### **JEFFERSON COUNTY**

Ms. Liu stated that Louisville Metro has been busy continuing its ongoing projects. Louisville has a new mayor, Mayor Greenburg, and the city officials are looking forward to working with him. Work is being done on short-term rental regulations. The last two updates to these regulations were in 2015 and 2019. The rules will become stricter, and a website will outline the proposed regulations. A public meeting will be held within the next month.

The city is also working on zoning reforms because more long-term housing is greatly needed. Long-range planning is ongoing, including the Broadway All the Way and Reimagine 9<sup>th</sup> Street projects. Also, a long-term study will soon be conducted to examine the possibility of an Amtrak passenger rail line.

There are also several neighborhood plan updates underway, and the city is working on its Bike and Pedestrian plan using funding grants that were obtained with the assistance of KIPDA Community and Economic Development (CED) staff.

#### **SHELBY COUNTY**

Mr. Libke reported that the City of Simpsonville has completed its Comprehensive Plan and a public hearing will be held on July 26, 2023. The next step includes rewriting the zoning codes, hiring a consultant for assistance, and a committee meeting scheduled to be held in August.

The City of Shelbyville is working on updating its sign code, and a public meeting will be held in August.

The Planning Commission will complete its 5-year planning document in September. There will likely be an amendment or overhaul to address some issues with intersections in the county.

### **TRIMBLE COUNTY**

Ms. Arnold stated that the county has completed an application for zone changes for a much-needed affordable housing project.

### **KY U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PRESENTATION**

Ms. McGill gave a presentation on Section 7, step-by-step consultation guidelines for federal agencies, their applicants, and designated non-federal representatives to receive technical assistance in fulfilling their Section 7 obligations for highway projects while streamlining their interactions with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Kentucky Field Office (KFO).

The USFWS provides a county listing of endangered species. This list is considered to be all inclusive, and it identifies any federally listed endangered species known to have occurred or potentially present within each county. Section 7 consultation requires that the federal agency shall use the best scientific and commercial data available when considering impacts to endangered species and their habitats.

The step-by-step instructions for Section 7 consultation are as follows:

1. Define the action area for the proposed project. The action area should include all areas to be affected directly or indirectly by the federal action, not merely the immediate area involved in the action, and based on the effects of the action.
2. Enter the action area location into the USFWS's Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) website. This will provide a preliminary list or resources that are known to occur, or have the potential to occur, within the action area.
3. Define the project in IPaC to receive an official species list and other information relevant to the project.

4. Evaluate the Determination Keys. Determination Keys are species-specific keys that may be available for some of the species that occur in the area's species list.
5. Make effects determinations for the species on the list that are likely to occur within the project action area and for which concurrence through a Determination Key has not been obtained.
6. Make effects determinations for DCH that will include various information about potential stressors to the endangered species in the project area.
7. Document findings and submit the project information to the KFO for concurrence.

Ms. Jaffe then gave a brief overview of the IPaC website. This website is a necessary tool for agencies to utilize for the Section 7 consultation process.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Logsdon stated that the Transportation Division recently earned federal approval for its 4-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and its long-term Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The Strategic Highway Investment for Tomorrow (SHIFT) process is ongoing, and the Transportation Division is waiting for project scores from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). The Transportation Division anticipates selecting projects to boost at its August Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meetings. The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program received four proposals from consulting teams and the selection committee should make a decision soon.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regional Planning Council meeting will be held on October 10, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the Burke Conference Room and via Zoom video conference.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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