

## **Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission**

### **Heritage & Urban Form Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2016

In Attendance:	Polly Singer Eardley, Chairman	Joe Kane, Director
	Megan Chan, staff	Ryan Cooper, staff
	Alaina Hagenseker, staff	Mary Somerville, staff
	Kay Bechel	Patricia Fannin
	Shirl Marks	Cathy Mattingly
	Byron Moran	Bailey Gilkerson
	Bruce Lankford	Stephen Price

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

#### Introductions

Megan Chan described the background of the Heritage & Urban Form Sub-Committee and the categories that would be introduced in each of the meetings that pertain to the Comp Plan. Each member of the Heritage & Urban Form Sub-Committee introduced themselves and gave a background of why they want to be part of the Sub-Committee.

#### Comp Plan Process & Committee Role

Megan discussed the history of the Comprehensive Plan and how each update has and will affect the Comprehensive Plan for 2016. Vision 2020 was a separate process prepared by the Scott County United, which will also be reviewed & reflected in the current comp plan update. A member of the Steering Committee was asked to chair each sub-committee and Polly Singer Eardley was asked to be the chair for Heritage & Urban Form. She is the representative to the Steering Committee to answer back about the progress of the Heritage & Urban Form Sub-Committee.

#### Kick-off Meeting feedback

In the public kick-off meeting on January, 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 there was an activity where attendees discussed the physical, social, and economic aspects that they would like to see in Scott County in 2040. There was also a survey taken in 2015 where the community discussed the community image and the information was totaled and compared to the findings in the 1991 survey. Staff shared feedback gathered from these activities with the committee.

#### Time Line and Work Plan

Megan discussed the time line. The draft goals and objectives will ideally be completed by May. There will be a hands-on workshop next month on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Scott County Extension Office. This is to work through some issues that might arise. The first 3-4 months of the committee work will be to prepare draft goals & objectives.

#### Community Vision-Great Scott!

The Draft vision statement for the Comprehensive Plan and the Heritage & Urban Form Sub-Committee were reviewed and each of the committee members was given the

opportunity to add their opinions to the draft vision statement. The revised draft vision statement is as follows:

*Scott County is a vibrant community that welcomes new residents, visitors, and businesses while retaining its small-town charm, rich culture, and heritage. Pride is apparent in our commitment to an urban form that reflects preservation, human-scaled design, aesthetic appeal, and dynamic civic spaces.*

### The fundamental principles

These are overall guidance statements to help inform the goals for the Heritage & Urban Form Sub-Committee. The sub-committee reviewed each of the principles and worked on updating them and making them fit the Heritage & Urban Form Sub-Committees ideals. The final versions from the meeting are:

- Local heritage is an asset to the community; our heritage includes cultural resources and knowledge, history, traditions, historic buildings, and historic sites.
- Maintenance and preservation of historic districts, sites, and structures helps retain our local culture and heritage.
- New construction and renovation should complement the existing character and form of its surroundings. Quality materials, craftsmanship, and consistent design add value to the community as a whole.
- Downtowns play a major role in our cultural identity, local governance, and economic activity. Care should be given to retain and enhance our downtown buildings, public spaces, corridors, and gateways.
- Our community is designed for all, with consideration for aesthetics, accessibility, and design at the human-scale. Design with these characteristics in mind enhances user experience.