

Mossotti, Chair
Scutchfield, Vice Chair
Kay
Stinnett
Akers
Gibbs
Lamb
Farmer
Bledsoe
Henson

A G E N D A

Planning & Public Safety Committee

June 9, 2015

1:00 P.M.

1. **May 12, 2015 Committee Summary** (1-5)
2. **Greenway Plan & Manual - Mossotti** (6-22)
3. **Design Excellence Proposal - Kay** (23)
4. **Food Truck Fire Safety - Henson** (24-27)
Update on Cardinal Valley Small Area Plan
(For Information Only) (28-29)
5. **Items Referred** (30)

"Planning and public safety committee, to which shall be referred matters relating to the division of planning and including, but not limited to, matters relating to housing, infill and redevelopment, purchase of development rights and historic preservation, and any related partner agencies and to which shall be referred matters relating to the department of public safety and its related divisions."

- Council Rules & Procedures, Section 2.102 (1) Effective January 1, 2015. adopted by Urban County Council September 25, 2014

2015 Meeting Schedule

January 13	February 10
April 14	May 12
June 9	August 11
September 8	October 13
November 10	



Planning & Public Safety Committee

May 12, 2015

Summary and Motions

Chair Mossotti called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All Committee Members, Akers, Bledsoe, Farmer, Gibbs, Henson, Kay, Lamb, Scutchfield and Stinnett were in attendance.

1. April 14, 2015 Committee Summary

A motion was made by Bledsoe to approve the April 14, 2015 Planning & Public Safety Committee Summary & Motions, seconded by Scutchfield. Motion passed without dissent.

2. Status of Fire Station #2

Keith Jackson, Chief of Fire, introduced the item. Eric Chambers, an architect with Brandsetter & Carroll Architects, presented the concept plans for the fire station replacement for the Lexington Fire Department.

Mossotti requested a map of the proposed vicinity.

Gibbs inquired if they have considered a pervious surface for the parking lots to cut down on storm water. Chambers replied that the vehicle weights would wear down the surfaces quickly.

Farmer clarified the proposed new location and expressed his appreciation for the update, stating a new fire station is sorely needed.

In response to a question from Lamb, Chief Jackson stated the existing fire station would be utilized for truck storage.

Henson inquired what the budget for the project is. Chambers stated it is \$4 million.

3. Design Excellence Update

Vice Mayor Kay presented a timeline of the proposed incentives.

Famer inquired how much funding for the TIF applications are anticipated, to which Kay replied \$40,000. Farmer also inquired when Kay anticipates bringing forward the Redevelopment Fund. Kay replied it could come forward when items are added to the budget. Farmer inquired how much was proposed for the Infill Facilitator position, to which Paulson replied half of the salary, which is half of \$65,000 to \$70,000.

Akers inquired about the Design Excellence Officer position and noted that it did not seem to be focused on Design Excellence and would instead be of greater service to the Planning Department. Kay stated that initially the position would help with other design issues throughout the city. Paulson stated the position was designed to be “a bit of both”. He further stated that once the Design Excellence program moves forward the position would serve those needs but it was originally envisioned to help with design issues. Paulson stated design expertise is currently missing from their division and they do not view those needs and the Design Excellence Officer as mutually exclusive. Akers inquired about the difference between this position and the Infill Facilitator position. Paulson stated the focus would be facilitation within the city as well as with other boards, utilities and others.

Akers inquired about tap on fees, sewer fees and other issues with capacity, and inquired if these issues have been discussed. Kay stated they were part of previous discussion, but were dropped as a proposal because they were advised it would be too difficult to implement. Paulson stated he has had discussions with Charlie Martin about tap on fees and that he was open to trying to do this but they would need to find a method other than waivers. Akers stated they need to do all they can to facilitate development and removing the barriers presented by tap on fees and other fees.

Lamb inquired how many TIF applications could be funded with the \$40,000. Kay stated it will depend on the scale of the project, but the applications usually run \$20,000, so possibly it would fund two applications.

A motion was made by Gibbs to move Design Excellence to the full Council, seconded by Kay. The motion was withdrawn.

Farmer noted he will be supportive of having the discussion as it has been suggested.

A motion was made by Farmer to move the Downtown Traffic Study Update from #6 to #4 on the agenda, seconded by Scutchfield. Motion passed without dissent.

4. Downtown Traffic Study Update

Chris King, Director of Planning, introduced the item and noted that changing the traffic pattern is not about traffic, but how reducing the focus on the automobile can make the urban environment much better and more responsive to both the demographics and economic realities changing in the country now and in the foreseeable future.

