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From: Teena Halbig <teenahal@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:20 PM
To: OBrien, Jeff; Liu, Emily
Subject: I have always advocated to retain the FF DRO and not not not create any new form district

Hello,

I believe it is enough to have Conservation Subdivisions if if if they are truly conservation subdivisions to not impact water quality adversely; retain natural features

and OPEN SPACE (so rain can perk through to underground aquifers to recharge Floyds Fork Creek and its tributaries); have wildlife corridors; setbacks from streams;

build more with the existing topography; have hydrogeologists assess karst to not endanger buildings/homes; retain cultural assets when possible; retain aesthetics (viewshed, filtered views, stone walls, etc.); retain scenic roadways; retain tree canopy if

Lou Metro really wants to address our heat island effect (denude the landscape and there can be wind changes, increase in temperatures that can affect FF Creek, its tributaries, its aquatic lifeforms); etc.

It will take education of Planning Commissioners to save this part of Jefferson County

and this watershed. In the future, water will be like gold in its value. Floyds Fork Creek

goes to the Salt River and on to the Ohio where many draw their drinking water. We can't afford to have this watershed radically changed since the quantity of water in the

Ohio River will be less over time with more and more impervious surfaces. Therefore, it

is incumbent to shade our streams and retain EXISTING tree canopy throughout Jefferson County but especially important to retain in the FF DRO.

The setbacks from streams is 50 foot from tributaries and 100 foot from the main stem of FF Creek in the FF DRO .

Later, Lou Metro Planning & Design Services moved to institute a minimum set back from streams of 25 foot.

I served 2 years on the Lou Metro LDC Main 15 member committee.

Please retain the FF DRO and do not move to form another form district.

Regs can always be put forward to C2040 as the first tier of planning review and then

FF DRO is the 2nd tier. So continue to work to put forward good regs for C2040 and keep the FF DRO instead of any new form district.

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From: Monica Leslie <theneurotrust@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 12:58 PM
To: OBrien, Jeff
Subject: RE: Comp Plan Meetings

Hi Jeff,

Thanks for the prompt update. My comments in green were questions for you. The rest were just to make sure that I had a clear understanding of Cathe's comments noted in black.

I just wanted to verify with her that I captured the content of our discussion accurately so that I didn't report anything she disclosed without the appropriate context.

One thing that I should clarify is that the intent of my inquiry is not to attack you for doing your job.

If you are operating within guidelines that have been established for you, it definitely doesn't make sense to attack the messenger.

I would not, however, be doing my due diligence if I didn't ask you to redirect me to whomever you believe might be the most appropriate person to discuss challenges we've encountered with the process, its real-world implications, and whether it might be necessary or even possible to modify the process so that it creates more accountability to the community.

On Nov 15, 2017 5:09 PM, "OBrien, Jeff" <Jeff.OBrien@louisvilleky.gov> wrote:
Monica -

A couple of clarifications (blue text).

The role of the advisory group:

- does that mean recommendations, a draft, meeting minutes, data?
- o Yes, all of this information along with all alternatives that for items that were voted on will be passed along to the Planning Commission, Metro Council and Suburban Cities.
- The phrase 'planning evidence' used earlier by Jeff was inaccurate
- o I'm not sure the context of this comment. My previous email was responding specifically to a concern about proposed modifications to the neighborhood planning policies from the Community Form Work Group, not about the overall comprehensive planning process. To clarify, Metro planning staff uses the term "planning

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evidence” as

it relates neighborhood plans and corridor studies. Neighborhood plans and corridor

studies that are adopted by Metro Council or other affected legislative body are amendments to the comprehensive plan and official policy. Plans that are not adopted

or were adopted prior to the adoption of Cornerstone 2020 are no longer official policy

(as currently described in the CS2020 policies). However, residents, staff, developers,

the Planning Commission and legislative bodies may still use recommendations in these

plans/studies as “planning evidence” when reviewing development proposals. This concept is also formalized in Cornerstone 2020. That is what I was referring to when I

used the phrase “planning evidence” in my previous email.

Will health equity and environmental impact assessments be included in this body of planning evidence?

(Ex Officio Members) do, don't, or sometimes (vote)

o Ex Officio Members are non-voting staff advisory members.

Advisory Onboarding:

- to the overall planning process, the work contributed in the workgroup documentation, or both?

o The Advisory Committee was given an overview of the overall process at their first

two meetings. We asked for the Committee for input and concurrence on the six plan elements (Community Form, Community Facilities, Housings, Marketplace and Livability), work group structure/process and the five plan principles (Connected, Healthy, Authentic, Sustainable, Equitable).

- (Should the public have been provided an opportunity to understand how the planning process works during the workgroup process with those advisory committee members? I have spoken with several participants on both the committee and within the workgroups who disclose that the information you provided today wasn't shared during their sessions

o The overall planning process was explained at each work group. Goals, objectives

and policies were developed at the work groups with public input. The Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and legislative bodies will refine that input and adopt

a plan. Cathe is correct all Advisory Committee members were strongly encouraged to

participate in the work group process. Most of the Committee members did participate (or sent representatives) in at least one of the work groups. Based upon the information Cathe provided, it appears that many of the people who participated erroneously believed they were participating in what would be a somewhat

democratic process. They also believed that they'd have an opportunity to defend their work with the planning commission and advisory board, similar to the way that they approach community hearings with Metro Council.

An exit survey of workgroup participants should be able to clarify which parts of the process participants had a shared understanding of, and which parts of the overall process most likely need to be clarified.

I think most people understood that the KRS statute existed and that each local government defines their own process for how their plans are drafted. There also appears to be a shared understanding that our local process involved an advisory council and planning commission.

One area that may not have been clear for people is that they believed they were helping shape policies which would be voted upon by the planning commission.

Community members continue to show up to the advisory board meetings because they weren't told that as Cathe mentioned, these stages weren't designed for community input.

They also don't seem to be aware that the only policies and objectives that will be kept are the ones that all 13 legislative bodies can agree on.

As a person who participated in the workgroup, I wasn't even aware those bodies were involved in the process until Cathe and I spoke because even though this legislative body was referenced as 'they' by two members of the advisory board.

Neither the role of the legislative body, nor the clarification that group would only be adopting measures they could form consensus upon were addressed in the workgroup in which I participated. I'm receiving similar feedback from other workgroup participants.

Given the amount of resources that went into holding these meetings onsite and around the city, it may be reasonable to consider that inaccessible language and a lack of public education regarding how the overall process works may have created some accessibility barriers to participants which led many to believe that at the advisory and planning commission levels they would be participating in a democratic process (like a hearing).

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Given that the KRS statute doesn't dictate that those have to be closed processes, is there a reason public input has been censored, esp if as Cathe mentioned, these advisory, planning, and legislative bodies don't have to adopt any of the community input?

Based upon her statement, I'm still trying to understand what weight, if any, community and advisory participation has in the overall process, esp if by Cathe's account, the legislative body can throw out anything they don't share consensus on.

Planning workflow:

- Does this apply to public comment recorded during the 3 minute period for public comment? Is this info submitted to the entire commission and is that information accessible to the public?
 - o Yes, all of this information along with all alternatives that for items that were voted on will be passed along to the Planning Commission, Metro Council and Suburban Cities. A report will be prepared to provide context and highlight the votes and alternative language. All information will be accessible to the public.

Do we have an ETA for when this information will be made available? Will we receive this info via email or will it be on the website?

- The legislative body doesn't have to adopt any of the work contributed to the document
 - o All legislative bodies in Jefferson County must adopt the same comprehensive plan under Kentucky Revised Statutes.

So I understand the part about the KRS statutes. Cathe's comment, and she'll be able to confirm if I misunderstood, was in reference to whether the draft document had to be adopted by the planning commission or legislative body. She wanted to make sure that I understood that the advisory committee was not writing a regulatory document.

Quite a few participants believed that they were helping to draft policies that would be reviewed by the advisory group to be adopted by the planning commission. I wasn't personally aware of the 13 legislative bodies until last night. I was under the impression that whatever the planning commission decided upon would more or less be adopted by

metro, but it sounds as if I may have gotten access to some misinformation.

The final document:

- All 13 cities have to agree on the document

If they don't they send the document back for revision until a draft exists that they can all agree on

The current document more than likely goes beyond what some of the cities will agree to -- some may not have capacity to implement it.

o Each city may choose to adopt a specific plan (it would be a separate effort that

would be similar to the neighborhood planning process), which will be more specific about how the plan is to be applied in that city. However, those plans would have to

be consistent with the Metro Comprehensive Plan - just like our neighborhood plans. Additionally, each of the 13 entities with zoning authority can (and most do) have different Land Development Codes, the primary implementation tool for the comprehensive plan.

This is new information that I'm not quite clear on. What would be the best resource to

consult to understand the difference between a 'specific' plan or a 'neighborhood' plan?

Will these plans incorporate feedback from the workgroups or will there be a new public

workgroup process? Is the process structured similarly in which public input is reviewed

by other governance bodies? If so, at which junctures would public comment be permitted?

- If a smaller city doesn't want to adopt air quality standards or some of the equity

provisions that address hazards in the urban core they can send the document back to

revise, strike, or draft new provisions until all legislative parties have something all 13

cities can agree upon

o The Advisory Committee's job is to produce a plan that can be adopted by Metro Council and the 12 suburban cities and is reflective of the work group process. As such,

some goals, objectives and policies have been modified (e.g. "Amend the Land Development Code" among others) to accomplish this task.

Public Comment:

Public engagement is and has been a critical component to updating this plan and any other plan for

that matter. The Work Groups, Meeting in a Box, etc. were the primary engagement tools - well over

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100 opportunities were provided during that stage of the plan. As we move forward in the process, additional public comments will always be accepted and ALL of the meetings to review the plan will be open to the public. However, each step will get more formal.

Do we have a mechanism for the public to submit comments if they are unable to attend these sessions and/or don't have internet access?

I should note that I have heard some positive feedback from those who were able to attend meeting in the box sessions.

The meeting in a box option seemed like a promising solution for churches and neighborhood associations.

I would strongly encourage metro to reach out to the communities that were underrepresented to identify which barriers to participation prevent civic engagement.

Those who are most impacted often express that they weren't consulted about how best to make the process more accessible and inclusive. Lack of internet access, time, and public education are the 3 areas I've received from respondents.

Many of the most underrepresented groups have asked the question why the city doesn't canvas in their neighborhood to find out how to make these processes more inclusive, esp since low wage workers don't work 9-5. I know there are several grassroots orgs who canvas the west end on weekends and provide tote bags with information about community resources.

Given that land use development isn't the most accessible topic, yet often impacts equity more than any other municipal process, I can see why those who are most adversely affected may believe that they have been redlined from the the processes that directly affect them.

These communities see groups who have little to no resources volunteering their time to give them a voice and to connect them to resources. They also see how many resources the local government invests in soliciting cosmetic input and many believe that the process is designed to discard any community led solutions that address root causes.

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Unfortunately, I don't know how to really reassure them that what they've expressed is inaccurate.

I do know, however, that whether a resident believes they have the tools and partnerships to remedy the challenges that impact them determines whether they use their own sense of agency to repair their situation or whether it alarms and/or creates the need to for some to advocate for more accountability for those who can't be in the room.

