

# CITY OF KYLE

## Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

Kyle City Hall  
100 W. Center Street



Notice is hereby given that the Long Range Planning Committee of the City of Kyle, Texas will meet at 7:00 PM on October 16, 2014, in the Minerva Falcon Room at Kyle City Hall 100 West Center Street, Kyle TX 78640 for the purpose of discussing the following agenda.

Posted this the 10th day of October prior to 7:00 PM.


**NOTE: There may be a quorum of the City Council of Kyle, Texas present at the meeting who may participate in the discussion. No official action will be taken by the City Council members in attendance.**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Citizen Comments.
3. Discuss and possible action on recommending the implementation of open space and natural resource conservation and restoration measures.
4. Adjourn

\*Per Texas Attorney General Opinion No. JC-0169; Open Meeting & Agenda Requirements, Dated January 24, 2000: The permissible responses to a general member communication at the meeting are limited by 551.042, as follows: "SEC.551.042. Inquiry Made at Meeting. (a) If, at a meeting of a government body, a member of the public or of the governmental body inquires about a subject for which notice has not been given as required by the subchapter, the notice provisions of this subchapter, do not apply to:(1) a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; or (2) a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. (b) Any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

### Certificate

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Manuel De La Rosa, Director of Planning (Date) 10/10/14

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF OPEN SPACE PLANNING ELEMENT (With emphasis on natural resource conservation)**

### FUTURE LAND USE

Plan for open space within new development

- Proactively procure open space and seek funding opportunities and programs

Work with existing landowners interested in preserving open space and natural habitat

- Tax relief/incentives; partnering programs/grant applications
- Be mindful when reviewing/approving adjacent land use projects

Outline preferred practices and recommendations for new development to incorporate open space

- Ask/require property dedication for open space as part of development review process

Plan and budget for appropriate BMPs for infrastructure, impervious cover, and transitional areas (natural-to-developed) to minimize impacts to natural systems

### OPEN SPACE PLAN

Plan and proactively procure open space

- Work with willing/interested property owners to secure land for open space
  - Include non-public access protected property to maintain healthy habitat
  - Ensure public access lands are managed to prevent degradation of natural resources

### PUBLIC FACILITIES PLAN

Set the example for environmentally smart construction

- Minimize impervious cover; install purple pipe; rainwater catchment systems; low-flow and low energy devices
- Budget and procure funds for innovative technology and appropriate BMPs to protect natural resources
- Create a recycling center for citizens to dispose of recyclable goods (fats, oils, grease, solid waste, construction waste, organic waste); consider composting facility)

Create multipurpose/multi-use facilities

- Partner with other entities i.e. school district, community neighborhoods, municipal, county and state agencies

### TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Plan for connectivity and pedestrian or non-motorized modes of mobility with low impact to natural resources

Plan, budget and apply for creative funding for BMPs to minimize transportation impacts

- Water quality protection
- Ozone/air quality protection
- Noise reduction
- Light pollution reduction

#### URBAN DESIGN PLAN

Design and implement policy/regulations to guide BMPs for urban design that is protective of natural resources and open space

- Buffers to environmental features such as creeks, streams, waterbodies, floodplains, habitat, agricultural use lands, and transition zones
  - Vegetative filter strips
  - Light pollution reduction (signage and light ordinances?)
  - Noise pollution reduction

Stormwater and wastewater detention/retention and treatment and beneficial reuse

- Purple pipe for beneficial use on site or to responsible users
- Stormwater and wastewater management facilities that function as enhanced biological treatment and provide open space and habitat
  - Constructed wetlands and water quality ponds
  - Discharge of storm or wastewater at the head of developments to serve as onsite water amenities for THAT development rather than creating discharges downstream
  - Riparian preservation, restoration, and protection practices to minimize erosion and impacts to water quality

Require aesthetically pleasing landscapes using native species

Setbacks to roadways and public areas

Consider a hilltop/view ordinance

#### DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLAN

Encourage preservation of open space and heritage trees, plants

Incentivize reduced impervious cover

Consider vertical development to preserve green space

Purple pipe

#### TAX GAP ANALYSIS PLAN/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Actively partner in funding opportunities for innovative technology and treatment of stormwater and wastewater infrastructure and preservation of habitat

Analyze cost of remediation and mitigation or retrofitting as might be appropriate for future phases or as required by regulation in cases of potential future impairment of resources

Use aesthetic and quality of life enhancement to determine value of property amenities and understand that enhanced quality of resources and quality of life improves property value

Once natural habitat/open space is established, maintenance can be minimal when done correctly (native species, appropriate BMPs) and can reduce capital expense in future phases

#### REGIONALIZATION EFFORTS

Work with existing plans and recommendations

- EPA approved Watershed Protection Plan for Plum Creek
- Hays County Strategic Plan
- Neighboring cities (Buda, Umland, Austin) master plans (consolidate efforts/resources/areas for planning)
- Support and enhance connectivity of open space across multiple political jurisdictions

Communicate with developers

- Existing plans, recommendations, guidelines
- Ability to assist with planning, procuring, executing various component

#### COMMUNICATION

The Comprehensive Plan was created and adopted as a result of a lengthy process including extensive public input. In order to ensure the elements of the plan are being considered and implemented as intended, it is imperative that Council, P & Z, and the Long-term Planning Committee work openly and diligently with two-way communication regarding proposed changes to the plan, and protocol be developed and followed to address changes regarding all areas of the Comprehensive Plan.