Tom Creasy, Lead Consultant from Stantec, presented the findings of the traffic study.

Dowell Hoskins-Squire, Director of Traffic Management, stated they are not going forward to make a recommendation for the south streets or Main and Vine. She further stated that in the North Area they believe the benefits outweigh the cost.

In response to a question from Farmer about the cost to move forward with design, Hoskins-Squire stated they do not have that information, but noted the estimated cost for construction if \$1 million, and if 10% is allotted for design it would be \$100,000.

Bledsoe inquired about the level of public participation and feedback from the public hearing. King replied there was a lot of feedback and that most concern was with Main and Vine streets. King stated those two streets are under the control of the Transportation Cabinet and not the Urban County Government.

Henson inquired if, as they move forward with the design, there would be opportunity for further input. King stated as they bring forward different aspects of the design to Council there would be opportunity for public comment, in addition to Council Members hearing from their constituents. Henson stated she has heard comments about North Upper, and concern for on-street parking, which is the only parking for those residents. King stated they would make every attempt to maintain on-street parking. Henson asked if the cost of the design is in the budget, to which King replied it is not, although it is being working on and will await a green light from Council.

Stinnett inquired when the real cost for design will be brought to Council, and if the cost will be included in the FY 2016 or 2017 budget. Squire stated that until they select a consultant and negotiate the fee they won't know the design fee. Stinnett inquired if this is the next step. Squires stated no money has been budgeted in FY 2016. Stinnett inquired about the Administration's timeline for the project. Jamie Emmons, Chief of Staff from the Mayor's Office, stated they wanted to gauge Council's interest in the proposal and then decide how to proceed with the budget, and stated they prefer not to put it off to FY 2017. Stinnett stated he would like to see firm numbers for the project.

Kay stated he was not in favor of two way streets for the sake of two way streets, stating they have only been presented the traffic impacts. Kay stated he would like to see other pieces addressed before they go further, noting especially the Opera House and the Limestone Street schools which have been identified as problematic. Kay noted that Short Street seems to be doing fine in respect to quality of life and place.

Akers agreed they should address some of the areas Kay mentioned and inquired if everyone affected on the north streets have received notification that a conversion was being considered. Squires stated they did not, to which Akers replied she did not feel the current level of public feedback was sufficient. King stated the registered neighborhood associations were notified about the opportunities for public comment, and that numerous attempts were made to engage the public. Emmons stated this is good feedback and would be part of the next step going forward.

Akers inquired about capitol costs and if they anticipate grant or federal monies. Emmons stated they are city streets so it would be the city's project. King stated they would explore every possible opportunity and noted that most of the cost would be paving. Akers inquired if

the consultant would be the one to discuss the areas of concern. King stated that it would be both in house and by the consultant, and stated they do not feel that they have the capacity to do this entirely in house.

Scutchfield stated her agreement with Akers about the need for public comment. Scutchfield stated there is a bustling business community on Short Street and many of those businesses utilize the pedestrian areas by the street for outside dining, etc. and she would like to see this valuable real estate protected in any plans going forward.

Kay stated he is not interested in a study, but he would like to see an outline of possible ways they could address the identified potential problems and share that with the public. Creasy stated they provided a technical document that addresses these specifically but does not offer a full plan to correct them, and noted this would be a good starting point. Kay requested the document.

Lamb inquired how much money was spent on this study so far. King stated the grant was \$450,650 and there was a modification made, raising the cost of the study to \$490,000 federal grant money.

There was public comment.

5. Status of Small Area Plans

Stinnett introduced the item. Chris King, from Planning, gave a presentation of the Small Area Plans.

Stinnett inquired about tracking after plans have been completed. King stated that they do not track the plans as fully as they would like to if they had full staffing. King stated for the east end and central sector plans there was a committee of stakeholders who continued to meet along with the leadership of a council member who had been involved in the plan. King stated after their creation the advocacy of a council member is very important to see the plan's development. Stinnett stated they do not want them to sit on the shelf after money has been invested in them, and there needs to be a systematic plan to engage the council, city government and citizens to make sure the plans are successful. King stated they have always attempted to follow up the plans with specific goals.

Stinnett inquired if there are areas that need council and administration support. King stated they would like to do a small area plan for Winburn, as well as a follow up study to the Cardinal Valley small area plan to study the feasibility of a multi-use community center. Stinnett inquired if these are funded in the budget, to which King replied they have been recommended. Stinnett inquired how they develop studies and if they study previous attempts, noting the Charles M. Young Center, which is underutilized. King stated one of the things they look at are opportunities for social services and the public library to be involved.

