

**Heritage & Urban Form Sub-Committee
Comprehensive Plan Update**

Thursday, April 21, 2016
5:00-7:00pm
230 East Main Street, Georgetown, KY 40324

AGENDA

Time	Topic
5:00-5:05pm	Welcome
5:05-5:20pm	Process for Goals Review Tonight <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is our process?<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Change of Plans – No May meeting• What are goals and objectives? How are we planning to use them?• Review categories discussed last month• Review categories to be discussed tonight
5:20-5:30pm	Reading Break - Review Part 2 Goals
5:30-7:00pm	Goals Revisions (Part 2) – the Public Realm <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major Corridors• Downtowns• Neighborhoods• Rural Character• Historic Resources• Arts & Culture

HOMEWORK

1. **Staff:**
 - a. Email revisions to goals & objectives (Part 1 and Part 2) by Monday, May 2nd.
2. **Committee Members:**
 - a. Review goals & objectives, and send written comments to staff by Friday, May 13th.
3. **Staff:**
 - a. Revise goals & objectives. Submit to Executive Committee for review on May 17th.
 - b. Prepare to host the 2nd Public Meeting in June.

UPCOMING DATES

1. **NO MAY COMMITTEE MEETING! Send us your written comments by Friday, May 13th!**
Submit by email to Megan: mchan@gscplanning.com or submit in hard copy format
2. **2nd Public Meeting – Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 6:00-8:00pm**
Scott County Extension Office, 1130 Cincinnati Road
3. **Next Sub-Committee Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm**
Planning Commission Office, 230 East Main Street, Georgetown, KY 40324

Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission

Heritage & Urban Form Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 17th, 2016

In Attendance: Polly Singer Eardley, Chairman
Megan Chan, staff
Alaina Hagenseker, staff
Kitty Dougoud
Patricia Fannin

Joe Kane, Director
Ryan Cooper, staff
Mary Somerville, staff
Cathy Mattingly

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 eight 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 public realm 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 28th 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 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.

GOALS PART 2: Locations of Primary Concern

For First Review at April 21, 2016 Committee Meeting

“Major Corridors” – Corridors & Streetscapes

Main Street, Broadway, Paris Pike, Paynes Depot, Stamping Ground Road, Cynthiana, etc.

Many similarities to the overall corridor/streetscape goals. My suggestion is that instead of looking at this as a separate category, we instead provide more specific objectives.

1. Provide streetscapes that contribute to a positive user experience through character, form, and scale.
2. Enhance community entryways.
3. Improve multi-modal connectivity between neighborhoods, commercial districts, and employment districts.
4. Become more walkable and bikeable.
5. Create a street rehab/enhancement manual to improve, beautify existing streets.

Downtowns

1. Protect and promote the traditional role of downtown areas as the center for governmental, financial, religious institutions, and cultural/civic/public spaces.
2. Protect the quality and integrity of structures and public investment in downtown area building stock.
3. Decrease the vacancy rates in downtown areas.

4. Improve the functioning of downtown areas as the hub of surrounding residential neighborhoods and institutions.
5. Maintain a high quality streetscape in downtown areas.
6. Encourage a variety of uses in downtown districts to promote a vibrant space that is active during days, nights, and weekends.

Neighborhoods

1. Support neighborhood livability.
2. Expand housing choices.
3. Increase the amount of quality affordable housing.
4. Preserve and support established neighborhoods.
5. Connect neighborhoods to compatible employment, retail, service and civic uses.
6. Include schools and other public spaces as focal points in neighborhoods and the community.
7. Make community organizations the foundation for neighborhood change.

Rural Character

1. Develop a comprehensive cultural resource plan that protects environmental aesthetics and the historic character of the rural landscape.
2. Protect, enhance and restore Scott County's irreplaceable natural and scenic resources to maximize the benefits conferred on our community by its natural setting.

Historic Resources: Sites, Buildings, and Districts

1. Preserve our built history and incentivize preservation over demolition.
2. Protect and enhance the natural, historic, and cultural landscapes that give Scott County its unique identity and image.
3. Manage historic resources for cultural enrichment.

Arts & Culture

1. Promote, support, and encourage public art.
2. Improve the access for all Scott County residents to arts and cultural enrichment opportunities.
3. Capitalize on our historic character and cultural heritage.