

Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission

Human Services & Community Building Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 25th, 2016

In Attendance:

Megan Chan, Staff	Matt Summers, Staff
John Carter, Staff	Alaina Hagenseker, Staff
Kandice Whitehouse, Chair	Theo Leverenz
Paula Mata	Julie Pattie
Nathanial Price	Ellen White
Donna Hostetler	Scott Mitchell
Frank Allen	Millie Conway
Stephen Price	Renee Warren

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

Introductions

Megan Chan described the background of the Human Services & Community Building Sub-Committee and the categories that would be introduced in each of the meetings that pertain to the Comp Plan. Each member of the Human Services & Community Building 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 Kandice Whitehouse was asked to be the chair for Human Services & Community Building. She is the representative to the Steering Committee to answer back about the progress of the Human Services & Community Building Sub-Committee.

Kick-off Meeting feedback

In the public kick-off meeting on January, 26th 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. The next part will be about the outline implementation of the goals and objectives. In the time after the goals and objectives are completed, it will be put in the text hopefully by October to have it completed by the end of the year. The next Sub-Committee meeting will be on March 24th from 5-7PM at the GSCPC Office. There will also be a hands-on workshop next month on March 28th at the Scott County Extension Office.

Vision Statement

The Draft vision statement for the Comprehensive Plan and the Human Services & Community Building 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 community based upon values and respect for all and benefits from high quality of life, accessible public services, and collaborative community partnerships. Our community supports resources to improve equity and access for everyone. Community members have diverse and welcoming locations and opportunities to work, gather, play and learn together, and support each other in times of need. Affordable housing is available, accessible, and kept in good condition. Low-income, homeless, and disabled individuals have access to housing, food, and workforce training.

The fundamental principles

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

- All Scott County citizens should have access to a high standard of living and human services, including but not limited to: arts and cultural enrichment opportunities, quality housing, shelter, public transportation, food, health care, education, employment, and senior care.
- All Scott Countians should have safe and sanitary housing to meet the needs of a diverse population with varying income levels, household size and type, and special housing needs.
- The community values its numerous "Quality of Life Partnerships," which promote and nurture strong, diverse, and safe environments where people have opportunities for cross-neighborhood interaction.
- Scott Countians should have access to quality education and workforce development opportunities throughout their lifetime.
- Funding for partnerships and opportunities comes from a variety of sources, i.e., city, county, college, private business and industry, and participants in the many activities.
- Every citizen should have access to artistic, cultural, educational, financial, health and wellness, and parks and recreational programs.