On the one hand I get that inequity in Louisville keeps property values low enough for developers to see a sizable ROI when they 'revitalize' an area or declining companies relocate here to cut costs.

It was my understanding that more members of the community showed up because they believe this current municipal planning process prioritizes developer and corporate ROI over the health, safety, and socioeconomic outcomes of a sizable percentage of local residents.

Unfortunately, whether intended or not, what these practices create are many of the unfavorable health, safety and economic outcomes we see in this community, like the cancer rates Dr. Kelly Pryor mentioned.

Sadly, whether Louisville is known as a safe, and healthy community largely depends upon whether the municipal processes that address these root causes and socioeconomic determinants of health are designed to redline community input.

If this is a process that you inherited, it might be worthwhile to reassess how participants are onboarded moving forward.

It would save all parties involved a lot of frustration, better respect participants' time and contributions, and enable participants to redirect their time and energy to the resources that add the most value for their efforts.

If there are planning processes in which underrepresented residents can participate

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in, in a meaningful way, I'd like to learn more about how we can make sure those contributions are valued. I'm not a huge fan of segregating processes, but as you can imagine, when people volunteer their time, they like to feel as if what they contribute has some return on their investment.

If you are aware of high ROI programs, resources, and/or legislative processes that underrepresented residents can get involved in (esp if they don't have internet access) I'd love to learn more.

I hope those clarifications are useful. Please let me know if there are other questions.

Thank you,

Jeff

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From: Cathe Dykstra [mailto:dykstra.cp2040@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 11:03 PM
To: Monica Leslie
Cc: OBrien, Jeff

Subject: Re: Comp Plan Meetings

Monica,

I'll let Jeff respond but I do want to be sure I reiterate what I shared with you:

The Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Land-Use Plan is exactly that, advisory. We do not have regulatory authority. The suggestions we are making will go to the Planning Commission and they can accept our suggestions, reject our suggestions, modify our suggestions, etc.

When there is an issue upon which the group does not reach consensus and the group is split, all of the resulting views are forwarded to the Planning Commission. So, as I noted with

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the issues upon which we voted last night, we noted the votes (number and names) and will send all of that information to the Planning Commission.

Ex-officio members participate in the conversation and share their ideas. They are not voting members.

The Work Groups and the many meetings held throughout the community were designed to get as much community input as possible. Meetings were held at different times, on different days, in different parts of the community, etc. to allow for people with different schedules to participate. That was the first and most immediate way for the public to share their input on each of the topics. We have continued to have community input as the Advisory Committee has gone through all of the information that came from the Work Groups. In our early meetings reviewing the goals, we did not receive a great deal of input/questions/suggestions from the community. As we have moved to policies, community attendance and participation has increased. At this point in the process, we are hearing from members of the community in advance of the Advisory Committee discussing each of the remaining sections.

I am not sure what you mean about the Advisory Committee onboarding. The Work Groups are separate from the Advisory Committee, though many members of the Advisory Committee participated in the Work Groups. Some members attended all or most all Work Group meetings. The Advisory Committee had its first meeting before the Work Groups and then waited for each Work Group to complete their work before we began reviewing their suggestions. In the early meetings of the Advisory Committee, we did not have much public comment or request for it. We started with goals, then reviewed objectives and are now reviewing policies.

I cannot speak to what others knew or remember. At the first Work Group meeting for Marketplace I recall that we were thanked for our willingness to review the items from Cornerstone 2020, our foundational document, and offer our suggestions and we were told that the Work Groups would ultimately share their suggestions with the Advisory Committee.

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As I shared, I have no knowledge of the meaning of "evidence." I have no context for that and since it came from your conversation with Jeff, I suggested that you continue that conversation with him. I am not aware of any evidence, as I understand that word, presented to the Advisory Committee.

All 13 cities with zoning authority must adopt the same Comprehensive Land-Use Plan document. The document, as drafted by the Planning Commission, will be provided to the cities for their review and adoption and may go through additional revision to get a final version that is acceptable to all 13 cities.

Thank you for your enthusiasm for the Comprehensive Land-Use Plan. I hope that this gives you some additional information about how the Land-use Plan is being updated, the role of the Advisory Committee and what happens after the Advisory Committee completes its review of the Work Groups' suggestions.

Cathe
Sent from my iPad

On Nov 14, 2017, at 9:56 PM, Monica Leslie <theneurotrust@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Cathe,

Per our conversation this evening, I wanted to confirm the information we discussed.

As instructed I will also copy Jeff to follow up with additional questions I now have regarding some of the equity and accessibility concerns I mentioned regarding the redlining implications of the current process (so that he has the appropriate context).

If necessary, feel free to copy him in your response. I can remove you thread upon confirmation that the information I have recorded accurately depicts what you and I discussed.

The role of the advisory group:
isn't to make a regulatory document, it's to send 'all of it' (does that mean recommendations, a draft, meeting minutes, data?) to the planning commission who then conducts a closed process (without public comment)
The phrase 'planning evidence' used earlier by Jeff was inaccurate

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Ex officio members (staff members) do, don't, or sometimes get to vote?

Advisory Onboarding:

The (optional) workgroup process would have been the appropriate time for new advisory committee members to be onboarded (to the overall planning process, the work contributed in the workgroup documentation, or both?)

Some advisory committee meeting members did not participate in the workgroups which accounts for why they were unacquainted with the overall process

(Should the public have been provided an opportunity to understand how the planning process works during the workgroup process with those advisory committee members? I have spoken with several participants on both the committee and within the workgroups who disclose that the information you provided today wasn't shared during their sessions)

Planning workflow:

Information about votes gets sent to the planning commission

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The legislative body doesn't have to adopt any of the work contributed to the document

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The current document more than likely goes beyond what some of the cities will agree to -- some may not have capacity to implement it.

The final document will only reflect policies that all 13 cities can agree upon

If a smaller city doesn't want to adopt air quality standards or some of the equity provisions that address hazards in the urban core they can send the document back to revise, strike, or draft new provisions until all legislative parties have something all 13 cities can agree upon

Public Comment:

The time for public comment was during the work groups and during the meeting in the box

Initially public comment wasn't a part of the process

Public comment isn't intended for the advisory process (the exception being during the 3 minutes prior to the advisory committee discussion)

Public comment isn't intended for the planning commission revisions

Public comment isn't intended for the advisory process

Is this an accurate depiction of what you and I discussed?

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I don't want to misrepresent what you shared. Having accurate info regarding the process scope may clear up any confusion for those who planned to attend the housing portion of this process.

What was the goal of creating public comment or introducing an equity component to the discussion?

Please feel free to correct any information I may have misrecorded.

Thank you for your patience and time.

Monica

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "OBrien, Jeff" <Jeff.OBrien@louisvilleky.gov>
Date: Oct 16, 2017 1:16 PM
Subject: RE: Comp Plan Meetings
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Cc:
Hi Daniel -

I agree neighborhood plans are critical planning tools for Louisville. As the draft policies are currently written, there is no automatic sunset. Rather, the policy states that plans created and adopted prior to CS 2020 are not "official" planning policy, but rather used as planning evidence. This policy is the current policy and practice for Louisville. When we discussed this topic at the last meeting, we were trying to determine how to handle plans that were adopted subsequent to CS2020, but before the 2040 plan. In the updated policies, the Planning Director is able to make a determination for plans fall into this category.

As a general rule, plans older than 20 years old should be updated and readopted. It is best practice to update plans every 5-10 years, which is why we added an additional policy about updating the Neighborhood Plan Ordinance (Chapter 161 of the Metro Code of Ordinances). We are working on ways to come up with data-driven methods to determine the most urgent needs for neighborhoods plans. Your last two comments are better suited for the Neighborhood Plan update process, which could happen after the updated Comprehensive Plan is adopted.

Jeff

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From: Daniel Waters [mailto:danielholderwaters@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:14 AM
To: OBrien, Jeff; ryan@ryanfenwicklaw.com; theneurotrust@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Comp Plan Meetings

Hey Jeff,
from the last AC meeting, there was talk about the best language for neighborhood plans and their inclusion/readoption after the 2040 plan is adopted.

the neighborhood plan is the single most accessible document for a resident in creating and understanding policy. these plans require years of community input and cooperation and are more representative of localized desires and needs than the broad comp plan itself, and are law. because of this, a better framework needs to be established for preserving the community's wishes.

a couple suggestions.

- 1) set the default as the existing plan until the neighborhood updates it (rather than a 20 year automatic sunset).
 - 2) if city hall or a neighborhood feels like a plan is out of date, the affected area stakeholders (residents, storeowners, etc) should then be engaged to update their plan.
 - 3) let neighborhoods use their own resources to craft their plans and use the city as an informational resource rather than requiring city staff to be the drafters and coordinators.
- Daniel

On Oct 9, 2017, at 5:09 PM, OBrien, Jeff <Jeff.OBrien@louisvilleky.gov> wrote:

Hello all -

There will be an Advisory Committee meeting next Monday (October 16) at 5:30 pm at Memorial Auditorium (970 S. 4th St). The Advisory Committee will be discussing policies for the Community Form, Marketplace and Livability & Environment work groups. The agenda and policies for next week's meeting are attached.

A second October Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for

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October 24 at 6:00 pm at Memorial Auditorium where the remaining policies will be discussed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jeff

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MatraversComments_17-1130.txt

From: Matravers, Eric Lee <elmatr01@exchange.louisville.edu>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:15 AM
To: OBrien, Jeff
Subject: RE: Comp Plan Update

Hi Jeff,

I won't be able to attend but I'd like to submit some feedback on the draft Housing policies:

Policy #1: Allow for accessory residential structures and apartments.

I think this language should be strengthened. Perhaps use "encourage" or "promote"?

I think "allow" provides room to limit ADU policy. So many cities add caveats to their ADU policies that severely limit where the units can be built (e.g. can't do an ADU if the main house is a rental, or if the ADU is smaller than the ADU). If the ADU policy intent is to increase the amount of housing available, it needs to be scalable and simple to do.

Here's a good CityLab article on the subject for extra reading if anyone is interested:

<https://www.citylab.com/design/2017/11/how-cities-get-granny-flats-wrong/546392/>

Thank you!

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From: OBrien, Jeff [mailto:Jeff.OBrien@louisvilleky.gov]
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To: OBrien, Jeff <Jeff.OBrien@louisvilleky.gov>
Subject: Comp Plan Update

Good afternoon all -

As a reminder we have an Advisory Committee meeting next Wednesday, 12/6, at 5:30 pm at Memorial Auditorium (970 S 4th St). We will be discussing the Housing Work Group policies. The agenda and draft policies are attached. Please note, we've made several recommendations to these policies based on previous changes made by the Advisory Committee during review of their review of the previous work

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group policies. The policies where staff is recommending a change have been highlighted and noted. Many of the changes suggested were made by the Advisory Committee based on public comments.

The meetings will be conducted in a similar fashion to the last 2 meetings. Anyone who wishes to speak will get 3 minutes each prior to the review by the Advisory Committee.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Jeff

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From: Dan Church <wdanchurch@aol.com>
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To: OBrien, Jeff; Liu, Emily
Subject: Re: Advisory Committee Update

Jeff and Emily:

Sorry I was unable to attend the Tuesday Mobility meeting, following it's deferral on Monday. I had another meeting last night.

