

DELAWARE POPULATION CONSORTIUM



MINUTES **Delaware Population Consortium** **Haslet Armory, Dover, Delaware** **July 23, 2020**

The Meeting of the Delaware Population Consortium was held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 virtually using WebEx.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Samantha Bulkilvish at 10:00 a.m.

The following Consortium members were present:

Officers:

Samantha Bulkilvish, Chair, City of Dover
Matthew Rogers, Secretary, New Castle County
Jamie Fenske, Secretary, Kent County

Members:

Matthew Harris, City of Wilmington
Eric Thompson, DLLG
Jonathan Taswell, Delaware State Housing Authority
Marc Cote, DelDOT
Dan Blevins, WILMAPCO
Miriam Pomilio, Office of State Planning
Dr. Susan Bunting, Department of Education

Others in Attendance:

David Edgell, Office of State Planning
Ian Peters, Delaware State Parks
Jennifer Miles, Department of Health and Social Services
Owen Robatino, New Castle County
Colton Phillips, DelDOT
Anson Gock, DelDOT
Michael DuRoss, DelDOT
Sharon Elcock

MINUTES

The minutes for February 20, 2020 were approved on a motion by Matthew Rogers, seconded by Eric Thompson.

BUSINESS -

1. Presentation by OSP on State Strategies update

- David Edgell, Office of State Planning explained that the Comprehensive Plans in Delaware began in 1999 and are updated every 5 years. He added that the State plan has just been completed for 2020 and is awaiting Governor Carney's signature.
- Comprehensive Plans use the Census and Delaware Population Consortium to help collect data. They are used to help project the 20 year projection.
- The Land Use data currently being used is from 2012. DelDOT has paid for an update to be the 2017 aerials and should be being published this week.

2. Other Business

- Covid 19 has delayed the funding for the Census and will not have projections until the last week of August.
- Houses are being built but existing houses are being vacated. Household sizes are getting smaller but houses are increasing in size.
- Discussion was had on how Covid 19 will affect the Census, population, demographics, and land use.

3. Future meeting dates

- Next meeting is scheduled for August 27th at 10am.
- Next meeting will involve discussion by Matt Rogers and Dan Blevins on how the population numbers assist local government.

ADJOURNMENT

The Consortium voted to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:

Samantha Bulkilvish
Chair
Delaware Population Consortium