

Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission

Agriculture and Environment Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday March 16th, 2016

In Attendance:

Joe Kane, Director	Matt Summers, staff
Alaina Hagenseker, Staff	Whitley Wolfe, Staff
Perry Johnston, Staff	Larry Bottom
Susan Byars	Rick Hostetler
Blanche Overton	Roger Quarles
Cindy King	Roy Cornett

The meeting convened in the planning office at 5PM

Welcome & Introductions

Matt welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed the Google groups and how Alaina Hagenseker is doing research to find cities comparable to Georgetown and Scott County.

Goals Introduction

Matt Summers discussed the steps to achieve the goals and visions of the sub-committee. The time line and work plan was discussed. Matt broke the goals down into six clusters. They are:

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| 1. Farmland Preservation/PDR | 4. Water Quality |
| 2. Rural Land Use | 5. Waste |
| 3. Environmentally Sensitive Areas | 6. Aesthetics/Scenic Resources |

Goals Revisions

Matt addressed the drafted goals and read them to the committee. Then the committee read through and discussed the drafted cluster goals from the three categories. The revised draft goals and the discussion that followed any of the draft goals are as follows:

DRAFT GOALS BY CLUSTER

Farmland Preservation / PDR

1. Protect farmland from environmental degradation.
2. Preserve prime farmland for agricultural uses.
 - o PDR Program, cluster developments
3. Reduce pressure for development of farmland.
4. Support the agricultural economy.
 - o Expand Farmers market, preserve farmland

Rural Land Use

1. Minimize conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural land uses.
2. Cluster rural residential development to preserve agricultural land and open space and minimize impacts on neighboring properties, the environment, and public services.
3. Direct rural residential growth away from prime farmland.
 - o Rural Land Use Policy for large development
4. Design commercial areas to fit the character of rural Scott County.
 - o Mallard Point

5. Provide access to locally grown and produced goods through rural commercial land use.
6. Minimize impervious surfaces in the rural areas of Scott County.
7. Designate areas for neighborhood commercial or village centers.
 - o Conditional Use permit

Environmentally Sensitive Areas

1. Protect environmentally sensitive areas.
 - o Lands ordinance
 - o Riparian Zones
 - o Identify ordinances links state in objectives how to approach
2. Highlight the special environmental qualities of Scott County in developed and undeveloped areas.
 - o Parks?
3. Determine the location and type of growth through the protection of environmentally sensitive areas.

Moving Forward

Matt discussed the homework for next time, which is to review the goals and objectives and to send any comments to staff.

Scenario Planning

Matt Summers discussed the change of date for the Scenario planning meeting which will take part on March 28th from 5-7PM at the Scott County Extension office. Matt told the committee what the purpose of the scenario meeting is. Some changes that have been made will be that the group will be separated in three groups where each group will look at one scenario each to have a longer discussion about each scenario.

Logistics, Details, & Dates

The next meeting will be on March 28th from 5-7PM at the Scott County Extension office for the Scenario planning meeting and the next sub-committee meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20th, 2016 from 5-7PM at the Planning Commission Office.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned.