

## Local Planning Committee Zoom Meeting Thursday, September 10, 2020 5:30 pm

**Members present:** Michael Adams, Brad Daniel, Kevin Disney, Tabitha Dotson, Catherine Fine, Connie Harvey, Jessica Jarboe, Lisa Mudd, Matt Olsen, Michael Preacely, Sarah Robinson, Alan Stein, Myron Thompson, Killian Timoney, Joshua Williams, Chris Woodall.

**Staff:** Melinda Joseph-Dezarn, Steve Hill, Sherry Price, Ann Samson-Grimes, James Springate, John White

Josh Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Sherry took attendance.

Steve Hill, Director of Pupil Personnel, presented on FCPS enrollment and how the future growth is planned. Davis Demographics is the company that Fayette County uses to forecast student population and boundary planning. They are based in California and their projections are very accurate with future student count. FCPS also works closely with the city on new building projects.

Steve first displayed FCPS current enrollment numbers. He then showed the projections from Davis Demographics for enrollment over the next 5 years at several schools. Davis does their projections based on new development in areas of Lexington. The projections show the increase/decrease of student population in FCPS schools over the next few years. A decrease could be due to special programs that are dropped in a particular school or moved to a different school.

Melinda mentioned SCAPA is showing growth on the District Facility Plan (DFP). She explained restricted funds can be used for items that are listed 1-4 on the DFP. If we build schools that are beyond what KDE has listed capacity, then KDE won't let FCPS use restricted funds. FCPS has less room capacity because we prefer less kids in a classroom but we are held by KDE standards.

Myron mentioned in Kentucky there are over 120 counties that have 4,000 students or less. Trying to develop a plan for Fayette County is not like most counties KDE is reviewing. Our district is a growth district with a lot of innovative plans. Since Fayette County is not like many other districts in Kentucky there may be some situations we need to make appeals to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

Chris Woodall, manager of long range planning with Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, presented the Comprehensive Plan. He told the group the first Lexington Planning and Zoning Commission was established in 1928. Urban growth boundaries were added in 1958. In 1996 significant changes were made to Lexington's plan. When Lexington's facility plan is created growth is the main factor. Lexington has 320,000 population today and is growing at a rate of 1.25% a year. That will give Lexington growth of 80,000 people in the next 20 years.

Our planning includes schools, housing, retail etc. **Imagine Lexington** is our 20 year growth strategy comprehensive plan that is updated in 5 year increments. LFUCG planning group works with a community of 10,000 people on creating the plan.

*Comprehensive Plan emphasize is what?* Looking at retail, current regulations and housing opportunities.

*How can we increase rural land area?* We recognize our rural land is very important. We have a task force group that looks at long term.

*Ball Homes and Squires Rd peninsula – Is that area all apartments?* Not sure but we will find out and report back.

*How much urban service area is looked at?* Myron and Melinda look at properties and evaluate them. Fifteen acres is the minimum to build an elementary school. The closer property gets to the city core the more densely populated. We recognized we need to build up not out necessarily.

Myron asked the 4 new members that joined this meeting to introduce themselves. Myron thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Josh thanked the presenters and reminded everyone the next meeting will be Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30 pm. Josh made a motion to adjourn and Michael Adams seconded. The vote was 15-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.