Bledsoe inquired how many community development corporations the city has funded and the amounts. King stated to date there have been no funds given for any community development corporations and noted there have been partner agencies that do some similar community work as the corporations. King noted that Irene Gooding could provide that information.

F. Brown stated the Armstrong Mill West small area plan is of high interest to him and he would like to know how to move forward. Mossotti stated these items can be brought forward to Council at work session. King stated they would be willing to have a standing reporting item. Mossotti noted this would be helpful.

Henson thanked King for the presentation and her excitement that Winburn is on the list, as it has similar makeup to the Cardinal Hill area. Henson stated these plans are valuable for the committee.

Akers stated she shares Stinnett's concerns. Akers noted there are areas on the list in her district, including Cold Stream Research Campus, and that she would like to see the city be more active and follow through with recommendations after the plans are complete. Akers noted the requested Versailles Road Corridor study has previously been completed in 2001, and noted she hopes that study is referenced rather than being replicated. Akers stated there is a lot of information that could be useful in creating progress in our communities.

There was public comment.

6. Greenway Plan & Manual

There was no discussion on this item due to time constraints.

7. Items Referred

There was no discussion on the item due to time constraints.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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Greenways Update

Planning and Public Safety Committee
May 12, 2015

Department of Planning, Preservation and Development

Presentation Overview

- Greenway Master plan
- Greenway Manual and LFUCG Operational Handbook
- Greenway Issues
 - Plan for Greenway acquisition
 - Condition of Greenways to be acquired
 - Maintenance of Greenways



Greenway Master Plan

- **Master Plan** outlines a countywide network of greenways for conservation, recreational and alternative transportation opportunities.
- First adopted as an element of the Comprehensive Plan Update in 2002.
- Has not been updated since adoption.



