

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

Members Attending

Name		Representation	Name		Representation
Joe Bowes	E	Housing	C.J. Randall	P	Local Planning (non-urban)
Fernando de Aragón	P	Transportation	Marcus Riehl	P	Natural Environment
Jordan Decker	P	Energy	Leslie Schill	P	Education #2
Yamila Fournier	P	Built Environment	Vacant	N/A	Human Services
George Frantz	P	Agriculture	Andy Zepp	A	Land Preserv./Public Land Mgmt.
David Herrick	P	Facilities/Infrastructure			
Susan Holland	P	Cultural/Historic Preservation	Others Present		
David Kay	P	Local Planning (urban)	Katie Borgella	P	Commissioner
Thomas Knipe	E	Business	Abigail Conner	P	Environmental Planner
Anne Koreman	P	County Legislature	Hailley Delisle	P	Sustainability Coordinator
Ernie McClatchie	P	Education #1	Joan Jurkowich	P	Planning Administrator
Heather McDaniel	P	Economic Development	Kristin McCarthy	P	County Staff
Gay Nicholson	E	At-Large	Megan McDonald	P	Deputy Commissioner

Guests: Kurt Anderson

Call to Order/Agenda Review and Changes/Privilege of the Floor: Chair Leslie Schill called the meeting to order at 4:03pm. No changes to the agenda.

Action: Approval of Draft Minutes (June 14, 2022): The draft June 2022 (moved by C.J. Randall, seconded by George Frantz) meeting minutes were approved by the members present.

Commissioner's Report/Staff Introductions – *Katie Borgella, DPS*

Katie introduced new staff members Hailley Delisle (Sustainability Coordinator) and Abigail Conner (Environmental Planner), who both then shared a little about their professional and personal backgrounds. She then updated group on additional staff recruitment (the new Housing and Community Development Planner, Eliot Benman, starts in August), countywide code enforcement study, and the broadband mapping initiative.

Presentation/Discussion: TC Water & Sewer Scoping Study – *David Herrick, T.G. Miller, and Kurt Anderson, Ithaca Area Economic Development*

Kurt provided a brief introduction to the 2020 Water and Sewer Evaluation Update and summarized roles he and other partners, particularly Dave Herrick, as well as Scott Doyle, formerly of the County Planning and Sustainability Department. Dave then gave an overview of the document, which was originally meant as a decadal update to the 2010 Countywide Intermunicipal Water and Sewer Feasibility Study, which assessed existing infrastructure and its capacity to support planned growth, among other considerations. However, the 2020 report's development and release were delayed due to COVID. It updates water and sewer system information since 2010, tracks infrastructure progress made in support of housing development, identifies priority objectives for facilities, and works to integrate infrastructure development with the goals of the County Resiliency and Recovery Plan. The presentation and

subsequent Q&A discussion touched on various topics. These included intermunicipal and interagency planning, including capacity studies of municipal water supply and wastewater treatment facilities and exploring ways to improve redundancy and drought resiliency between the county's three largest water purveyors (Bolton Point, City of Ithaca, and Cornell), assessing historical housing growth relative to water/sewer access, and exploring potential sources of funding, such as the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation wastewater infrastructure engineering planning grant for inflow and infiltration investigations. Members also discussed financial modeling for infrastructure investment, lessons to be learned from similar efforts taken by communities out west, implications of drought for public and private wells and demands on municipal water services, and more. Members should reach out to Dave with questions or comments. The final report will be distributed upon completion.

Member Items

Mila Fournier is leaving her position at Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County to return full time with Whitham Planning and Design. Anne Koreman shared that Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services received \$6 million in state funding for its Village Grove affordable housing project in Trumansburg. Construction is slated to start in spring 2023. Fernando de Aragón reported that the City of Ithaca received funding for work to connect the Black Diamond Trail, on east side of flood control channel, to the Gateway Trail, and the Village of Cayuga Heights received funds to build sidewalk along section of Cayuga Heights Road. He also commented on a few other federally funded transportation projects.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:08pm. All were in favor.