

Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission

Growth & Economic Development Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 22, 2016

In Attendance:

Polly Singer Eardley, Chairman	Joe Kane, Director
Matt Chan, staff	Ryan Cooper, staff
Alaina Hagenseker, staff	Mary Somerville, staff
Larry Bottom	Amelia Cloud
Grover Hibberd	Rob Jones
Rick Hostetler	Bill Offutt
Ethan Howard	Steve Roggenkamp
Mark Smith	Jack Conner
Mike Hockensmith	Stephen Price

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

Introductions

Matt Summers described the background on the Growth & Economic Development Sub-Committee and the categories that would be introduced in each of the meetings that pertain to the Comp Plan. Each member of the Growth & Economic Development Sub-Committee introduced themselves and why they want to be part of the Sub-Committee.

Comp Plan Process & Committee Role

Matt Summers discussed the history of the Comprehensive Plan and how each update will affect the Comprehensive Plan for 2016. Vision 2020 was prepared by the Chamber of Commerce, but will also be reviewed for inclusion in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. A member of the Steering Committee was asked to chair each sub-committee, and Rob Jones is the chair for the Growth & Economic Development. He is the representative to the Steering Committee to answer back about the progress of the Growth & Economic Development.

Kick-off Meeting Feedback

In the 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.

Time Line and Work Plan

Matt discussed the Time Line. The draft goals and objectives would like to be completed by May. There will be a hands-on workshop next month on March 28th at the Scott County Extension Office.

Community Vision-Great Scott!

The vision statement for the Comprehensive Plan and the draft vision statement for the Growth & Economic Development Sub-Committee were reviewed and each of the committee members was given the opportunity to add their opinions to the draft vision statement. The (final) version of the vision statement from the meeting is as follows:

Scott County and its communities have a distinctive local and regional economic impact. A diverse economy encourages growth and provides consumers with an array of locally produced goods and contributes to the quality of life of the community. Local schools, job training resources, and a robust transportation network make Scott County a premier location for employers and employees.

The fundamental principles

These are overall guidance statements to help inform the goals of specificity for the Growth & Economic Development Sub-Committee. This focuses on the tradition part of the Comprehensive Plan. The sub-committee went through each of the principles and worked on updating them and making them fit the Growth & Economic Development Sub-Committee's ideals. The final version of the principles as of this meeting are:

- Economic and population growth should occur in a manner that allows for a fiscally healthy community.
- Educated and skilled citizens drive growth and attract employers.
- A variety of industries and commercial properties creates sustainable development.
- We promote a sustainable economy by encouraging a variety of industrial community entities.
- Diversified agriculture production allows sustained employment and local agricultural commerce. We are proud of our agricultural heritage.
- Technological infrastructure that is compatible with future economies improve our natural resources and improve opportunity for our community.