Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission Commissioner Orientation

Social time at the home of Karen Willey and Scott Eudaly
Friday, October 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM
471 E 900 Road, Baldwin City

All Commissioners and staff + spouses/guests are invited and encouraged to spend the evening with a fun and informal get together! This is one of the few opportunities in the coming year that the group will have to get to know each other outside of scheduled meeting times.

Friday, October 19, 2018 Planning Commissioner Orientation
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
City Commission Room

8:15 – 8:30 Breakfast & Upfront Questions
  • Planning Commissioner’s upfront questions (come with questions and/or topics you would like discussed)

8:30 – 9:15 Discussion on Planning Commission
  • Topics: How is the body functioning? Who is missing?

9:15 – 10:45 Smart Code Discussion
10:45 – 11:00 Break
11:00 - Noon Legal Issues
  • Ex-parte communications, abstentions, deferrals
  • KOMA, Conflict of Interests
  • By-Laws – Attendance, Quorum
  • Taking notes
  • Pre-judging

Noon – 2:30 Lunch and Plan 2040 Discussion
  • Joint Planning Commission, Board of County Commissioners, and City Commission meeting to receive a presentation on the draft revised comprehensive plan, Plan 2040.

2:30 – 2:45 Break
2:45 – 4:15 Planning Process
  • Application process – before PC and after, with guest speaker David Hamby with BG Consultants to present the applicant perspective
  • Discussion to include perspective from the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
  • Role of Commission, staff, and applicant
  • Types of applications and process

4:15 – 4:30 Wrap Up
  • Any “upfront questions” from the beginning of the day that have not been addressed?
  • Mid-month topic ideas
  • Veteran Planning Commissioners share experiences and advice