Mobility Policy Listing:

I do not have detailed revisions for the Mobility Policy outline, or individual policies. I believe they are comprehensive and well organized. I did wish to comment on policy priorities in the context of the "Big Picture", that is, preparing the Comprehensive Plan to guide growth and development in a desired future pattern of relationships, that serves Metro's physical, social and economic aspirations.

Mobility Policy Purposes and Priorities:

As a point of view, I feel "all policies are not created equal". Each stated policy serves particular and varying purposes in a continuum from "site design review, engineering function and evaluations, to envisioning a future for a range of livability issues, from the street and neighborhood scale to that of the entire Metro area.

Some stated policies however stand out as being instrumental in directing or influencing growth and urban form. I feel these concepts deserve priority attention during Comprehensive Plan Formulation Stages". Those that are notable include Goal 1, Policies 4 and 5 on densities and transit centers; Goal 3, Policies 1 to 4 on Land Use and Transportation. It is these that will ultimately serve purposes beyond the mediation of short-term and local development impacts to help us imagine long range change and a visionary future for the Metro area. As we know, It is a planning axiom that transportation drives Land Use, and Land Use relationships effect livability, social and economic viability and opportunity.

Planning Visualization - Testing Priorities and Outcomes:

To visualize the future I feel there is true value in examining and testing the policies for physical outcomes and community development patterns. It is important to visualize and evaluate options at the plan making stage for feedback to the policies. A physical, graphic mapping and visualization process is useful to interpret and debate the implications of future physical relationships to achieve social and economic aspirations.

Possibly such a stage is yet to come. It has not been clear to me what the entire Comp update plan process includes, or the ultimate product of the Comp Plan updated document will be, beyond the Policy development stage. If appropriate I

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would like to talk to you about that briefly at some point for my own clarification.

If this is addressed on your website please refer me to the applicable discussion.

Advisory Committee Policy Review:

Part of the reason I expressed my interest above on selected priority policies and focused on the visualization of Plan options is that I sensed at Monday's Livability

discussions that there seemed to be a focus on policy wording for purposes of interpretation and for their application most particularly within the development review process. I did not hear as much on their support of Goals, or for the development of a long-range plan. Possibly I have overlooked the background work on these topics, and a bit behind the curve. If there is more presented on the Comprehensive Plan process online, would you kindly direct me to it?

Thanks for your efforts and leadership. This is an important opportunity for the community to Plan the future, and great interest has been exhibited by attendees. Let me know if you wish to discuss any of this casually, Planner to Planner. I am open to dropping in your offices at your convenience.

Thanks for your time,

Dan

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From: OBrien, Jeff <Jeff.OBrien@louisvilleky.gov>

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Sent: Tue, Nov 14, 2017 10:55 am

Subject: Advisory Committee Update

Good morning all -

Just a reminder the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee will meet again tonight.

The meeting

starts at 6 pm and take place at Memorial Auditorium (970 S 4th St).

The order of tonight's meeting will be as follows:

1. Livability and Environment (continued discussion from last night)

2. Mobility

Due to an illness, we will not discuss Housing. I anticipate an additional meeting to discuss the Housing policies.

The policies for tonight's meeting are attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Jeff

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From: Bike Courier Bike Shop <bikecourierbikeshops@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 1:04 PM
To: OBrien, Jeff; Cliff Ashburner; Liu, Emily
Subject: Last night - Mobility

Greetings, Jeff, Cliff, Emily,

Last night's format change caught me off balance as I anticipated a repetition of public comment following rather than preceding committee discussion. Nevertheless, happy to offer comment.

I liked the committee member's suggestion to drop references to Complete Streets (of which I am not a big fan), Vision Zero and Road Zero as those programs will expire outside of our control. Better to express zero road fatalities as a goal. We know Louisville set records in traffic and pedestrian fatalities in 2016 and is on course to repeat the act. Road to Zero
<https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/us-dot-national-safety-council-launch-road-zero-coalition-end-roadway-fatalities>

Page 2 - We are designing failure into public transit (PT) by the same means that countless businesses, empires and military ventures have failed. We are stretching PT too thin, demanding too much from too little. PT should service a geography in which it can thrive, a geography in which PT users can live without cars. That geography is smaller in area, it does not include suburbia and exurbia. If companies insist on locating in exurbia, why should we sacrifice PT to their poor choices. Let them vanpool their employees out there.
Page 3, # 3, Sub Streets - encourages future destruction of green space.
Page 4, # 14 - results in increased speeds. Urban streets need slower speeds.
Page 4 # 16 , penultimate bullet - The phrase "...buffer pedestrians from traffic" puts pedestrians outside the realm of traffic. This happens to cyclists all the time (bikes hold up traffic, no, we are traffic). I await the day we refer to streets (like sidewalks, alleys, parks) as the commons. Then pedestrians, motor vehicles, cyclists, perambulators, etc are users. The phrase "...buffer pedestrians from traffic" does not name the problem (motor vehicles and speed). Name the monster.
Page 4 #18 - Mill creek burns coal, Cane Run burns natural gas. Vehicles powered by

electricity

in KY are not clean-fuel technologies. We need to reject the specious marketing.

Lastly, the urban commons needs very little, if any more infrastructure. Urban traffic just needs calmed (slowed). We have enough asphalt already. We need to reduce the number of urban motor vehicles, increase the frequency of urban PT, slow down, and share. We can do this at the cost of restriping streets resulting in owners of surface parking lots redeveloping that area to a higher use.

Again, thanks. Per usual, a response of under ten words is very acceptable.

Grateful.

Jackie Green

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BartlettComments_17-1117.txt

From: Andrew Kang Bartlett <Andrew.KangBartlett@pcusa.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:30 PM
To: OBrien, Jeff
Cc: theneurotrust@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Comp Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Reminder
Attachments: Livability_RevDRAFTPolicies_17-1002.pdf

Hello Jeff,

I just took a look at the Livability Plan draft I have two comments. The second one may be planned for the tree canopy standards, but I was concerned that those standards be made in such a way to increase the canopy, and to require developers and road construction to bear the burden.

The first one seems to be a major gap. Hopefully it is not too late to point it out.

How land is cultivated (from gardens and urban farms, to peri-urban farms and pasture-land) has a large impact on the amount of CO2 captured in the soil or emitted into the atmosphere - which of course reduces or increases climate change. Agroecological farming -- especially no-till, incorporation of compost, and year-round cover cropping -- methods should be encouraged throughout the region.

The second is in regards to GOAL one # 39, which currently reads --
39. Tree Canopy. Require tree preservation best management practices during land development and construction activities. Update the Land Development Code to include standards that increase the city-wide minimum tree canopy coverage to 45% that is equitably distributed either by planting new trees and/or preserving existing trees.

In the standards, the developer - including for road construction - should plant a sufficient number of trees to increase the canopy. For example, if a large maple is cut, many smaller trees would need to be planted in order to increase the tree canopy in the present moment.

Is this how the LDC standards will be changed? Also, it seemed like if you destroyed less than 20% of the canopy, you wouldn't need to replace the trees. If so, that should be changed to perhaps 5% or 0.

Thanks,
andrew

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From: OBrien, Jeff <Jeff.OBrien@louisvilleky.gov>
Date: Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 10:56 AM
Subject: Comp Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Reminder
To: "OBrien, Jeff" <Jeff.OBrien@louisvilleky.gov>

Hello all -

There are 2 Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee meetings scheduled for next week -
Monday

(11/13) and Tuesday (11/14). Please note that Tuesday's meeting should be
considered "if

necessary". Both meetings start at 6:00 pm and will be held at Louisville Memorial
Auditorium (970 S
4th Street).

The agendas and policies that will be reviewed are attached.

In an effort to improve the review process at the Advisory Committee meetings, the
members of the
public will be given an opportunity to provide comments prior to the review each
element's draft

policies. Each member of the public will be given 3 minutes to provide comments to
the Advisory

Committee. After all members of the public have completed their comments, the
Advisory Committee

will begin its review of the policies.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jeff

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2015 West Louisville Connector

Co-Founder, Co-Chair of Kentucky Alliance for Youth Development Board of Advisers

Chair of the Communication Committee with the Poor People's Economic Rights Campaign

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LeslieComment_17-1102.txt

From: Monica Leslie <theneurotrust@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 7:51 PM
To: OBrien, Jeff
Subject: Re: Upcoming Comprehensive Plan Meetings

Hi Jeff,

As requested, I've included my comments regarding concerns to the revisions made to the Community Form work group documentation (during the advisory committee session held Monday, October 16).

The comments are as follows:

Goal 1

Section E.4

I wouldn't recommend removing the language:

"especially where residents will be displaced"

or

"Evaluation of impacts should include displacement of residents, loss of affordable housing units."

without consulting the work group and West End community leadership.

The arguments made for this revision citing "balance" would be met with friction from many West Louisville residents and advocates who worked to include the language and were not represented to explain their reasoning or to defend the changes. If concerns are made concerning language redundancy, I believe the term 'gentrification' was proposed by one of the advisory council members as a suitable alternative.

Section E.12

Would the issue raised by Mr. Fenwick regarding predatory signs be better addressed in a neighborhood plan?

You didn't permit discussion on the topic, so I'd be curious to know why the topic was shut down so quickly given concerns that have been raised by local residents and organizations regarding the health equity implications and federal research surrounding how advertising and proximity to addictive substances contribute to higher addiction rates in low income neighborhoods.

I suspect that many West Louisville residents and advocates might want input regarding the inclusion/omission of this language but were not adequately represented to deliberate upon the requested changes.

Note: This would have more than likely been addressed in the marketplace group, along with just workforce development initiatives, had those meetings been more accessible to the greater community.

Section E.14

I wouldn't recommend removing the language:

"Ensure disadvantaged populations are not disproportionately impacted."

without consulting the work group and West End community leadership.

The argument made for this revision citing "redundancy" would be met with friction from many West Louisville residents and advocates who worked to include the language and were not represented to explain their reasoning or to defend the changes.

Section E.23

Why was this changed?

I wouldn't recommend removing the language:

To encourage reinvestment in former redlined areas, as identified in Redlining Louisville, consider regulatory and other development incentives.

without consulting the workgroup and West End community leadership.

The city has invested quite a few resources to verify the data surrounding the topic of redlining. The community form work group would not have added this item if they did not believe a commitment to prescriptive remedies were both possible and necessary for our community's future.

I have a notation listed which indicates that a recommendation to include redlining assessments were vetoed. I suspect that many West Louisville residents and advocates might want input regarding the inclusion/omission of this language but were not adequately represented to deliberate upon the requested changes.

Goal 3

Section 2

I have a notation listed that shows that a request by an advisory committee member to add language to include the word 'accessibility' was vetoed.

I found that surprising given Louisville's residential demographics and the barriers to entry they experience.

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I would recommend opening this topic for public discussion.

Section 8

I wouldn't recommend removing the language:

"conservation easements"

without consulting the work group. Given the amount of investment the city makes toward tree canopy replacement, it would be wise to include those who worked to include the language in the discussion.

