

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

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

Date: Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

In Attendance:	Polly Singer Eardley, Chairman	Joe Kane, Director
	Megan Chan, staff	Ryan Cooper, staff
	Alaina Hagenseker, staff	Mary Somerville, staff
	Kitty Dougoud	Cathy Mattingly
	Patricia Fannin	

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

#### Welcome & Introductions

Megan Chan welcomed everyone to the meeting and Alaina Hagenseker discussed the Google Groups and her research on the comparable cities and the categories chosen for comparison.

#### Goals Introduction

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

1. New Construction Practices
2. Corridors & Streetscapes
3. Land Uses
4. Major Corridors
5. Downtowns
6. Rural Character
7. Neighborhood
8. Historic Resources: Site, Building, and districts

#### Goals Introduction

Megan Chan 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.

#### **New Construction Practices**

1. Promote opportunities for a variety of cultures and income levels, [resulting in a vibrant and diverse community
2. Incentivize sustainable development.
3. Support infill and redevelopment throughout the Urban Service Area as a strategic component of growth
4. Require infill and redevelopment projects to be compatible with existing character and long-term goals for the area as well as designed at the human scale.
5. Modify standardized commercial architecture to reflect local values with site-specific design.

6. Create comfortable and safe environments (CPTED, barriers, access, visibility, lighting, etc.).
7. Focus revitalization on existing centers of activity.
  - 7.1. Aesthetics?
8. Strategically select areas for new growth.

### **Corridors & Streetscapes**

1. Provide streetscapes that contribute to user experience through character, form, and scale.
2. Enhance community entryways.
3. Improve multi-modal connectivity between neighborhoods, commercial districts, and employment districts. (reworded)
4. Become more walkable and bikeable.

### **Land Uses**

#### *Commercial (Traditional, business park, offices, and mixed-use)*

1. Design commercial centers to provide mixed uses and safe multi-modal transportation access. (Combined/reworded)
2. Encourage and support the gradual evolution of existing auto-dominated strip commercial areas to compact multi-modal-oriented mixed-use places.
3. Redevelop/reduce land devoted to existing surface parking lots to the extent possible. (reworded)
4. Use height, massing, materials, and detailing that reflect local styles and surrounding structures. (new)

#### *Residential*

1. Encourage a variety of housing types and densities throughout urban areas for all income levels. (Combined/reworded)
2. Provide a full spectrum of housing option, and improve housing quality and affordability. (Cincinnati)
3. Conserve/retain existing affordable housing stock through conservation efforts of older residential neighborhoods. (reworded)

4. Assess the effects of new policies and regulations on housing development costs and overall housing affordability. (reworded)

#### *Civic Buildings/Public Space*

1. Provide civic and government facilities in central locations as highly visible focal points and community symbols/identity. (reworded)
2. Integrate public spaces, such as plazas, civic buildings, outdoor spaces, parks and gateway landscapes to be functional, accessible, attractive, and comfortable.
3. Create a welcoming and dynamic civic atmosphere. (Cincinnati)

#### *Parks and Open Space*

1. Delineate/define/protect the urban/rural boundaries or community edges with parks and open space. (Combined/reworded)
2. Provide an interconnected system of public open space and recreational opportunities. (Combined/reworded)

#### Moving Forward

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

#### Scenario Planning

Megan Chan discussed the change of date for the Scenario planning meeting which will take part on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-7PM at the Scott County Extension office. Megan Chan 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 5-7PM at the Planning Commission Office.

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