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Major Milestone Approaching for Kenton County’s Future

Planning for Kenton County’s future is approaching a major milestone. The state-mandated Statement of Goals and Objectives for the Direction 2030: Your Voice, Your Choice comprehensive plan is set for public hearing before the Kenton County Planning Commission.

When: June 6, 2013 at 6:15 PM
Where: NKAPC Building, 2332 Royal Drive, Fort Mitchell

For the past year, the Kenton County Planning Commission, by way of two task forces and its staff, has been working to update the goals and objectives for the county’s new comprehensive plan. This is significant because the current goals and objectives have not been updated for over 40 years.

Adopting a single, unified statement of goals and objectives for the entire county requires 20 separate elective bodies to agree on a direction of the entire county—not an easy task given the broad range of issues facing different areas of this diverse county.

The Statement of Goals and Objectives is a critical (and required) component of comprehensive plans in Kentucky because it serves as the basis for the rest of the text. It also sets the tone and direction for the policy recommendations that will be crafted for the various elements of the plan.

To date, the planning team has held over 70 meetings throughout Kenton County to gather input on Kenton County today and Kenton County in 2030. There was no shortage of ideas and issues expressed during those forums:

• the need for good jobs and amenities so Millennials and Generation X’ers don’t move away;
• mass transit and alternatives to automobiles;
• the desire for more amenities closer to their homes;
• the needs of the Silent Generation and Boomers to age in place;
• strengthening the urban core;
• respect for private property rights;
• preservation of rural agriculture areas in south part of the county;
• reducing taxes; and
• consolidating local services to save money (police, fire, planning, etc.).

Following the public hearing on June 6, the Kenton County Planning Commission will make a recommendation on the proposed Statement and send it to each of Kenton County’s 20 local governments. Each of those legislative bodies will have 90 days to act on that recommendation. Once that deadline passes and the recommendation is approved, work will begin on the text of the plan.

Direction 2030: Your Voice, Your Choice is a strategy to address the challenges and possibilities of the next 20 years and aimed at making Kenton County competitive in the local, national, and global economies. More information is available on the project’s website: www.direction2030.org.

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