I have a notation listed that debate occurred over whether removal of this language would affect assurance of follow through and it appeared that the developers in the room argued to prioritize initiatives that would bring an increase in land value but those who drafted the language were not represented to explain their reasoning behind this addition or to defend their changes.

This is what I have from that meeting. If you have a copy of the remaining revisions from October 24, I can check with the constituents I report to and follow up with any red flags if any are brought to my attention.

Thanks for your patience.

Monica Leslie

On Wed, Oct 25, 2017 at 3:09 PM, OBrien, Jeff <Jeff.OBrien@louisvilleky.gov> wrote:
Hi Monica -

Please send your comments. The committee finished their review of most of Community Form except for an issue around Conservation Form Districts which will come back up at the end of the Advisory Committee process. They also completed their review of Marketplace last night. They did not get to Housing. That along with Livability and Mobility are the remaining sections.

Jeff

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From: Monica Leslie [mailto:theneurotrust@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 3:25 PM
To: OBrien, Jeff
Subject: Re: Upcoming Comprehensive Plan Meetings

Hi Jeff,

I will be unable to attend this evening, but can send you my list of specifics by the end of the week if needed.

Would that feedback be a bit moot at this point?

Monica

On Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 4:49 PM, OBrien, Jeff <Jeff.OBrien@louisvilleky.gov> wrote:
Monica -

We do not have an official guide that details a process for the Advisory Committee to use while it reviews the input from the work groups. Their charge is to prepare and recommend a draft update to the comprehensive plan for the Planning Commission to consider. The Advisory Committee was able to establish Work Groups to facilitate this task and use the input from the Work Groups to craft a final draft.

As I explained to all the work groups, the Committee can make adjustments to the language. For the most part, the changes have been minimal and, in most cases, have added to the work groups' input.

As you witnessed last week, the Committee is open to additional comments from the public. Several improvements were made based on those comments. While the proceedings were informal last week, I believe they allowed for a discussion among the Committee and the public. I expect that things will be a little more formal going forward so it will be more clear when the public has an opportunity to

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comment.

If there are changes you would like to make at future meetings, I would be as specific as possible when commenting. I thought Cathy Hinko was very successful with a couple of specific changes she suggested to the compatibility policies (which I think are improvements to the plan).

I hope that explanation helps. Feel free to contact me if you have other questions or comments.

Thank you,

Jeff

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From: Monica Leslie [mailto:theneurotrust@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 8:21 PM
To: OBrien, Jeff
Subject: Re: Upcoming Comprehensive Plan Meetings

Hi Jeff,

Do you have a guide that explains the advisory committee governance process?

I was operating under the false assumption that the meeting would be more formal. I didn't comment because I wasn't certain whether I'm permitted as someone without a seat on the advisory group and the agenda didn't indicate a space for public comment, as we've seen with similar sessions.

In my experience the role of the policy meeting facilitator is to collect feedback on questions participants may have about the information and record a vote if there are topics which don't have consensus.

I realized, however, that when Cliff began advocating to remove language that the community

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submitted regarding displacement, gentrification, air quality, and accessibility, that some of the content which Cliff described as 'more balanced' or would 'make it more flexible for him to do his job with developers' prioritized the needs of one subset of Louisville's population over the contributions of the incredibly diverse community and workgroups who turned out to draft that language. I was a bit surprised that you participated in affirming those edits rather than simply noting the lack of consensus, which might be useful information for the planning commission.

As a UX researcher, it's my understanding that this unconventional execution of protocol would corrupt the data integrity of the validation (or evidence collection) process. So it would be helpful for me to have a better understanding of how you define the scope of the evidence you referenced and the use case.

Did I misunderstand you when you shared that the purpose of this process was to collect evidence of community input to present to the planning commission? Will the planning commission be presented with the unedited community drafts in addition to the edits made by the advisory board to see how the developer priorities differ from the language the community drafted?

Given that many of the community-centered language was pushed toward the programmatic section of the document, it raised a red flag for me that 2 hours in, when folks were foggy and struggling to stick out the session, that Cliff broke the original pattern of collecting consensus as a facilitator to begin making his own edits to what many in the community felt were necessary protections to ensure equitable inclusion or enforce accountability in the document.

I think we saw some of the push-back on that when advisory members began to ask whether these amendments impacted the ability to enforce protections like the policy regarding the use of conservation easements, or requiring new developments consider the impact of things like air quality or displacement in neighborhoods that have been historically disadvantaged. I think a lot of this activity also drove the

conversation
surround the recommended gentrification provisions.

During our meeting last week, the moderators suggested that this 'aspirational' document would be eventually submitted as evidence of community input.

But from what I witnessed, it frankly appeared as if the 2 gents responsible for facilitating the discussion for evidence collection purposes began to strip community input regarding health equity protections to push for developers' a profit motive. I

understand that ideologically there may be reasons for that, but I know that the unilateral removal of any accountability mechanisms which makes the planning process

less equitable or democratic signals a lack of transparency and that it undermines what they assumed to be a democratic process.

To any community member who expected to observe a democratic process, what happened Monday night communicated that this process was designed to create the optics of inclusion, but that the evidence submitted to the planning commission would ultimately reflect developers interests.

Given that less than 6 people of color, and approximately 3 people under 40 were in a room when decisions were made to remove what many of the folks who contributed believed to be mechanisms for equitable inclusion, the current process creates concerns that the outcome of the revisions made Monday evening will impact the health of a community, which was not adequately represented when their contributions were discarded per the recommendation of the facilitators they assumed who conduct a neutral process of evidence collection.

Furthermore, because the community who drafted these policies won't be provided sufficient opportunity to defend their contributions, it creates concerns that the process we saw executed Monday evening will not only erase meaningful contributions which reflect key concerns presented by this community over the past year, it also removes an important mechanism for equitable participation and inclusion which will impact the residents who didn't feel adequately represented in the process in ways that will effect Louisville residents for the next 20 years.

I can understand your clarify your intent and explain how the process was designed in the event that I just happen to be working with a mental map that may inhibit my

ability

to make an informed assessment about what I witnessed.

If, however, my understanding of the behavior I saw displayed Monday evening was in fact misguided, I would be happy to learn more about what kind of process I should anticipate throughout the remaining stages of this planning process.

It is my hope that your any clarification you can provide might clear up any confusion on my part about about how this process functions . This will also provide me with the opportunity to clarify these expectations when I report my finding back to my colleagues and constituents.

Monica Leslie

On Oct 19, 2017 1:56 PM, "OBrien, Jeff" <Jeff.OBrien@louisvilleky.gov> wrote:

Hello all -

There will be a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee meeting next Tuesday (10/24) at 6:00 pm at Memorial Auditorium (970 S 4th Street). The agenda and the policies for the meeting are attached.

There are two additional Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee meetings scheduled for November 13 and 14. Both meetings will start at 6 pm and take place at Memorial Auditorium (970 S 4th St).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Jeff

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WatersComments_17-1024.txt

From: Bilitski, Deborah
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 6:50 PM
To: OBrien, Jeff; Baker, Kendal
Subject: FW: Comp plan and Neighborhood plans
Attachments: RECOMMENDED TEXT FOR INCORPORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS....docx

Let's get together for a few minutes to discuss when time permits - please find 10 min with me when you're available in the next few days. Thanks!

From: Bilitski, Deborah
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 6:49 PM
To: 'Daniel Waters'; Baker, Kendal
Subject: RE: Comp plan and Neighborhood plans

Thanks Daniel, we will review your proposed language and get back to you.

From: Daniel Waters [mailto:danielholderwaters@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:03 AM
To: Bilitski, Deborah; Baker, Kendal
Subject: Comp plan and Neighborhood plans

Hey Deborah and Ken,

I'd like to follow up after the Tuesday evening comprehensive plan meeting. First, I would like to reiterate that my comments and recommended language are not a commentary on how the process has been carried out in the past.

The proposed language for the comprehensive plan intended to codify and strengthen the community involvement aspects to the creation and maintenance of a neighborhood plan that we believe are important. As I see it now, the current language of the comp plan is too vague on these matters.

I would love any feedback on how to have a continued influence in the neighborhood planning process and the comprehensive planning process as well.

Attached is the language I submitted for the Community Form

In all respect,
Daniel

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July 21, 2017

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RE: Comments on Comprehensive Plan 2040 DRAFT goals and objectives

Dear Jeff:

We have reviewed the 12 pages of goals and objectives for the upcoming 2040 Comprehensive Plan and offer the following comments, questions or concerns on behalf of the Airport Authority and the Renaissance Zone Corporation.

Community Facilities

We feel a definition of community facilities should be provided. For instance, does it only include publicly owned facilities and buildings? Are retail facilities included? Are public and private schools included? What about restricted special purpose areas such as sewer plants, water treatment plants, airfields, vehicle repair garages, etc. ?

Community Form

How would Metro envision "encouraging" infill development over suburban green field development?

Can overlay zoning be included in the ORD to provide for aviation/airport compatible land use, and where can that best be accomplished in the plan?

Could this overlay zoning include both environmentally compatible land use around airports as well as requirements for FAA and state airspace reviews?

What incentive methods would Metro envision for high density residential development? Can overlay zoning be used to prohibit this type of development around incompatible public facilities and industrial sites?

How would Metro envision “infusing” art into private development and what type of land use developments would require “art infusion” and what type would be exempt?

What would be the criteria for establishing “cultural” districts, how would they be defined and what type of protections would be considered? How would conflicts between incompatible land uses be mitigated and how would public and private facilities be protected from encroachment from cultural districts?

Housing

Can sound insulation building requirements be incorporated into new housing developments that would fall under an aviation/airport overlay zoning scheme?

Could this fall under “mitigation of environmental risks” for new housing stock including housing for educational institution use?

Livability and Environment

See earlier overlay comments.

On tree canopy preservation, we would recommend language that rationalizes this goal and conditions upon areas where the canopy can be preserved without affecting a facility’s safety, functionality, primary purpose or other potential use conflicts.

Marketplace

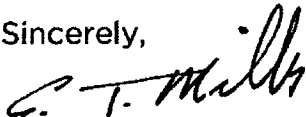
No comments

Mobility

Ad a goal to “encourage the preservation and development of major freight and commerce routes to and from major commercial centers and transportation hubs as well as routes into and out of Jefferson County to support regional growth and economic vitality.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments. These comments incorporate information you provided to Karen Scott earlier.

Sincerely,



C.T. Skip Miller, A.A.E.
Executive Director

Haberman, Joseph E

From: Liu, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:51 AM
To: OBrien, Jeff; Haberman, Joseph E
Subject: FW: whitney maddox

FYI

Thanks!
Emily

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From: Liu, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Mays, Marcia
Cc: Brosko, Margaret A
Subject: RE: whitney maddox

Thank you, Marcia. This looks like a comment on policies in general. I will forward it to the Comp Plan team.

Thanks!
Emily

From: Mays, Marcia
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Liu, Emily
Cc: Brosko, Margaret A
Subject: whitney maddox

Caller is against any rezoning that leads to new apartments. She resides downtown but wants no development in NewBurg.

