5 December, 2019

Fort Knox Compatible Use Plan (CUP) Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Lincoln Trail ADD, 613 College Street Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Minutes

Meeting convened at 11:05 am with Mr. Mike Burress, Executive Director of the Lincoln Trail ADD presenting opening remarks and welcome to committee members. He had the attendees introduce themselves.

Mr. Mike Robinson led a discussion on the status of the data acquisition that will be used in the analysis and reporting of the CUP Study. It was noted that many GIS layers, other studies and reports had been obtained. There were still a few gaps in the initial data that was marked as desired for the study. Additional data elements including building permits, hunting access numbers and processes were mentioned as having potential value. Information about employment and other data about Fort Knox was offered by several of the committee members.

At 11:35 am the meeting broke for lunch which was provided by the Knox Regional Development Alliance.

At noon, the meeting resumed with Mrs. Krista Levee discussing our public meetings and the survey format. Mr. Bo Martin then led a discussion of the survey results. There was a round table discussion as the various elements of the survey results were shared. Communication between the public, the surrounding governments and Fort Knox was a priority amongst most of the survey participants and residents attending the public meetings. Land use and development was also highlighted as an area of concern and will require further investigation.

It was noted that some compatibility issues are of more concern to Fort Knox than the public; for example, light pollution. Shared concerns involved land development, transportation, and other infrastructure.

The issue of misinformation regarding CUP and its purpose was discussed. There had been several comments from social media, surveys and at the final public meeting to the effect that Fort Knox was going to acquire lands through this process. It was requested for committee members to reach out and explain that this is not the purpose of the study. The LTADD staff would also work on clarification of this issue on social media and the official website.

In other discussions more lead time notice will be given for the next scheduled meeting. Also, the need for further surveys, and public outreach was considered to be very valuable and necessary by many of the committee members.

Mr. Robinson wrapped up the meeting by thanking the committee members for their attendance and participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.