

PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Via Zoom
FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Members Attending [NEED 10 FOR QUORUM]

Name		Representation	Name		Representation
Joe Bowes	P	Housing	Gay Nicholson	P	At-Large
Fernando de Aragón	P	Transportation	C.J. Randall	P	Local Planning (non-urban)
Jordan Decker	P	Energy	Marcus Riehl	E	Natural Environment
Yamila Fournier	A	Built Environment	Leslie Schill	P	Education #2
George Frantz	P	Agriculture	Kathy Schlather	A	Human Services
David Herrick	P	Facilities/Infrastructure	Andy Zepp	A	Land Preserv./Public Land Mgmt.
Susan Holland	P	Cultural/Historic Preservation			
David Kay	P	Local Planning (urban)	Others Present		
Thomas Knipe	P	Business	Katie Borgella	P	Commissioner
Anne Koreman	P	County Legislature	Scott Doyle	P	Associate Planner
Ernie McClatchie	P	Education #1	Darby Kiley	P	Associate Planner
Heather McDaniel	A	Economic Development			

Guests: None

Call to Order/Agenda Review and Changes/Privilege of the Floor: Chair Leslie Schill called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm. No changes to the agenda. There were no speakers for privilege of the floor.

Action: Approval of Draft Minutes (March 8, 2022): The draft March 2022 (motion by C.J. Randall, second by Susan Holland) meeting minutes were approved by all the members present.

Commissioner's Report – Katie Borgella, DPS

Katie reported that congressional earmark proposals were due this past weekend and that DPS staff developed three of the submitted projects, in the areas of EV charging and resilient back-up power at critical facilities. She mentioned two upcoming meetings: 1) At the invitation of the Climate and Sustainable Energy Board and DPS, the DEC will be presenting on April 13 on the Climate Leadership Climate Protection Act draft scoping plan, 2) On April 14, DPS and the Southern Tier 8 Regional Board will be presenting a workshop on the Appalachian Regional Commission grant program application process.

Katie shared the news that Scott Doyle has accepted a job at Ithaca College as their director of energy management and sustainability. She congratulated him on this new opportunity and thanked him for his 15 years of outstanding service to the County. Katie went on to update the group on recruitment efforts in the department.

Report/Discussion: TC Resiliency & Recovery Plan, Part 1 – Scott Doyle, DPS

Scott presented on the Resiliency and Recovery Plan (RRP) with a focus on five components: 1) Water Supply Drought Assessment, 2) Inventory of Critical Assets in Relation to Floodplains and Mitigation Resources, 3) Debris Management Plan, 4) Local Government Community Rating System (CRS) Flood Assessment, and 5) the foundational Hazard Mitigation Plan, from which many of the components in the RRP were identified as recommendations to be implemented.

Scott reviewed the Water Supply Drought Assessment report and stated that the purpose of that work is to analyze the redundancy of the countywide water systems to drought events and recommend actions to prepare

the community for future droughts. He also shared details of the Town of Lansing's CRS Assessment findings and recommendations for the program.

Beyond the five components discussed today, Scott emphasized that Part II of the RRP will explore community economic recovery with a focus on recommendations to include in future updates to the County Emergency Management Plan, as well as a social media outreach "playbook" for improving communication after future disasters. Scott explained that a training for government leaders on developing continuity of operations plans was held in March, and one for businesses will be held in April in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce.

Scott was asked which items he felt are in good shape and which still need significant additional work. Scott mentioned that there will be a continued need for public education around the new draft flood map updates and tools to reduce flooding and flood insurance impacts. He felt good about the progress made in planning for debris management and drought resiliency.

There was some discussion about redundancy planning and needing back-ups and how to consider cascading hazards. Areas of concern that were identified included waste systems, transportation, energy/electric grid, and homeowners who may be vulnerable to hazards such as flooding.

Member Items

None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. All were in favor.