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AGENDA

PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS

COMMITTEE

September 13, 2011
1:00 P.M.

- 1. Comprehensive Plan Goals & Objectives Update: Summary
Of Public Comments & Latest Draft (1-4)**
- 2. Downtown Traffic Management & Revitalization Study Update -
"Downtown 2-Way Street Study"**
- 3. Update on Planning Commissioner Position**
- 4. Items Referred to Committee (5)**

"Planning & Public Works Committee, to which should be referred matters relating to the Division of Planning and including, but not limited to, matters relating to housing, infill & redevelopment, purchase of development rights and historic preservation, and any related partner agencies and the Department of Public Works and its related divisions, including capital improvement projects and any related partner agencies."

-Council Rules & Procedures, Section 2.102(1)

Committee Schedule

September 13
October 4
November 1
December 6

DRAFT 2012 Mission Statement and Goals and Objectives

DRAFT Mission Statement

The 2012 Comprehensive Plan seeks to provide flexible planning guidance to ensure that development of our community's resources and infrastructure preserves the quality of life, fosters regional planning and economic development, and aids in the attraction and retention of companies and creative entrepreneurial professionals. This will be accomplished while protecting the environment, promoting successful neighborhoods, and preserving the unique bluegrass landscape that has made Lexington-Fayette County the Horse Capital of the World.

DRAFT Goals and Objectives

A. Growing Successful Neighborhoods

Goal

1. Expand housing choices.
 - a. Pursue incentives and regulations that encourage creativity in housing development
 - b. Plan for housing that addresses the market needs for Lexington, including mixed-use, housing near employment and commercial areas, and housing for older citizens, while providing safe and affordable housing for Lexington's vulnerable citizens
 - c. Develop or provide housing incentives that promote higher density and affordable housing that will strengthen the opportunity for economic development, new businesses, and jobs, including the creative class
2. Support infill and redevelopment throughout the Urban Service Area as a strategic component of growth.
 - a. Identify areas of opportunity for appropriate infill and redevelopment utilizing adaptive reuse and design features whenever possible while preserving historic structures and streetscapes
 - b. Develop a land bank that facilitates sustainable new development, including affordable housing, commercial, and economic development
 - c. Create educational materials that explain the benefits and process for infill and redevelopment
3. Provide well-designed neighborhoods and communities for the ages.
 - a. Enable existing and new neighborhoods to flourish through improved regulation, expanded opportunities for neighborhood character preservation, and public commitment to expanded options for mixed-use and mixed-type housing throughout Lexington

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- b. Strive for positive and safe social interactions in neighborhoods, including neighborhoods that are connected for cars and pedestrians
- c. Minimize disruption to natural features when building new communities

B. Protecting the Environment

Goal

- 1. Work toward the complete implementation of the Consent Decree as directed by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- 2. Reduce Lexington's carbon footprint.
 - a. Implement the adopted Climate Action Plan
 - b. Anticipate the community's needs within the capacity of available natural resources
 - c. Provide incentives for green building, sustainable development, and transit-oriented development
- 3. Support the funding, planning, and management of a green infrastructure program.
 - a. Identify and protect natural resources and landscapes before development occurs
 - b. Incorporate green infrastructure principles in new plans and policies, including land use and transportation

C. Creating Jobs and Prosperity

Goal

- 1. Support and showcase local assets to further the creation of a diversity of jobs.
 - a. Strengthen regulations and policies that propel the agricultural economy, including local food production and distribution, agri-tourism, and the equine industry that showcases Lexington as the Horse Capital of the World
 - b. Collaborate with institutions of higher learning to foster a capable and skilled work force while engaging agencies that address the lack of prosperity for citizens by reducing joblessness
 - c. Foster the success and growth of large employment sectors, protect and provide readily available economic development land to meet the needs for jobs, and enable infill and redevelopment that creates jobs where people live

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2. Create opportunities that attract the world's finest and best jobs.
 - a. Identify and promote sectors of the economy that will flourish in Lexington, including improving opportunities for small business development and workers who rely on personal technology
 - b. Review and improve regulations and policies that attract and retain high paying jobs through close collaboration with agencies that focus on economic development, including the Urban County Government and Commerce Lexington
 - c. Provide entertainment and other quality of life opportunities that draw young professionals to Lexington

D. Improving a Desirable Community

Goal

1. Encourage an effective and comprehensive transportation system.
 - a. Implement the Complete Streets program, which includes the design and full use of the right-of-way for cars, bicycles, and pedestrians, among many other considerations
 - b. Develop viable transportation alternatives for residents and commuters
 - c. Improve traffic operation strategies
2. Provide accessible community facilities and services to meet the needs of Lexington's citizens.
 - a. Encourage public safety and social sustainability by providing incentives for Secured by Design-certified developments, which include voluntary standards for the built and natural environments of neighborhoods that help deter crime
 - b. Provide a range of community facilities and services for improved health, safety, and quality of life
 - c. Work closely and cooperatively with educational and health care institutions

E. Planning for Lexington; Planning with the Bluegrass

Goal

1. Engage the citizens of Lexington in the Planning process.
 - a. Pursue all venues of communications, including electronic and social networking, to involve citizens
 - b. Establish early and continuous communication with citizens
 - c. Develop a network of diverse contacts and a means to engage them

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2. Implement the *2012 Comprehensive Plan*.
 - a. Develop and update a work program for the *2012 Comprehensive Plan* that can be measured and analyzed
 - b. Provide a public report about the progress of implementation
3. Increase regional planning.
 - a. Collaborate with other agencies in Fayette County to meet local standards in order to achieve compatible developments
 - b. Set the standard through leadership and engagement to identify and resolve regional issues
 - c. Support legislative efforts and cross-border actions that improve regional planning
4. Maintain a balance between planning for urban uses and safeguarding rural land.
 - a. Continue to monitor the absorption of vacant and underutilized land within the Urban Service Area
 - b. Maintain the current boundaries of the Urban Service Area and Rural Activity Centers unless and until a community need is documented in future Comprehensive Plan updates
 - c. Update the Rural Service Area Land Management Plan to continue as the community's framework for preserving and enhancing rural resources

Committee Referrals

Planning & Public Works Committee

Item	Referred By	Date	Status
Rear Yard Parking in Residential Areas	Henson		
Fencing Issue	Blues	7-11-11	Referred Back to Committee
Right of Entry & Administrative Warrants	Stinnett	8-16-11	Law Review
Traffic Management & Revitalization Study	Farmer		
2012 Comprehensive Plan Goals & Objectives	Farmer	3-15-11	Public Comments on G & O
Partnering with Madison & Jessamine Counties regarding Valley View Ferry	EQ Link	6-17-11	
Partnering With Fayette County Schools To Sustaining Salting Services	EQ Link	6-17-11	
Reexamining Paving Warranties	EQ Link	6-17-11	
Re-paving Program	Martin- PSPWC	4-13-11	Engineering & Environmental Quality Review
Todds Rd Widening Project Phase II	Stinnett- PSPWC	4-15-10	Engineering & Environmental Quality Review
Newtown Pike Project	Blues- PSPWC	4-9-09	Quarterly Update
Sidewalk Specifications	Feigel- PSPWC	6-7-10	Quarterly Update
Erecting Large Utility Poles on ROW	Martin- PSPWC	4-9-10	Law & Code Enforcement Review