Haberman, Joseph E

From: Clarence Hixson <budhix@iglou.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 6:34 PM
To: Greg Zahradnik
Cc: Tim Darst; OBrien, Jeff
Subject: Fwd: Comprehensive Plan - March 7 meeting
Attachments: last minutes.pdf; goalcomments_17-0124.pdf

Begin forwarded message:

From: Clarence Hixson <budhix@iglou.com>
Subject: Re: Comprehensive Plan - March 7 meeting
Date: March 6, 2017 at 6:31:05 PM EST
To: NPPKentuckiana <nppkentuckiana@gmail.com>
Cc: David Coyte <dvdct2@gmail.com>, "rpschneider@netzero.net Schneider" <rpschneider@netzero.net>, milesmilesmiles1991 <milesmilesmiles1991@gmail.com>, milesmilesmiles1959@gmail.com, michael brooks <michaelbrooks10@aol.com>, cassia herron <cassia.herron@gmail.com>

Martina—

Thanks for drawing attention to the Mobility Group—their minutes can be viewed here:

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/planning-design/mobility-work-group>

I don't think they are going to do or announce anything that amounts to a revolution in local transportation policy, or even small baby steps that amount to actual projects. They appear to be a complete waste of time and another reason that our corrupted government is irrelevant.

Emily Liu, Work Group team leader and Director of Planning & Design Services, opened the last meeting.

The goals and objectives sound like they were written by zombies that flunked kindergarten. They strive to be so vague and bland that they neither set firm goals and dates to achieve anything nor specify credible means to get there. Its not like these same transportation GOALS haven't been repeated prayerfully by citizen volunteers for the last 23 years.

Example: **"Goal: Implement a multi-modal transportation system that provides opportunities and economic growth."**

Implement when? What counts as multi-modal ? Opportunities for rich investors? Growth for the top 1% ?

This is the same "Cornerstone 2020" bait and switch scheme the city has been playing since 1994. Thats 23 years ago we first started asking for a 'multi-modal' transportation system. Since then

- \$ 10.5 billion in toll fees has been dedicated to concrete bridges and highways for gas guzzling cars
- TARC has been deliberately starved and kept below 2% of commuting public

- **Bicycling has seen a lot of spending for lanes but very small increase in commuting share**
- **The link between Asthma Epidemic and vehicle emissions ignored—no policy action**
- **The health threat of ultrafine particulates from vehicle combustion ignored—no policy action**
- **Two Bus Rapid Transit lines using dirty diesel buses are planned**
 --won't have dedicated lanes and
 --won't attract significant new commuter ridership.
- **IPCC goals for transportation ignored in Louisville and no policy to reduce combustion in Metro —**
 --through passing carbon tax,
 --congestion tax,
 — tax abatements on electric vehicle

The Comprehensive Plans never turn into regulation and incentives that build public transit or reduce substantial numbers of polluting cars.

All of the Comprehensive Plan text carefully avoids making critical statements about automobile commuting.

Nowhere does any Metro discussion identify automobile emissions as toxic and as causing lots of illness and deaths.

for example look at the weasel words in Goal number 2--

Goal: Develop, build and sustain an efficient, safe transportation system.

Comments:

- Agree health outcomes should be an objective.
- Isn't this about infrastructure
- Add: "that promotes positive health outcomes and positive environmental outcomes"

Climate Change and Air Pollution illness are setting the actual goals for the Metro Transportation system

But,

Louisville Forwards job to see that the public is kept calm and purchasing new automobiles on credit and buying thousands of gallons of gasoline per day.

Louisville Forward is wasting time instead of actually proposing the next generation systems we need.

1. Louisville transportation system needs to plan for rapid de-carbonization. IPCC Climate Change goals demand reduction by 80% of carbon emissions from transportation to avoid exceeding 2 degrees celcius above historic average global surface temperature.

2. Private car buyers will not convert to electric vehicles quickly enough to avoid exceeding 2 degrees.

3. Louisville must provide a low or no carbon public commuting system if we want to continue to commute 60-70,000 people each workday from the suburbs to Downtown.

4. The Toll agreement has to be re-negotiated to provide for less financing cost and to dedicate a percentage to toll revenue to funding electric light rail transit for commuters.

5.
TARC would need \$ 26 million each year to replace all of its diesel buses in 10 years. Plus these 230 buses are only carrying 2 % of the commuting public. The TARC system needs to link to commuter rail designed to take 80% of cars off the road. This is politically unacceptable to FORD.

Looks like All Electric buses cost \$ 1,180,000 each

Replacement of TARC's fleet of 230 buses with all electric would be about \$ 272 million project—round off to \$ 300 million.

TARC gets \$ 50 million in Occupational tax per year and the balance of \$ 30 million funding from state and federal grants. Only 10 buses are all electric now so would have to replace 220 diesel buses. To do it in 10 years you would have to replace 22 diesel buses per year at a cost of

\$ 26 million new TARC budget dollars per year

Louisville Forward needs to find new revenues of \$ 26 million per year for TARC and that they be dedicated to All electric replacement bus procurement.

22 buses would save an estimated \$ 550,000 in diesel fuel.

TARC has targeted an increase in the occupational tax — from .2% to .4% of every dollar earned — could generate approximately **\$40 million annually** in local revenue dedicated to transit. Louisville Forward isn't even giving TARC the minimum it needs to expand or de-carbonize.

The Comprehensive Plan is political theater leading to nothing and we have to abandon zombie-like participation in Metro's illusionary process.

Bud

Metro analyzed downtown in its Connectin Kentuckiana

All of the high density employment areas and major employers are either directly on a public transit route or less than 0.25 miles from the closest transit stop, within accepted walking distance. Because TARC also offers bicycle racks on its buses, one may utilize public transit and complete their trip via bicycle. As stated earlier, there is a growing network of dedicated bicycle facilities within this TAD, such as on portions of Main Street and Market Street; however, most of the streets and roadways lack dedicated bicycle facilities. There is also the waterfront portion of the Louisville Loop at the northern end of the TAD that provides pedestrians and cyclists an additional way to connect with the TAD from both inside and outside of it. The frequency of sidewalks allows pedestrians to reach their workplace destinations as well as connect with other modes for the same purpose. There are some issues with sidewalks within the TAD as stated in the above community amenities section, and there are additional geographic areas within the TAD where there are gaps or where the lack of maintenance has taken its toll on a portion of the pedestrian network, creating gaps. Vehicular access appears to be adequate with the exception of high crash locations and current and forecast LOS. The grid network of surface streets provides a high level of connectivity, otherwise. With over 80,000 jobs in the TAD and fewer than 20,000 residents, the majority of people traveling to work in this TAD are **traveling from outside of it to get to work**. Unless mitigating measures are taken, congestion levels will worsen.

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"Plato's Socrates had claimed in his Apology that he was the wisest of men, not because he was so wise but because his fellow men were so stupid, especially those who were considered the wisest—for they thought they knew what in fact they did not know."

Editor's Introduction to *Ecce Homo*, Walter Kaufmann, *Basic Writings of Nietzsche*, Modern Library 1992

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Haberman, Joseph E

From: Lisa Tobe <lisatobe.consulting@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 11:40 AM
To: OBrien, Jeff
Subject: RE: Next Week's Comprehensive Plan Meetings

What does community form do?

- I'm interested in discussing codes related to the requirements to mow lawns. I'd think that we would want to review that as it applies to the whole county and in the context of pollution control. The current regulations do very little to recognize large parcels (1 acre plus) and current models that address mowing and pollution. It's a complete disconnect from the city's efforts to reduce pollution.
- In addition, I'm really interested in commenting on the canopy requirement for new construction. I believe that needs to be higher.
- I live on the far edge of the city in the east. Our roads need to be wider to accommodate the large number of bikers that are out here. We also need out roads equipped with reflective dividers so that we can see when it's raining.
- Finally, I think we need to look harder at when we give exceptions to companies about typical requirements such as sidewalks, because of the argument that it would not connect to anything – maybe not right now, but that's the whole idea right – that it would eventually.

How would I get this types of comment and considerations included? Thanks so much for your time.

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Housing Work Group – Thursday (2/16), 6pm – Edison Center (701 W Ormsby)

Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to continuing our work to update Louisville Metro's comprehensive plan.

Thank you!

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To: OBrien, Jeff
Cc: Hughes, Susan; Lockett, Daniel R
Subject: RE: Next Week's Comprehensive Plan Meetings

Hi Jeff -- I am unable to attend the housing group meeting on Thursday but would like a note for them to be put into the record. As we look at housing throughout our community and the need for affordable housing we also must not forget those families that may be moving out of their first home because they are growing but they can not afford a \$250k house. We need affordable and moderate housing throughout our community so people have the option of living close to work or family if that is their wish. So as areas are developed or redeveloped it would be nice to have a wide range of housing options available to residents.

Also -- not sure if this falls under housing - but as we look at our community and the large supply of housing in the urban services district that is underutilized we have to ask if we are doing all we can for these areas. The bones of these homes are typically much better than new construction and the connectivity is usually good in the urban area. Are we investing properly in our parks, attractive bus stops, attracting and retaining businesses, repairing sidewalks, paving streets, etc... Housing is more than new construction - it is also revitalizing are established neighborhoods.

Thanks - Marianne

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To: Milliken, Gretchen P; King, Michael M; OBrien, Jeff; Baker, Kendal; Haberman, Joseph E
Subject: RE: from Glenn Price re Community Form

Gretchen, Mike, Jeff, Ken and Joe,

How about this to address the “Built Environment” Goal we discussed at our last meeting at the California Community Center:

“Support growth at multi-modal centers and corridors and at locations where infrastructure adequate to serve the proposed growth presently exists or will be in place at the time growth occurs.”

I’m looking for a straightforward way to state, essentially, that growth is appropriate where adequate infrastructure will exist to serve it.

We may need an additional Goal or an Objective that doesn’t call for growth everywhere. One gentleman at my table said, “Can’t we have some areas where we are just not going to develop?” I don’t have a good answer to that question. Obviously, we should. But, we should have standards for designating those areas that shouldn’t be developed. Such as 100-feet either side of a stream, land with steep slopes, developments without an adequate roadway network, etc.

I will miss our next Community Form meeting....will be on vacation. So, don't do too much damage til I return! ☺

Best!

Glenn

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Subject: RE: from Glenn Price

Glenn,

I'm booked all afternoon, but if you have some time on your hands, I think you should keep working on your idea and send it over when you feel you've captured the essence of the idea. We can rework it from our side and see where we land. Team here is prepping for Mobility workgroup so they are unable to swing by but I'm copying them so they're looped in.

Love your enthusiasm and engagement, keep it going, we're not even half way yet!

Gretchen

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Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:51 AM

To: Milliken, Gretchen P

Subject: RE: from Glenn Price

Gretchen,

OK, great. Here's an idea: I don't have any appointments today....plenty of stuff to get accomplished but no appointments. So, I'm a bit flexible.

I bet we could knock this out in about 30 minutes. Not sure exactly where to begin but once we begin I think we could quickly knock it out. Would you or someone on your staff like to get together? If so, tell me what I might read up on in advance and I can come over. I'm a block away.

Maybe something like "Support growth at multi-modal centers and corridors and at locations where infrastructure adequate to serve the proposed growth presently exists or will be in place at the time growth occurs" ?

I know that idea is incomplete. It does not address land that, for one reason or another, should not be developed (at my table a gentleman asked "Shouldn't we have a guideline that says there are certain lands that should be left just as they are?" Not sure how to incorporate that idea into the plan, but it depends upon whether we are looking for a "consensus plan" or a plan that identifies the future growth areas.

