



## Comprehensive Rezoning & Update 2020-2021 Task Force

### MEETING SUMMARY

Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 5 PM

#### I. **Welcome and Roll Call – Planning Commission Chair Kim Kohl**

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

The following Task Force members attended: Chair Kim Kohl, Joe Hickman, Doug Megargee, Jim Saunders, Paul Ruge, Tom Mason, Al Nickerson, Bill Norris, Bryan Greenwood, Buck Nickerson, Chikki Shajwani, Cindy Genther, Jim Rich, Pat Langenfelder, and Sam Shoge.

The following staff 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.

As a member of the public, Ms. Janet Christensen-Lewis participated, providing verbal input. The meeting was also livestreamed, and anyone could participate by listening to the meeting via the County's website at <https://www.kentcounty.com/commissioners/meeting-live-video>.

#### II. **Approval of Summary for the Task Force Meeting on January 14, 2021**

Ms. Lagenfelder moved to approve the proposed Summary of the Task Force Meeting on January 14, 2021. Mr. Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

##### A. **Presentation of Proposed Text Changes submitted by Members of the Public.**

There was no discussion on this topic during the meeting.

##### B. **Discussion of Proposed Text Changes submitted by Members of the Public.**

There was no discussion on this topic during the meeting.

#### IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

##### A. **Presentation of [Structural Changes](#) by consultant ZoneCo – Mr. Sean Suder**

Mr. Suder introduced Mr. Nolan Nicaise, an Urban and Environmental Planner, who will be assisting with the Comprehensive Rezoning project.

Mr. Suder gave a presentation on the proposed structural changes to the *Land Use Ordinance*.

**B. Discussion of [Structural Changes](#) by consultant ZoneCo – Task Force Members**

Ms. Genter said as a person who references the *Land Use Ordinance* frequently, she finds the proposed structural changes wonderful. She said it will help find answers to questions more easily.

Mr. Buck Nickerson said he likes the proposed structural changes and would like to see more matrices or columns incorporated into the *Land Use Ordinance*.

Mr. Hickman asked about combining districts with different densities and how to account for that. Mr. Suder responded that ZoneCo plans to look at each standard closely and look to consolidate as many districts as possible.

Ms. Lagenfelder said she is curious to review the proposed changes. She said she is especially concerned with changes regarding the Agricultural Zoning District (AZD). Mr. Suder responded that not many changes will take place in AZD.

Ms. Kohl said she would like to see more visual aids and charts incorporated in the *Land Use Ordinance*.

Mr. Mackey noted that for digital versions of the *Land Use Ordinance*, embedded links to terms and sections should be incorporated.

**V. Public Comments**

Ms. Janet Christensen-Lewis said it was an interesting discussion for the meeting; however, she expressed concern about the public being left out especially as it relates to visual presentations.

**VI. Task Force Comments**

A discussion ensued regarding public input and citizen participation.

There being no further business, Mr. Saunders made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Shoge. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 P.M.