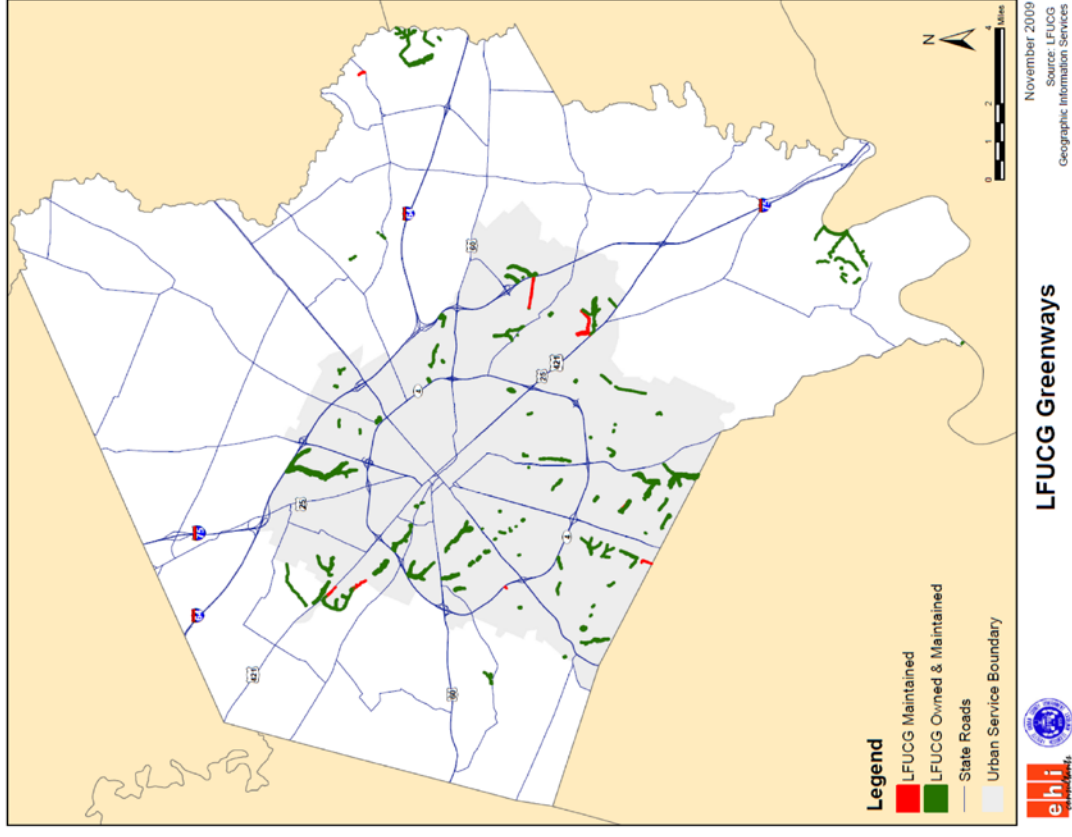
Greenway Master Plan

- Identifies two main types of Greenways.
 - **Conservation Greenways:** FEMA Floodplains, Blue line streams, storm water management areas, and riparian zones.
 - **Greenway Trails:** Trail networks, on-road (bike lanes, shared roads) and off-road (floodplains, abandoned roads); utility corridors, etc.
- Implementation of Master Plan includes development of a Greenway Manual to provide standards for Design, construction and maintenance.



Greenway Map

- There are currently 881 acres of greenways that LFUCG maintains.



Greenway Manual

- Purpose of Greenway Manual is to provide direction on the use and development of greenways during construction (consistent standards and guidelines).
- Guides post construction use and maintenance for those greenways determined for future LFUCG acquisition.
- Applies to greenways to be dedicated to LFUCG or adjacent to LFUCG greenways.
- Applies to non-LFUCG greenways only during construction phase.

Greenway Manual

- Technical Manual that covers the following:
 - Land use development surrounding a greenway.
 - Usage of greenways during construction.
 - Remediation.
 - Greenway development.
 - Post construction use and maintenance of greenways to be dedicated to LFUCG.

Greenway Manual

- First draft delivered to Council for review in 2006.
- Work completed by internal committee in 2014 on an update to the draft manual.
- Input from other stakeholders is to take place in 2015 (as per Engineering Manuals process).

Greenway Issues

Acquisition

- **Issue:** We currently have 43 greenways totaling 173 acres that have not been accepted by LFUCG.
- Council ceased accepting greenways because of concerns associated with cost of maintenance.
- We need to create a strategy for beginning the process for acquiring eligible greenways owned by developers.

Greenway Issues

Acquisition

- Scoring Criteria for Greenway Acquisition
- Prioritization:
 - Alternative transportation
 - Health Fitness and Recreation
 - Cultural and Historic Resources
 - Floodplain protection & Stormwater Management
 - Water quality
 - Bio-diversity
 - Operation and management
 - Length of time in queue
 - Opportunity for closing linkage gaps

Greenway Issues

Conditions

- **Issue:** Before being acquired by LFUCCG, existing greenways must be in a suitable condition.
- Some greenways eligible for dedication to LFUCCG are in sub-par condition.
- Construction debris
- Erosion problems
- General maintenance issues

Greenway Issues

Maintenance

- **Issue:** Develop, Implement and fund maintenance program.
- Some homeowners will disagree with how greenways will be maintained (manicured vs. natural)
- Environmental Services now coordinates and manages maintenance with Parks.

Next Steps

- **Greenway Manual**
 - Stakeholder discussions (Engineering Manual process); adoption of manual and handbook.
- **Acquisition Plan**
 - Use criteria to rank all eligible greenways.
- **Greenway Conditions**
 - Agree on minimum conditions necessary for acquisition.
- **Greenway Maintenance**
 - Budget for maintenance as new greenways are accepted.

Questions?



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Downtown Design Excellence Task Force

Status of Proposed Incentives

This report lists the present status of incentives proposed by the Downtown Design Excellence Task Force.

Economic Incentives:

Build Public Garages—The Lexington Parking authority has completed an analysis as the basis for a ten-year capital plan for new garages and other public parking facilities.

Fund TIF Application— Funds would need to be added by Council for FY16. \$40,000 from general funds.

Deploy Redevelopment Fund—Establish redevelopment fund to provide gap-financing in the form of below-market or forgivable debt for residential, hospitality, and commercial projects. Council has added \$500,000 in funds for FY16.

Process Incentives:

Recreate Infill Facilitator Position— Funds would need to be added by Council for FY16. The cost for salary and benefits in FY16 is \$39,930.

Create Design Excellence Officer Position— Funds are included in the FY16 Mayor's Proposed Budget. The cost for salary and benefits in FY16 is \$39,930.

Streamline Process—Administrative action presently being taken to provide a comprehensive permit review that engages all approval bodies at once, with divisions sharing software called Accela. Planning, Building Inspection and Engineering are all in the process of implementing this new system and anticipate it will be operational within FY 2016.

Regulatory Incentives:

Change Waste Vehicle Size/Standards—Purchase smaller vehicles/create different standards for downtown collection to better accommodate the density and alleviate existing design difficulties. On hold due to pending litigation.