Thank you!

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Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 10:47 PM
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Subject: Re: from Glenn Price

Glen,

I'm more than happy to let you have a go at this. I completely agree, we're missing something and whether it's another goal or added objectives, we need to take a stab at figuring out how to incorporate the 'other' development. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Best,
Gretchen

On Feb 2, 2017, at 11:50, Price, Glenn <gaprice@fbtlaw.com> wrote:

Gretchen,

Another enjoyable evening last night....thank you and your staff of great planners!

I would like to volunteer to assist you or your assistants to draft something on the “Built Environment” issue that I unfortunately may have instigated last evening, i.e., concerning whether ‘Support growth at multi-modal centers and corridors’ would prevent growth where a site is not located at a multi-modal center or corridor, bringing up all the underlying density and related issues.

Sounds like an additional Goal or one or 2 Objectives might fix the situation. So, if you need assistance I would be pleased to help.....although I am leaving for vacation next Thursday! 😊 But I could tinker with it on vacation, too.

Best!

Glenn

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Haberman, Joseph E

From: Fleischaker, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 8:24 AM
To: John Talbott
Cc: OBrien, Jeff; Baker, Kendal; Haberman, Joseph E
Subject: RE: Next Marketplace meeting

Thank you John! I will make sure these thoughts are captured... and I don't think I can move the meeting. Unfortunately, we are squeezing ours in among all the other workgroups and there are a lot.

Thank you for your energy and for participating.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Fleischaker, Rebecca
Subject: Re: Next Marketplace meeting

Dear Rebecca, I will be unable to attend this meeting, unfortunately. I would love you to move it a few days later, but don't expect you will be able to.

With that said, there were two important points our group discussed today on the objectives, and I am not certain they were put in, or clearly set forth with all the objectives to go through and the limited time, so I thought I might bring them to your attention.

One concerned the access for transportation of goods and services. The word used was "multi modal" I believe. I thought this term was a little vague. The current objective mentions highways, air, water, and rail transportation, which probably should continue to be included. However, one distinct change from 20 years ago is the movement of goods and services electronically. As such, we thought that including an express reference to "*high speed data transfer*" should also be included in this goal for the movement of goods and services for current Objective B1.2. Arguably, "telecommunications" is included in B1.4, but that section emphasizes more structural necessities, rather than its needs for goods and services, and is further limited by the perhaps antiquated term.

Another one was section B1.3, linking population centers with transportation facilities, which is no question important. However, we thought mixed use of land should also be emphasized, which is a more recently recognized need, in order to put people close to the homes, business, and needs they would have, thereby reducing the demands on more infrastructure.

Thanks for your work and efforts!

Sincerely,



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Subject: Next Marketplace meeting

Please save the date ... Tuesday, Feb. 14, 4-5:30 at the Edison Center.

Thanks!

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To: Milliken, Gretchen P; Haberman, Joseph E; Baker, Kendal
Cc: OBrien, Jeff; Noble, Jeffrey T; Liu, Emily
Subject: Comp Plan Community Form Work Group- Equity goal

You said I should write a goal for Community Form that highlighted equity. I went farther. Community Form needs to be the area most responsive to the way technologies and growth happens. There will always be tension between growth/change and preservation, and this is a sign of a healthy neighborhood as stagnation is not good for Louisville. So mediating that tension is the goal of Community Form, rather than protecting areas as they fossilize.

I also made the goal short if you take out what is in parenthesis.

Ensure economic diversity in all areas of Louisville while preserving distinct neighborhood character by using principles of resilience (such as dense use and open areas, reuse of already developed parcels, renewable resources , accessibility and a healthy environment)as growth and new technologies redefine development (job centers, housing options for all, efficient transit and access to amenities).

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From: Probus, Kelly [mailto:Kelly.Probus@louisvilleky.gov] **On Behalf Of** Milliken, Gretchen P
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:56 PM
Subject: Comp Plan Community Form Work Group

Thank you for your continued involvement in the comprehensive plan process. The next meeting of the community form work group will be **Wednesday, February 1st from 6:00 to 7:30 at the California Community Center, 1600 West Saint Catherine Street: Louisville, KY 40210.** This meeting will be centered around the continued refinement of our goals and drafting of our objectives.

Attached are the objectives guide sheet with the CHASE principles and comments we received at the last meeting regarding the goals. Additionally, the website should be up to date with all pertinent information <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/planning-design/community-form-work-group>.

Please let us know if you have any questions/concerns and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Gretchen Milliken, Director



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Haberman, Joseph E

From: Bike Courier Bike Shop <bikecourierbikeshops@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:05 PM
To: OBrien, Jeff
Subject: CompPlan

Hi, Jeff.

Productive meeting last night.

Is the consultant's work available online?

The consultant's findings (below) have very significant implications for Louisville.

Findings:

- Highest priority when deciding where to live - Quality of the Environment and Access to Sidewalks
- Least satisfying aspect of transportation - Ease of bicycling along major streets, Ease of walking along major streets, quality of public transit
- Percentage of residents who agree with the statement "I would like to live in a place where I did not need a private vehicle."
 - East Louisville residents - 55%
 - Central Louisville residents - 47%
 - West Louisville residents - 51%
 - Residents of surrounding counties - 31%

When 31% of the residents of the surrounding counties want to be able to live without a personal vehicle, Louisville should respond. Over ten years ago another consulting firm hired by Louisville reported that we must make it possible for citizens to live easily without a personal vehicle. And cities around the world are limiting car access downtown. If Louisville is to be competitive in attracting residents and businesses we should act immediately by simultaneously:

- concentrating TARC service in the area where it will be most possible to live easily without a car, downtown and surrounding old neighborhoods. 'Beyond the Watterson' is hopelessly car dependent, that is a battle we are not going to win soon. As ridership increases centrally, extend the service in concentric rings.
- repairing sidewalks working from downtown outward
- converting downtown streets to two way
- creating dedicate lanes (for TARC, EMS, LMPD & fire)
- giving right-of-way to TARC, EMS, LMPD & fire at intersections
- limiting cars downtown (take the cold turkey outright ban approach or have every intersection light blink only as a yellow caution - watch car traffic slow as buses whip past and bicycles filter thru) (taming traffic eliminates the need for 'bike lanes / debris fields / door zones / the reservation').

The sidewalk detail and re-striping are the only steps requiring any engineering, design and rebuilding. These steps, with no coercion by the city, will be followed by the willing conversion of surface parking lots, from downtown outward, into housing, commerce, parks, gardens, etc.

An aside...the location of their meetings should be held in the most accessible by TARC location in the county - downtown... but not an aside, in that remote locations keep me and others from participating and the Mobility Work Group should set a higher standard.

Grateful.

Jackie Green

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Haberman, Joseph E

From: Probus, Kelly
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Milliken, Gretchen P; OBrien, Jeff; Baker, Kendal; King, Michael M
Subject: FW: Community Form Goals - Comments received on 1/24/17

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Cc: 'Pat Durham'; 'Annie Fultz Dutton'; 'Jeremy Esposito '
Subject: Community Form Goals - Comments received on 1/24/17

Good morning,

In reading the "Community Form Goals – Comments" yesterday, I noticed under Natural Resources, it appears in the third bullet point that "in the built environment" is proposed to be dropped from the goal so it would read: "Enhance and protect our community's open spaces and natural features."

That certainly is a noble goal but it should be noted what is "open space and natural features" to a citizen or an observer, may well be the very future economic progress opportunity for the land owner who may be interested in having a new residential neighborhood developed on his or her property. While we are updating our Comprehensive Plan, we must remain cognizant of the PROPERTY RIGHTS of owners of land in all of Metro Louisville. Please keep this vital right of land owners in mind as you and the staff lead us through this updating of the comp plan process.

Thanks for considering this very important point. I am a member of the Community Form work group.

Bob Marrett

Haberman, Joseph E

From: Daniel Waters <danielholderwaters@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:58 PM
To: Milliken, Gretchen P; OBrien, Jeff
Cc: ryan@ryanfenwicklaw.com; Jessica Bellamy; Chris Harrell; Nathan Shuler; Monica Leslie
Subject: Comprehensive Plan - Community Form Feedback

Hi Gretchen and Jeff,

This is a three-part email. I first request more frequent updates. Second, I'm going to provide a list of objectives that I have heard in our discussions or gathered from other places. Third, I'm going to make a case to remove the art and creativity section from our process. Parallel to this email, I am also going to forward on an email from a friend and fellow Metro citizen regarding accessibility to this workgroup process.

These are lengthy emails, but I appreciate your dedication and respect for this process.

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This re-drafting of the comprehensive plan has been quite a whirlwind. I feel like each meeting is a scramble, and would appreciate the presentation slides or materials sent out prior to the meetings, in order to more appropriately prepare. Going into this last meeting, I was under the impression that the group was going to edit the goals the group had crafted the last time, only to find that you all, the organizers, had written the goals for us. The group had moved on to objectives without having time to fully digest the goals. Taking advantage of your request for feedback on these goals -my recommendations for a synthesis of 3 goals follow (the goals are available on the comprehensive plan's community form webpage). They were written by attendees of the work group (except for a truncation and an addition on my part), and I think they summarize what we were trying to say as a collective.

- Identify, protect, and rehabilitate historic, architectural, and cultural resources as integral parts of an urban environment that continues to evolve
- Develop to enhance human and environmental health and integrate nature into the built environment.
- Encourage mixed land uses and appropriate densities around existing neighborhoods, transit and biking corridors, and activity centers

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Here is a list of objectives.

Depending on the final language of our goals, I do not yet know under which goals they would reside.

- have a block size of new and infill development no longer than 500 feet
- prioritize development around existing transit and bicycle routes and walkable corridors
- simplify zoning codes to allow for a flexibility in uses
- refurbish, rather than demolish, old housing and commercial stock.
- leave no residential facility vacant for more than a year
- remove parking minimums
- remove one-way roads county-wide
- achieve walkability scores of >90 in 20 city council districts by 2040
- eliminate the urban heat island effect, specifically by rapidly planting trees in existing green and grey space.
- ensure a sufficient stock of affordable housing
- Ensure this affordable housing is accessible to existing transit, pedestrian and bicycle pathways

- Plan the city so that an automobile is not a necessary tool, but a luxury item.
- seek public input for new developments, particularly from neighbors and neighborhood business owners

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Also, the Community Form section of the Comprehensive Plan does not need an Art and Creativity goal. Art is important for a community, especially when it comes to the long-term identity of a place, and I myself am a proponent of investment into art, music, public events, and education of these subjects. However, I believe the Arts/Creativity goal is a distraction in this process. I believe this for three reasons.

1) On our PAR exercise, only one 'add' note directly references this. The other two A/C notes appear in other categories as well. Why not just add the A/C districts as an objective (or simply a policy) underneath historic resources?

2) The bulk of our responses are focused on the theme called 'built environment', rightly so, and therefore this section deserves more attention in this process than simply being the source of two of the five overall goals. The developers and planners in the group could all agree that the LDC and other regulations need to be streamlined, and this important conversation is not going to be given its due (we have ~8 months left in this process, correct?) if too many distractions arise.

