A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS, AND DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS, APPOINTING A STEERING COMMITTEE TO GUIDE THE PROCESS FOR AMENDING HORIZON 2020, THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCE AND UNINCORPORATED DOUGLAS COUNTY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS, AND BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The Governing Bodies of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, and Douglas County, Kansas, hereby find that Horizon 2020, the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Lawrence and Unincorporated Douglas County, is in need of a comprehensive public review and an updating and that a Steering Committee is necessary to oversee and guide that process.

SECTION 2. The Governing Bodies of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, and Douglas County, Kansas, do hereby establish a Steering Committee to oversee and guide the review and updating of Horizon 2020, the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Lawrence and Unincorporated Douglas County, and the Steering Committee shall have the following composition (appointed by the noted authorities):

- Co-chairs (City Commissioner and County Commissioner)
- 1 Planning Commission representative – City appointee
- 1 Planning Commission representative – County appointee
- 1 USD 497 representative – USD 497 appointee
- 1 Real estate/Development community representative – City/County shared appointee
- 1 Neighborhood representative – City appointee
- 1 Business community representative – County appointee
- 1 At-large city representative – City appointee
- 1 At-large county representative – County appointee

SECTION 3. The Steering Committee, as appointed, shall be charged with overseeing and guiding the process, as generally described in the Phasing outline below, including public education and issue identification, prioritization of issues to submit to the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Governing Bodies of the City and County for review, and for reviewing the draft and final plan product. The Steering Committee shall remain intact until the plan update is completed and shall work to complete their charge by April 1, 2015. In the event that a member of the Steering Committee is unable or unwilling to complete his or her appointment, the original appointing authority shall appoint his or her replacement as soon as practicable.

SECTION 4. The process for reviewing and updating Horizon 2020, the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Lawrence and Unincorporated Douglas County, shall follow generally, the following Phasing outline:

Phase 1 – Public Education and Issue Identification
- Conduct a series of public meetings to educate and to identify issues
- Known issues:
- Update demographics to current data
- Updated Urban Growth Areas (UGA) align with sector plans
- Update the format of the document to be consistent throughout and user friendly
• Commercial areas – compact, pedestrian friendly, mixed use, walkable, locations in unincorporated centers
• Incorporate 2012 utilities master plans findings and recommendations
• Change the name of the plan
• Review goals and strategies of the plan
• Tools to gather public input
• Conduct a web survey to identify issues
• Use social media to request comments
• Use comment cards at public meetings
• Provide contact and updates via listserv

Phase 2 – Issue Prioritization
  • Steering committee
  • Determine the issues as identified in the public meetings to address in the plan Phase 3 – Draft Plan
  • Review and guide the processing of plan amendments through the Planning Commission, City Commission and Board of County Commission

SECTION 5. If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this joint resolution is found to be unconstitutional or is otherwise held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity of any remaining parts of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. This joint resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption by the Governing Bodies of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, and Douglas County, Kansas, and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, this 1st day of October, 2013.

APPROVED:

Michael Dever
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jonathan M. Douglass
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Toni R. Wheeler
City Attorney
ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, this 2nd day of October, 2013.

Mike Gaughan
Chair

Nancy Thellman
Commissioner

Jim Flory
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Jameson D. Shaw
County Clerk