

Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission

Agriculture and Environment Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 17th, 2016

In Attendance:	Joe Kane, Director	Matt Summers, staff
	Whitley Wolfe, staff	Alaina Hagenseker, staff
	Perry Johnston, staff	Mac Stone
	Larry Bottom	Blanche Overton
	Susan Byars	Cindy King
	Stephen Price	Robert Conley

The meeting convened in the Planning Office at 5:00 p.m.

Introductions

Matt Summers described the background on the Agriculture and Environment and the categories that would be introduced in each of the meetings that pertain to the Comp Plan. Each member of the Agriculture and Environment Sub-Committee introduced themselves and gave a background of why everyone wants to be part of the Sub-Committee.

Comp Plan Process & Committee Role

Matt Summers discussed the history of the Comprehensive Plan and how each update has and will affect the Comprehensive Plan for 2016. Vision 2020 was the last update of the Comprehensive Plan that will get included in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Each member of the Steering Committee was asked to chair a sub-committee and Claude Christensen was asked to be the chair for Agriculture & Environment. He is the representative to the Steering Committee to answer back about the progress of the Agriculture & Environment Sub-Committee. Matt discussed the Time Line.

Existing Goals & Objectives

Each committee member was given the Rural Land Use matrix that states all of the goals & objectives from the past comprehensive plans that pertain to the Sub-Committee.

Community Vision-Great Scott!

The Draft vision statement for the Comprehensive Plan and the Agriculture & Environment Sub-Committee was addressed and each of the committee members was given the opportunity to add their opinions to the draft vision statement.

The fundamental principles

The Committee members were given the option to update and change anything about the principles that were posted. A question was raised the availability of water for such a large expected growth in the population. The committee discussed the possibility of the goals to keep creek conservation corridors. A big goal of conservation is to maintain the riparian aspect for the community. It was discussed that some items in the principles are a vague and will get further defined in the actual text of the Comprehensive Plan. The committee discussed that there needs to be more updated language in each part of the

principles and the text then from past Comp Plans. The committee asked if there was a way to have a map made to project the growth with the urban footprint with the growth of businesses and population. Joe Kane discussed that it will be a thing to look at after the goals and objectives are developed. Next month the Agriculture & Environment will start to work on the goals and objectives and discuss the Matrix that was given at the meeting.

Logistics and Dates

The next meeting will take place on March 16th from 5:00-7:00pm at the Planning Commission Office. On the 21st of March, there will be a Scenario Planning meeting with the community and all the sub-committees.

There were no other questions and the meeting was adjourned.

Draft Vision and Fundamental Principles

Vision Statement:

Agriculture and environmental protection provide Scott County with a sustainable and vibrant future. Prime farmland and environmentally sensitive areas are protected and preserved from sprawl and development. Scott County agricultural areas provide access to locally grown and produced goods. Recycling, re-use, and composting reduce waste and demand on natural resources.

Fundamental Principles:

- Development outside of the urban service boundaries should be at a scale appropriate for the density and character of the rural landscape.
- Water quality can be affected by all land use and development activities. Water resources are interconnected with all other aspects of the environment and are important aspects of land use and development and review.
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas include: creek conservation corridors, property zoned C-1, minor waterways, Scott County reservoir protection area, aquifer recharge area, wetlands, significant trees and fence rows, steep slopes and clay soils, sinkholes, cave areas, major rock formations and outcroppings, springs, floodplains/floodways, landfills/refuse areas, prime farmlands, significant natural habitats for plants and animals, and scenic and historic rural resources.