3) On the community-wide prioritization exercise, public art ranked 14th out of 15 options.

My overall concern here is that this choice of category will result in attention, valuable time and eventually LAW based on language that was essentially crafted by the organizers and not the people. Notice how many of our draft goals have the word "art" in them, versus how many of our real concerns are related to the lack of art or lack of cultural identity. One of the goals we created in this process was - "Identify, Attract, and Develop Louisville as an arts and cultural mecca" - Is that what people really believe is a top priority for our city, or is that the best arts and creativity goal that a team came up with when prompted?

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Thank you for your time and consideration,
Daniel Waters

Haberman, Joseph E

From: Cathy Hinko <cathy@metropolitanhousing.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Baker, Kendal; OBrien, Jeff; Fritz, Gabriel A.; Gretchen Milliken
Subject: RE: My book group's Prioritization Exercise for the Comprehensive Plan- with attachment
Attachments: Back Porch Book Group Jan 9 2016 vote.pdf

Whoops. Forgot the talley.

Well, I told you my book group would do this. And Ken made it really easy.

So last night we did the Prioritization Exercise and here is the vote. Ten people with five dots each voted on the fifteen major areas. We also had five comments:

Categories represented in the fifteen slides:

- Electric Street Cars/Trolleys was a comment within Transit
- Tree Planting : LG&E needs to be less brutal in their zealous tree trimming
- Job Training: Incentives for at risk young adults to do on the job vocational training and/or return to school.

Categories that were not sufficiently covered:

- Energy: Promote use of alternative energy sources to protect our environment
- Fair Housing:
 - Expand equal and affordable housing
 - It is not enough to talk about affordable housing, which is a dire need. We need to specifically address fair housing and how we force/ encourage segregation. This should be a separate and important goal

Everyone was really engaged. I now have several other places I am going to do this.

I promise to return the laminates to you, Ken. But is there any way I could get a set for MHC so I do not always have to go to you first?

Cathy

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Prioritization Exercise – Comprehensive Plan 2040

Historic Buildings	2
VAPs	6
Public Art	1
Bike/Ped/Transit	1
TOD – Mixed Use	1
Street Capacity	1
Affordable House	10 11
Transit	4
Job Training	5
Parks/Open Space	4
Healthy Food	4
Age-Friendly	2
Tree	7
Green Construction	4
Recycling	3

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Back Porch Book Group
 10 people
 voted January 9, 2017

Haberman, Joseph E

From: Milliken, Gretchen P
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 7:48 AM
To: OBrien, Jeff; Baker, Kendal; King, Michael M
Subject: Fwd: 2040 Community Form Work Group: Rural Form & Floyds Fork Special Districts
Attachments: OPEN-RuralForm 2-1.pdf; ATT00001.htm

FYI- let's discuss today.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Frances Aprile <frances@littledovefarm.com>
Date: January 4, 2017 at 00:11:27 EST
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Subject: 2040 Community Form Work Group: Rural Form & Floyds Fork Special Districts

Gretchen -- Thank you for the very productive Community Form Work Group meetings you're moderating. At our last meeting, you suggested we bring up our proposal for a Rural Form District & a Floyds Fork Area Special District at our next meeting, this thursday evening, when we discuss objectives. Our proposal is attached below. It has the unanimous approval of the Fisherville Area Neighborhood Association & the Tucker Station Neighborhood Association.

We believe these proposed districts are a necessary mechanism for accomplishing some of the key goals that have been put forward by the work group, including protection of natural resources, protection of agricultural resources, preservation of existing neighborhood character, & making Louisville a mecca for the arts (the Floyds Fork Area is the ideal location for artists' studios & workshops). A number of area residents will be at the meeting thursday to discuss our proposal further.

Thanks for all your help & guidance -- your service to our community is deeply appreciated.
best regards,
Franny Aprile

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December 1st, 2016

Dear Jeff O'Brien:

Thank you and your colleagues at Metro Develop Louisville for taking on the challenge of updating the current Louisville Metro Comprehensive Plan. This is an unique opportunity to guide the metropolitan area's development for years to come. The mission of the Louisville Sustainability Council (LSC) is to promote sustainable practices and development throughout the Louisville Metro Area. A major focal point for the LSC's Green Building and Infrastructure Action Team will be to advocate for sustainability to be incorporated in the upcoming Comprehensive Plan.

Our membership is excited about the process, and we are participating in each of the six (6) separate Working Groups: **Mobility** (Transportation); **Community Form**; **Community Facilities**; **Housing**; **Livability and Environment**; and **Marketplace** (Economic Development). Additionally, we are excited that sustainability has been included among the five themes (Connected, Healthy, Authentic, Sustainable, and Equitable) that shall govern the vision of the Comprehensive Plan process. 😊

The Green Building and Infrastructure Action Team of the LSC proffers six recommendations for Louisville Metro Planning and Design Services to be considered during the Comprehensive Plan 2040 development process.

Recommendation 1: Incorporate sustainability and resilience as a theme throughout the Comprehensive Plan, within each Working Group, rather than as separate category within the plan, or a theme to be addressed in only one Working Group. Transportation, zoning, land use, affordable housing, quality of life, economic development, etc., can each include practices that lead to sustainable, smart growth which can easily be woven into every aspect of the comprehensive plan. Sustainable practices have much in common with practices that promote economic growth, health, fair housing, affordable housing, clean air, environmental justice and all of the values that the Comprehensive Plan contains. The Green Building and Infrastructure Action Team recommends that sustainability and resilience be included while discussing other categories as one of the lenses that all of the Comprehensive Plan requires. Making it a separate siloed category in only one Working Group removes sustainability as a core value of the Comprehensive Plan. We trust that including the adjective sustainable as an overarching theme in the process, as agreed by the Advisory Committee, will help; however, it may be appropriate to collapse the "Livability & Environment" Work Group into a core and recognized component of each of the other Work Groups.

Recommendation 2: Use straightforward and strong language regarding sustainability within the Comprehensive Plan. It is important that the Comprehensive Plan set forth specific goals and clear requirements on how those goals are to be accomplished. There are myriad examples of sustainability language from existing Comprehensive Plans for many cities that have been lauded for addressing sustainability and in documents about smart growth and neighborhoods from reputable certification organizations focused specifically on these practices. Please review the APA's 10 Pilot examples and Comprehensive Plan Standards for Sustaining Places. Of course any plan that lasts 20 years should not limit suggestions to existing technology, rather the plan should include measureable goals for current technology and measureable goals for anticipated technology and measurable goals for being either the first or in the first wave of future technology.

Recommendation 3: Clarify and incorporate the goals and strategies of the Comprehensive Plan with the goals and strategies put forth by the Sustain Louisville Plan. Specific goals for Louisville to become more sustainable have been previously addressed within the Sustain Louisville Plan. As the city's top planning document, the Comprehensive Plan has the opportunity to build upon those goals and promote sustainability within the Louisville Metro Area for the next twenty years and beyond. Linking the goals of the Comprehensive Plan with that of the Sustain Louisville Plan ensures consistency and cohesion between the two while reinforcing Louisville's emphasis on a sustainable future.

Recommendation 4: Include steps to prioritize and remediate environmental justice sites throughout the Louisville Metro Area. Environmental justice sites need to be prioritized to demonstrate progress towards locally adopted environmental justice plans. Environmental justice criteria can then be incorporated into zoning, land use planning, permitting, and development of new projects. This fits in with the 20-Year Action Plan for Fair Housing that is part of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice which was approved in 2015 by the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development. Again, actions toward sustainability frequently overlap with the other values and plans of Louisville Metro.

Recommendation 5: Make infill and redevelopment linked with improved community connectivity a major focus of the Comprehensive Plan, recognizing the intent to embrace higher residential density within the Louisville Metro Area. Cities that have had success combatting sprawl and the development of strong public transit systems also have high residential density. Low residential density is complicating Louisville's efforts to expand TARC and other forms of mass public transit, and active transportation.

Recommendation 6: Focus on using structural, technical, and marketing incentives to promote sustainable development and redevelopment within the Louisville Metro Area. Input from city officials, municipal service providers, developers, and members of the community should be taken into consideration to develop a city-wide incentive program to promote future sustainable development.

Along with these six recommendations the LSC, and more specifically the Green Building and Infrastructure Action Team, offers to play a role in providing input and advocacy to incorporate sustainability and the Comprehensive Plan. Any advice on

how best to effectively provide Metro Planning and Design Services with input throughout the development of the plan would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

- by core membership of the LSC Green Building & Infrastructure Action Team

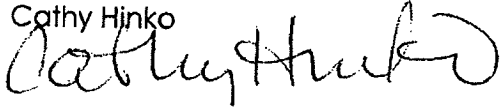
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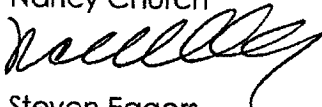


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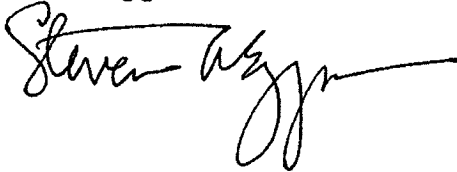


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Haberman, Joseph E

From: Milliken, Gretchen P
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 3:30 PM
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Subject: FW: Vision Statement

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Subject: Vision Statement

Gretchen –

I tried my hand at a vision statement

A place where people live: a metropolitan coalition of neighborhoods that are built to human scale, connected by energy-efficient transportation systems, and served by utilities with no net effect on the air, water, or land we use; an economic engine that is both self-sufficient and engaged in the commerce of the world; a community that is recognized for the compassion, hospitality, and creativity of its citizens and for their achievements as entrepreneurs, inventors, artists, and writers; a landscape continually refined by a sense of stewardship for the beauty of the world; at its most essential, a place where generations can pass their love for one another, for their shared heritage, and for this place Louisville on to their descendents.

Share freely if you feel parts of it are useful.

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Comprehensive Plan Meeting Data

Participants: 59

Participants had to select 5 out of the following options that they feel are the most important areas that require improvement in their community.

1. Promover la reutilización de propiedades vacías y a abandonadas para convertirlas en áreas verdes, proyectos de relleno para la construcción de viviendas y jardines comunitarios
2. Expandir el programa de arte público y crear jardines con esculturas al aire libre, parques de arte, y otras exhibiciones artísticas en toda la comunidad
3. Alentar a la conservación y el reúso de edificios históricos
4. Promover mejoras de las infraestructuras peatonales, de ciclovías y de tránsito
5. Fomentar los lugares de usos múltiples cerca de centros laborales
6. Aumentar las capacidades de pavimentación de calles, mejorar la capacidad de caminos y actualizar las intersecciones principales
7. Incrementar las rutas de los autobuses, la frecuencia del servicio, y la tecnología de estas
8. Expandir los programas de ayuda para vivienda asequible
9. Promover la capacitación laboral en los vecindarios para así elevar el número de trabajadores técnicos especializados
10. Expandir los parques de Louisville y la red de espacios abiertos
11. Promover el acceso a comida local saludable dentro de la comunidad
12. Promover una comunidad adaptable para todas las edades y ofrecer un nivel de vida saludable, seguro y accesible en cualquier etapa de la vida
13. Promover la plantación de árboles y recuperar la cubierta arbórea de Louisville
14. Incentivar a la construcción ecológica en la urbanización o reurbanización, ya sea residencial o comercial
15. Expandir los esfuerzos de reciclaje a través de la colocación de contenedores de reciclaje a lo largo de los andadores principales y asimismo incrementar el reciclaje residencial y comercial

Participants then proceeded to highlight other suggestions that were not an option on the picture board.

