

PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, August 13, 2024
Via Zoom
FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Members Attending

Name		Representation	Name		Representation
Liddy Bargar	P	Human Services	Gay Nicholson	E	At-Large
Joe Bowes	P	Housing	Christine O'Malley	P	Cultural/Historic Preservation
Fernando de Aragón	P	Transportation	C.J. Randall	P	Local Planning (non-urban)
Jordan Decker	P	Energy	Leslie Schill	P	Education #2
Yamila Fournier	P	Built Environment	Andy Zepp	E	Land Preserv./Public Land Mgmt.
George Frantz	P	Agriculture			
David Herrick	P	Facilities/Infrastructure			
David Kay	P	Local Planning (urban)	Others Present		
Thomas Knipe	P	Business	Katie Borgella	P	Commissioner
Anne Koreman	P	County Legislature	Frank Doldo	P	Chief Transportation Officer
Ernie McClatchie	E	Education #1	Kristin McCarthy	P	County Staff
Heather McDaniel	A	Economic Development	Megan McDonald	P	Deputy Commissioner

Guests: None

Call to Order/Agenda Review and Changes/Privilege of the Floor: Chair C.J. Randall called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. No privilege of the floor or changes to the agenda.

Action: Approval of Draft Minutes (July 2024): The draft July 2024 minutes were approved (moved by Leslie Schill, seconded by Jordan Decker) as submitted. Motion carried.

Presentation/Discussion: Draft Mobility Vision for Tompkins County 2024-2027 – Frank Doldo, DPS

Frank presented the draft Mobility Vision 2024-2027 plan, which identifies transportation barriers to accessing social determinants of health and develops strategies to overcome them. The plan prioritizes a customer-focused mobility management program, addressing key challenges such as limited rural access, information gaps, and first mile/last mile challenges. To tackle these issues, the plan proposes a comprehensive approach, including a one-call-one-click transportation information center, a mobility management program, increased TCAT ridership, and an expanded transportation network. Frank outlined the implementation timeline and public outreach efforts, including virtual meetings and in-person events. The discussion covered various topics, such as coordinating with community partners, enhancing safer biking conditions, addressing traffic congestion, regional transportation, and aligning with federal funding requirements. Further discussion points included exploring multimodal transportation options, the City bus hub project, bus flag stops, data collection for funding purposes, and the role of employers and residential complexes in providing transportation options.

Member Items

Members shared various items of interest, including plans for design charettes to be held by Conifer for a potential project north of their existing property on West Hill, Cornell's and Greystar's proposed Maplewood 2 housing project, and a brief report on a recent meeting of the City's Climate and Sustainable Justice Committee. The group then segued into a more in-depth conversation about affordable housing, highlighting specific upcoming projects, funding challenges due to limited tax credit availability, workforce housing policies, the state budget, and other related issues.

Adjournment: Chair C.J. Randall adjourned the meeting at 5:08pm.