



Planning and Public Safety Committee

December 6, 2022

Summary and Motions

Chair J. Brown called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Committee Members Ellinger, McCurn, Lamb, Kloiber, Worley, Baxter, Bledsoe, Reynolds, and Plomin were in attendance. Council Members F. Brown, and Vice Mayor Kay were also present as non-voting members.

I. Approval of October 18, 2022 Committee Summary

Motion by Kloiber to approve the October 18, 2022 Committee Summary. Seconded by Ellinger. Motion passed without dissent.

II. Approval of November 29, 2022 Committee Summary

Motion by Worley to approve the November 29, 2022 Committee Summary. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

III. Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Annual Update

Beth Overman, Director of PDR began by providing a background of the PDR program. She spoke about the farms located in the preserved area and she reviewed a list of RLMB Board members. She mentioned the partial land ranking assessment which includes ag. scoring, environmental protection, historic protection, and negative scoring. Farm applicants receive negative points if they are in a sewerable area. She spoke about the financial benefits of farmland conservation. She reviewed the 2022 new farm easements and explained each of those. She noted that the cumulative conserved farms is 285 farms which amounts to 31,066 acres. Additionally, 8 federally matched farms totals 1,664 acres. She reviewed the summary of farm easement applications. She explained the stewardship of existing farm easements and she reviewed challenges to farmland conservation. She provided a side by side map to show comparison of land. In addressing challenges, she said RLMB will provide annual report to Planning Commission. Gloria Martin, Chair of RLMB closed with some comments. Committee discussion included questions regarding a farm partially located in another county and how many acres in Fayette County goes into the land trust. Margaret Graves, Chair of the Bluegrass Land Conservancy, said there are 5 easements totaling 2000 acres and she provided locations of each easement. There was a question about how this compares to surrounding counties. Graves said there is less in Fayette County than in other counties. No action was taken on this item.

IV. Lexington Hamlets Project

Brenna Pye, with Lexington Public Library, presented the *Lexington Hamlets Project*. She introduced the steering committee involved in this process and explained that the item was placed in committee April 26, 2022 and the steering committee was formed to educate and inform council on this project. She explained the definition of a hamlet and provided a timeline of this project. She pointed out locations of each of the hamlets in Lexington. She provided some history behind the Cadentown - Rosenwald - Washington School. She reviewed next steps moving forward and reviewed a timeline for future work. Committee discussion included speaking about the new Executive Director of The Lexington History

Museum (Amanda Higgins) and the importance of understanding our history. No action was taken on this item.

V. Items Referred to Committee

Motion by McCurn to remove *Quiet Zone Feasibility Study* from the list of committee referral items. Seconded by Bledsoe. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Bledsoe to remove *Sustainable Growth Study* from the list of committee referral items. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Reynolds to remove *Review of Community Corrections Process for Working with ICE U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement* from the list of committee referral items. Seconded by Ellinger. Motion passed without dissent

Motion by Reynolds to remove *Consideration of an Approach to Gun Violence / Youth Gun Violence* from the list of committee referral items. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent

Motion by Plomin to adjourn at 1:51 p.m. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.