A. Transportation:

1. Improve highways, there are no shoulder lanes in case of emergencies
2. Bus routes should be accurate and on time, include weather shelters at bus stops

B. Streets/city:

1. Potholes on roads
2. More areas to grow plants
3. More bathrooms in park areas that are clean and with access to a diaper changing station
4. More security at parks during the night time.
5. More affordable daycare or expand access to daycare programs
6. To be able to call the police without fear of being detained.

C. Public Health:

1. More interpreters and interpreters who are qualified (according to Title VI)
2. Better customer service; People have been having unpleasant experiences when visiting doctors there are hardly any interpreters, some social workers are racist and discriminate people and do not provide the same quality of service to all their patrons/patients
3. More clinics closer to areas with low income families

4. Health insurance more accessible to low income families regardless of immigration status

5. Expend nutrition and exercise programs in communities with low income

D. Living:

1. Better apartment regulations (air conditioning, bug infection, trash pickup, recycling, cleaningness)

2. More programs for children specially during the summer that are accessible (transportation, and financially)

3. More recycling boxes for low income communities

E. Jobs:

1. Better job training

2. Better work conditions

3. No exploitations

4. Regulated worker rights; limited or short break, long hours, no overtime.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISIONING WORKSHEET



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For the Comprehensive Plan 2040 update, five principles have been identified as crucial for the future of the Louisville Metro community: Connectivity; Health; Authenticity; Sustainability; Equity. Please help us define these concepts and give us your ideas for each.

IV

What will make Louisville Metro a more ^{sustainable} **CONNECTED** community?

Sustainable → transition the local energy supply for transportation and non-mobile sources towards the use of renewable, less carbon-intensive, and less toxic alternatives.

- Improve the energy efficiency of the community's residential, commercial and institutional building stock.
- Prioritize connectivity for active transportation such as walking and biking. (healthy + connected)
- Prevent and reduce violent crime and increase perceptions of safety through interagency collaboration and with residents as empowered partners.

What will make Louisville Metro a more ^{healthy} **AUTHENTIC** community?

achieve positive health outcomes and minimize health risk factors through a high quality local health system that is accessible and responsive to community needs.

What will make Louisville Metro a more **SUSTAINABLE** community?

- achieve greenhouse gas emissions reductions throughout the community
- Expand tree planting, preserve and protect existing canopy.
- Manage urban heat through greening, cooling and conserving.
- Strengthen Louisville's resilience to climate change impacts on built, natural, economic, and social systems.

What will make Louisville Metro a more **EQUITABLE** community?

- Ensure ^{active} participation from all races, genders, ^{income levels}, sexualities, ethnicities and religion in all decision-making
- ensure that adults and children of all income levels have opportunities to learn about nutritious eating and have physical and economic access to fresh, ~~healthy~~ healthful food.

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- Foster the adoption of cool materials to ~~reduce~~ ^{mitigate} Louisville's heat.
- Reduce and reuse material waste produced in the community.
- Minimize resource use and demand in the industrial sector ^{and in ~~the~~ local public infrastructure} as a means to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and conserve water.
- Promote the full enjoyment of civil and human rights for all residents in the community.
- Reduce polluted and toxic environments with an emphasis on alleviating disproportionate health hazards in areas where low-income residents and persons of color live.
- Ensure equitable access to foundational community assets within and between neighborhoods and populations.
- Prevent people from falling into poverty and proactively enable those who are living in poverty to obtain greater, lasting economic stability and security.
- Ensure that outdoor air quality is healthy for all people and protects the welfare of the community.
- Protect and restore the biological, chemical, and hydrological integrity of water in the environment.
- ~~Prevent~~ Prevent and manage invasive species in order to restore and protect natural ecosystems and the benefits they provide.
- Design and maintain a network of green infrastructure features that integrate with the built environment to conserve ecosystem functions and provide associated benefits to human populations.

Sustainability in the Comprehensive Plan & the Land Development Code

We propose the addition of a Rural Form District to the Land Development Code. We also propose a Floyds Fork Area Special District. These districts would further a number of goals & objectives of Cornerstone 2020 unmet by current planning regulations, including the protection of agricultural enterprises & environmental resources & the preservation of rural neighborhood character. They would also advance a number of the goals of the Mayor's plan for sustainability, including improvement of air & water quality, expansion of the local food system, & protection of tree canopy. We believe these goals of protecting our environment & our neighborhood character should be continued & strengthened in Cornerstone 2040.

Under the current default R-4 zoning throughout Jefferson County, our remaining woodlands, meadows & working farms -- as well as our last living creek, Floyds Fork -- will eventually be lost to suburban sprawl & its inevitably destructive pollution. In the mid-20th century lawmakers assumed Jefferson County would one day be entirely suburban without really knowing what that kind of land use would produce. But suburban sprawl is now acknowledged as a serious problem, driving increased pollution & lowered quality of life standards. The writers of Cornerstone 2020 sought a different development model, focusing on preservation of neighborhoods through form districts that protect neighborhood character.

Cornerstone 2020 also recognizes the value of our environmental resources, setting out goals & objectives to improve air & water quality, to restore the natural landscape, to preserve woodlands & wetlands, to protect wildlife habitat & biodiversity, to preserve our historic and cultural resources, & to form a network of open spaces & greenway corridors to protect natural resources (Livability Goals B2, B4, F1, F2, H2; Livability Objectives H2.1, H2.2).

Cornerstone 2020 recognizes specifically the value of agricultural enterprises in Metro Louisville, with goals & objectives to support landowners who wish to maintain or establish agricultural operations, to support production of local food, & to promote the long-term preservation & economic viability of farmland (Livability Goals G2, G3; Livability Objectives G2.2, H3.4).

The current Land Development Code offers no effective mechanism for meeting these goals & objectives; our farms & our natural environment remain vulnerable. A Rural Form District would cure this defect & allow planning for development that protects & enhances our valuable local agricultural & environmental resources & it would codify the goal of preserving the character of rural neighborhoods.

In addition, Cornerstone 2020 states as Goal J1:

Recognize the community-wide importance of Louisville and Jefferson County's distinctive natural, cultural, architectural, historic, & visual resources and their

role in shaping the pattern and character of development. Utilize special districts to establish standards for development within these areas.

In Objective J1.1, that same comprehensive plan mandates:

Recognize the community-wide importance of the resources contained in the area surrounding the Floyds Fork and its major tributaries. Delineate the boundaries for this special district.

A few years ago, we began the process to establish this special district, but it was never finished. That process needs to be completed and a Floyds Fork Area Special District established with standards and guidelines for development within its boundaries.

A Rural Form District and a Floyds Fork Area Special District are both needed to accomplish the goals and objectives discussed above. With wise long-term planning the farms, meadows & woodlands of this area can help preserve clean air & water, contribute to the local food economy, & serve as a model of truly sustainable development.

Fisherville Area Neighborhood Association
Harrell Hurst, chair

Tucker Station Neighborhood Association
David Kaelin, chair

RECOMMENDED TEXT FOR INCORPORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS

Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances, Title XV, Chapter 161, Neighborhood Development Plans.
Definitions:

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. *A document prepared in accordance with this chapter, as well as the policies and procedures established by planning and design services, and intended to address the planning needs and policy goals of the citizens of a particular geographic area of Louisville Metro. This term shall include small area studies and plans, corridor studies and plans, and other similar documents, provided the particular document is prepared in accordance with this chapter.*

Community Form Draft Policy: Goal A. 2. d

Support neighborhoods, sub-areas and corridors in developing plans and strategies that represent the specific application of the Comprehensive Plan's goals, objectives and policies. These plans and studies should be adopted by the affected legislative body as amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Specific recommendations found in these plans and strategies adopted after COMP PLAN 2040 are intended to take precedence over more general guidelines of the Comprehensive Plan.

Neighborhood associations are responsible for the creation and maintenance of the neighborhood's plan. In the absence of an active neighborhood association or for a plan that covers multiple neighborhood areas, the area's City Councilperson/people are responsible for the creation and maintenance of the plan. Sufficient effort should be expended to garner input and participation from all residents and business owners within the boundaries of the neighborhood plan.

A neighborhood plan, once adopted, shall continue to be used as official policy until the Neighborhood association, or the area's City Councilpeople in the absence of a neighborhood association, updates the neighborhood plan. If the City Council or the City's Planning and Design department believes a specific neighborhood plan is out of date, the area's City Council person/people may be encouraged to assist the

Neighborhood association in the neighborhood plan's update. If the neighborhood association is inactive, the Councilpeople may seek to update the plan.

In areas of the community that have not implemented Form Districts as part of a Land Development Code, the existing zoning regulations will continue to apply. The Planning Commission and legislative body shall evaluate proposed zoning map amendments based on the degree to which the proposed map amendment agrees with the goals, objectives and policies of this Comprehensive Plan. The policies of this Comprehensive Plan provide that the patterns of development described and characterized as the Community Forms will be identified and used in the zoning map amendment.

Support an amendment to the Louisville Metro Cod of Ordinances, Title XV, Chapter 161.03 "Role of Planning and Design Services" to read:

Louisville Metro Planning and Design Services ("Planning and Design") assists in the neighborhood planning process. The role of Planning and Design staff is to ensure that the neighborhood plan process is conducted in accordance with Planning and Design policies and guidelines, conduct reviews of draft neighborhood plans for conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, Planning Commission policies, and this chapter. If the neighborhood elects, Planning and Design can also administer and/or create the neighborhood plan.

Dear Advisory Committee,

I was part of the Mobility Work Group. I am not able to attend your meeting this evening but have three comments on the Mobility Policies for your consideration:

Goal 1

Policies

Land Use & Development

Pedestrian/Bicycle Infrastructure

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation.

- Add "connectivity" after the word promote and before healthy lifestyles.
- The addition of "where appropriate " here weakens the policy and opens to be arbitrary. Consider changing the word appropriate to feasible.

Transit Infrastructure

5. Transit Centers

- My comment concerns the last bullet that is in red and struck through. A statement about transit-oriented development along key transit corridors is an important addition and deleting it here leaves a question as to where Transit Centers should be located. Consider adding: f. Increase and prioritize development incentives along key transit corridors.

Goal 2

Policies

Development/Programmatic

16. Street Design Standards.

- The last bullet relating to traffic calming and roadway reconfigurations includes new wording limiting these treatments to areas where existing and future traffic volumes support them. I think the word support can be interpreted in many ways. Reconfigurations may be desirable and beneficial and not *supported* by existing and future traffic volumes - such as in areas where safety improvements outweigh traffic impacts (example being Dixie Highway) or where re-development impacts outweigh capacity reductions (example being the sidewalk widening and lane reductions in the 600 to 800 blocks of West Main Street in downtown Louisville). The previous wording allows for projects to be evaluated while considering all impacts.

Thanks for your consideration and the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Patti Clare