



## Comprehensive Rezoning & Update 2020-2021 Task Force

### MEETING SUMMARY

Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 6 PM

#### **I. Welcome and Roll Call – Planning Commission Chair Elizabeth H. Morris**

The Planning Commission Chair opened the meeting at 6 pm, conducting member roll call.

The following task force members attended: Elizabeth H. Morris, F. Joseph Hickman, James E. Saunders, P. Thomas Mason, Al Nickerson, Bill Norris, Brian Greenwood, Buck Nickerson, Jim Rich, William Sutton, Kim Kohl, Cindy Genter, Pat Langenfelder, and Sam Shoge.

The following also attended: Planning Commission Attorney Cynthia L. McCann, Esq.; DPHZ Director Bill Mackey, AICP; Carla Gerber, AICP, GIS. Specialist; Robert Tracey, Community Planner; and Brian Jones, Planning Specialist.

Members of the public who attended by either the Teams call-in number or the County bridge call-in number were Janet Christensen Lewis. The meeting was also livestreamed, and anyone could listen to the meeting online via the County's website.

#### **II. Approval of Summary for the Task Force Meeting on November 12, 2020**

Ms. Langenfelder made a motion to approve the Summary of the Task Force Meeting on November 12, 2020 as distributed, Ms. Genter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Expressions of Value regarding Kent County – any added follow-up**

There were no expressions added and no additional follow-up on this topic.

##### **B. Developing a Mission Statement – request adoption of a statement**

Mr. Mackey read a proposed Mission Statement into the record. Ms. Kohl suggested adding more specific language such as green or sustainable. Ms. Genter recommended leaving the language vague, so it does not limit what kind of businesses consider coming to Kent County. Ms. Kohl asked if clean were one of the values. Mr. Mackey suggested more general language for the mission statement. Mr. Norris said

clean, green, and sustainable makes sense, however, it limits businesses who may be considering something else. He suggested keeping all options open and be able to discuss and consider all types of businesses. Mr. Shoge agreed with Mr. Norris and recommended amending the word limit and changing the word green to sustainable. Mr. Rich agreed that general language should be used in the mission statement and recommended adding the word innovative. Mr. Mackey encouraged other ideas and language for the proposed mission statement and will place the topic on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **C. Discussion of Benchmarks for Task Force**

There was no discussion on this topic during the meeting.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Presentation by Sean Suder on Scope of Work and 2020 Diagnostic Report**

Mr. Mackey introduced Mr. Sean Suder. Mr. Suder gave a presentation on the Scope of Work and 2020 Diagnostic Report. Members of the Task Force followed up with questions for Mr. Suder related to the presentation.

**The meeting recessed for a 15-minute BREAK.**

### **B. Discussion of Schedule of Topics for CRU Task Force in Calendar Year 2021**

Mr. Mackey reviewed the proposed CRU Task Force 2021 Calendar. Mr. Mackey reported the overall process has been delayed due to the COVID pandemic. Mr. Mackey proposed finishing the Task Force process at the end of 2021. The legislative process would begin in January of 2022. Finalization for the entire process is likely at the end of year 2022. Mr. Buck Nickerson said he thinks the schedule is realistic and he is impressed by the DPHZ Team's work on the Task Force Project. Mr. Norris asked a question about the public process on requesting zoning changes. Ms. Kohl said the calendar seemed manageable for an enormous project. She said she is comfortable with the calendar and moving forward as suggested. Mr. Shoge asked if additional meetings and presentations should be added to the calendar or posted on the website. The consensus was to post a topical calendar. Ms. McCann asked if the proposed calendar would replace the calendar posted on the website. Mr. Mackey said the calendar would be posted as an update.

## **V. Public Comments**

Ms. Janet Christensen-Lewis thanked Mr. Suder for the presentation and provided feedback on the Diagnostic Report. Ms. Christensen-Lewis recommended that page headings be added at the beginning of each page. Ms. Christensen-Lewis also stated that having setbacks

is a good neighbor policy. Ms. Christensen-Lewis expressed that the Task Force and the planning staff are doing a good job.

**VI. Task Force Comments**

Ms. Lagenfelder asked if the next meeting had been scheduled, or if the Task Force would like to schedule one. Mr. Nickerson suggested using the doodle poll to schedule the next meeting.

Mr. Mackey thanked Ms. Morris for her role as the Planning Commission Chairperson and her dedicated service to the community.

There being no further business, Ms. Lagenfelder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Shoge. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

