

KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
Kenton County Government Center
1840 Simon Kenton Way
Covington, KY 41011

SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

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November 8 , 2023
1:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Judge/Executive Knochelmann called to order the November 8, 2023, special virtual meeting of the Kenton County Fiscal Court.

Present: Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann
Commissioner Beth Sewell, District 1
Commissioner Joe Nienaber, District 3

Staff: Joe Shriver, County Administrator/Deputy Judge
Scott Gunning, Assistant County Administrator
Sue Kaiser, Fiscal Court Clerk
Roy Cox, Treasurer

General Business

A. Presentation of the Northern Kentucky Housing Study.

Judge Knochelmann stated that the intention of this meeting is to go over the housing study that was facilitated through NKADD with the help of Tara Johnson-Noem.

Tara Johnson-Noem stated that the NKADD was a conduit for this study. It started with the workforce division finding that even though there was national and statewide data, there wasn't enough local data. She thanked the Fiscal Court, CVG and other partners for their help with this.

Nels Nelson, a principal for Community Scale presented on the housing study, showing specific data obtained for Kenton County.

Judge Knochelmann stated that the entire study can be found on the NKADD website.

Commissioner Draud asked if this data has been distributed to the Homebuilders Association, because one new neighborhood could address the lack of housing? He asked how it is possible to get the builders to build one and two bedroom units?

Commissioner Sewell stated that many cities have see this happen, and we should look at what they have done.

Judge Knochelmann stated that when the housing study was presented to the community, many homebuilders were part of the conversation and understood the issues.

Commissioner Sewell stated that they are seeing her community face the challenge of changing attitudes about one area being okay with low income housing, and other areas don't want it in their neighborhood.

Commissioner Draud stated that for Kenton County, the real issue is how would you get some of our suburbs to approve zoning for one and two bedroom units.

Mr. Nelson stated that one and two bedroom units are better in walkable areas. Young people and retirees prefer less yard and less maintenance, with activities close to home.

Commissioner Draud asked what determines the need for larger units?

Mr. Nelson answered that it is based upon family size and income.

Judge Knochelmann, Commissioner Sewell and Commission Draud thanked Mr. Nelson for his work on this project.

Adjournment

Having completed all business before the Court, Commissioner Sewell offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Draud. Judge Knochelmann requested a voice vote whereupon all members present voted in the affirmative with a 3-0 vote.

CLERK CERTIFICATION

I, Sue J. Kaiser, having been appointed to the office of Fiscal Court Clerk, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate record of the actions taken by the Kenton County Fiscal Court at the meeting of November 8, 2023.



Sue J. Kaiser
Fiscal Court Clerk