Remove Waste Fee—If standards and vehicles don't change, remove the fee for those who are not served. On hold due to pending litigation.

Explore Compactor Service—Explore public and private hauling options for providing compactor service. On hold due to pending litigation.

Food Truck Fire Safety

Planning & Public Safety

9 June 2015

Public Safety

Division of Fire

Introduction

- Disaster in Philadelphia July 2014
- Who inspects these food trucks now?
- Where will the next explosion occur?
 - 2015
 - Minnesota
 - 2014
 - Philadelphia
 - Denver
 - Louisiana
 - Memphis
 - 2013
 - Fresno
 - 2012
 - Canadian National Exhibition
 - 2011
 - New York City
- Ensure Lexington is not next
- Occurring with greater regularity

Authority (Statute)

- KRS 219.051
 - Enforcement of fire and safety regulations.
 - The state fire marshal or his duly authorized agents or representatives shall administer and enforce all state fire regulations, laws, standards of safety, and regulations adopted by the commissioner of housing, buildings and construction relating to hotels and food service establishments
 - Defined in KRS 217.015 (21)
 - Penalties under KRS 219.991

Questions?

THE OFFICE OF PEGGY HENSON
COUNCIL MEMBER – 11TH DISTRICT
LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT



To: Urban County Council,
 Members of the Planning and Public Safety Committee

From: Peggy Henson,
 Council Member of the 11th District

Date: June 3, 2015

Subject: Update of the Cardinal Valley Small Area Plan

Dear Members of the Planning and Public Safety Committee,

I would like to provide you an update for the Cardinal Valley Small Area Plan and what the next steps are. The Cardinal Valley Small Area Plan was approved by the Planning Commission April 30 and adopted as part of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan, which provides a flexible planning guide to ensure future development in Lexington preserves quality of life and fosters regional planning and economic development.

There are two major priorities the, now adopted, small area plan specifically called for that I plan to focus on through the rest of 2015:

1. Redevelopment of Oxford Circle as a Community Space: This idea for a neighborhood center envisions a partnership with the Lexington Public Library and Community Action Council as well as others. There will be a heavy focus on incorporating the community's needs. The next step is to conduct a feasibility study using CDBG funds with additional financial support from Division of Planning and Community Action Council.

The study will initially identify potential partners, assess partners' needs for space and offer assistance with existing property owners. The study will then provide a schematic design, cost analysis of the potential project.

2. Versailles Road Corridor Improvements: The Versailles Road Corridor Study was completed in February examining Versailles Road from Oliver Lewis Way to Parkers Mill Road. The small area plan recognized this study and its recommendations to improve aesthetics, function for vehicles and the need to make the corridor more accessible for pedestrians and cyclists.

EA Partners and Carman, the consultants who performed the study, presented this study to the Planning and Public Safety Committee in April. On May 26, I brought forward a resolution to support the implementation of the study's findings and recommendations, which will be sent to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and certain elected officials to encourage the state to initiate this project. The resolution has received first reading and I hope the Urban Council County will approve it on June 11.

I hope to provide this committee quarterly updates of our progress as we continue to work on the Cardinal Valley Small Area Plan recommendations.

Sincerely,

Peggy Henson

Planning & Public Safety Committee Referrals

<u>Items</u>	<u>Referred By</u>	<u>Date Referred</u>	<u>Status</u>
H-1 Notification Process	Farmer	1.19.13	November 2014
Greenway Manual & Plan	Mossotti	10.8.13	May 2015
Explore Providing Assistance to Low Income Homeowners with Code Compliance	Akers	12.5.13	May/Nov. 2014
Design Excellence Ordinance	Kay	4.22.14	April 2015
Downtown Traffic Study	Farmer	4.13.12	May 2015
Taxi Cab Ordinance	Henson	2.11.14	Dec. 2014, Jan. 2015
Merge Division of Emergency Management (DEM) into Fire & Em. Management Services	Public Safety Link	6.19.14	Winter-Spring 2015
Ridesharing Regulations	Henson	6.22.14	Feb 2015
Scrap Metal Dealers UCG Code 13.54-3	Farmer	6.23.14	Spring 2015
Sky Lanterns	Farmer	6.24.14	Spring 2015
Status of Small Area Plans	Stinnett	2.3.15	May 2015
Versailles Rd Corridor Study	Henson	3.10.15	April 2015
Food Truck Safety	Henson	4.21.15	
Distribution of Unsolicited Advertising Supplements	Henson	4.21.15	
Armstrong Mill Small Artea Plan	F.Brown	5.12.14	

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