

- c. Consider draft letter regarding updating the Comprehensive Plan.

At the March 3, 2020 Planning Commission meeting during the annual review of the Comprehensive Plan the following motion was made:

Mary Jo Meier moved to direct staff to prepare a draft request in writing to be reviewed at their next meeting to ask the Commission to set aside \$50,000 for 2021, and \$50,000 for 2022, or consider funding a portion from the revised 2020 budget to update the Comprehensive Plan. The motion was carried 6-0. Member Kendall Neill was not yet in attendance during this vote.

Attached is a draft letter as requested.



May 5, 2020

Independence City Commission
City Hall
811 W. Laurel Street
Independence, KS 67301

RE: Comprehensive Plan Update

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners,

On March 3, 2020 the Planning Commission completed the annual review of the Comprehensive Plan adopted initially in 1982. The Planning Commission discussed the need to update this important document, particularly as it relates to economic development. With the \$100,000 estimated cost of the plan update, one suggestion was to recommend encumbering funds from multiple budget years until adequate funds were available.

With the 2020 pandemic, we understand that the readjustment of future priorities may need to occur due to the potential long term financial impact on the City's finances. However, we ask that this vital project be kept in mind if funds do become available.

Sincerely,

Andy McLenon, Chair
Independence Planning Commission

Barb Emert, Vice Chair
Independence Planning Commission

Michelle Anderson, Secretary
Independence Planning Commission