

RDC Special Meeting

September 24, 2022

The special meeting was held on Saturday, September 24, 2022, on the second floor of Beech Grove City Hall. The workshop started at 10am and ended at 11:45am.

RDC members present included President, Matthew Kochevar, Vice President, Liz Lamping and Secretary, Cathy Chappell. Lewis Kappes attorneys Robert Rund and Brian Statz also attended. The leader of the workshop was Rhonda Cook, formerly of AIM. She is now the President of Cook Government Advisors LLC.

The purpose of the workshop was to discuss plans to create a new Comprehensive Plan. The current plan was written in 2008.

Ms. Cook said to hire a company to research and create a new plan the low end of fees would be between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Some companies charge as much as \$250,000.00.

Rhonda said there are things that should be highlighted such as BG having the Franciscan Trail and possibly an amphitheater someday. The city is in the process of building a new police station. Recently the Safeway property sold, and new multifamily units will be built. The parks should be promoted as wonderful places for kids to play and there is also a dog park located within Sarah T. Bolton Park. New businesses have relocated to Beech Grove since the first plan was created.

Also, changes within local government. When the original plane was made there was no Compliance Department. More police officers have been hired and now the fire department is part of IFD.

Most Comprehensive plans are updated every 5 to 7 years.

President Kochevar thanked Rhonda for her time and stated she has provided the BG RDC with valuable information.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Cathy Chappell