

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
LOUISVILLE METRO PLANNING COMMISSION  
April 16, 2018**

A Special Meeting of the Louisville Metro Planning Commission was held on April 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Jail Building, located at 514 W. Liberty Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

**Commission Members Present:**

Vince Jarboe, Chair  
David Tomes  
Jeff Brown  
Lula Howard  
Ramona Lindsey  
Laura Ferguson

**Commission Members Absent:**

Marilyn Lewis, Vice Chair  
Rich Carlson  
Emma Smith  
Rob Peterson

**Staff Members Present:**

Jeff O'Brien, Director, Develop Louisville  
Joe Haberman, Planning & Design Manager  
Brian Davis, Planning & Design Manager  
Emily Liu, Director, Planning & Design Services  
Chris French, Planning & Design Supervisor  
Will Ford, Communications Specialist  
Paul Whitty, Legal Counsel  
Sue Reid, Management Assistant

The following matters were considered:

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**Comp\_Plan\_Update\_04.16.18**

Request:	Update to the Comprehensive Plan for Louisville Metro
Project Name:	Update to the Comprehensive Plan for Louisville Metro
Location:	Louisville Metro
Jurisdiction:	All Jurisdictions
Council District:	All Districts
Case Managers:	Jeff O'Brien, AICP, Director, Develop Louisville & Joseph Haberman, AICP, Planning & Design Manager

The Comprehensive Plan draft prepared for this case was incorporated into the record. The Commission members received this draft in advance of the hearing, and this draft was available to any interested party prior to the public hearing. (The Comprehensive Plan draft is part of the case file maintained at Planning and Design Services offices, 444 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street.)

**An audio/visual recording of the Planning Commission hearing related to this case is available on the Planning & Design Services website, or you may contact the Customer Service staff to view the recording or to obtain a copy.**

**Opening Statement:**

**00:00:20** Chair Jarboe called the meeting to order and swore in all those who had signed up to speak (see recording for detailed presentation).

**The following speakers provided comments:**

Jeff O'Brien, Director, Develop Louisville, 444 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Louisville, KY 40202  
Joe Haberman, Planning & Design Manager, 444 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Louisville, KY 40202  
Cathe Dykstra, 9805 Sheplet Ct., Louisville, KY 40241  
Cliff Ashburner, 101 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2500, Louisville, KY 40202  
Victoria Markell, 159 N. Galt, Louisville, KY 40206  
Steve Porter, 2406 Tucker Station Road, Louisville, KY 40299  
Cathy Hinko, P.O. Box 4533, Louisville, KY 40204  
Pat Durham, 1000 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy., Louisville, KY 40223  
Jon Henney, 101 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1400, Louisville, KY 40202

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**Summaries of speaker comments:**

**00:01:52** Jeff O'Brien provided a brief overview of the updates to the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. O'Brien discussed the process and timeline of updating the Comprehensive Plan thus far. Mr. O'Brien reviewed the CHASE principles of the Plan, which are Connected, Healthy, Authentic, Sustainable, and Equitable (see recording for detailed presentation).

**00:07:01** Joe Haberman provided an overview of the data that was gathered in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Haberman responded to questions from the Commissioners (see recording for detailed presentation).

**00:16:58** Cathe Dykstra, CEO of Family Scholar House and Co-Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee spoke in regard to community input received (see recording for detailed presentation).

**00:18:35** Cliff Ashburner, Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee, presented an overview of how the Advisory Committee has operated in working on the Comprehensive Plan (see recording for detailed presentation).

**00:20:58** Jeff O'Brien touched on highlights of the goals, objectives, and policies for the various elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The plan elements are Community Facilities, Community Form, Housing, Livability & Environment, Economic Development, and Mobility. Mr. O'Brien responded to questions from the Commissioners (see recording for detailed presentation).

**00:55:35** Victoria Markell spoke on behalf of the Louisville League of Women Voters to offer kudos to the entire process of developing the updated plan. Ms. Markell stated the League was happy to see a whole new section on affordable housing (see recording for detailed presentation).

**00:57:49** Steve Porter stated generally speaking he thinks this plan is excellent. Mr. Porter stated he believes there will be attempts in the future to create conservation form districts. Mr. Porter stated that a number of Louisville's peer cities have been successful at incorporating the preservation of conservation areas in their communities and this is a must do for our community. Mr. Porter responded to questions from the Commissioners (see recording for detailed presentation).

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**01:07:38** Cathy Hinko, Metropolitan Housing Coalition, spoke in regard to fair and affordable housing. Ms. Hinko stated she believes the Community Form part of the plan promotes, even furthers, segregation. Ms. Hinko responded to questions from the Commissioners (see recording for detailed presentation).

**01:18:35** Pat Durham stated he found this process to be very inclusive of our entire community and the document was very well thought out. Mr. Durham stated he doesn't want to encourage us to think about things like urban growth boundaries (see recording for detailed presentation).

**01:23:57** Jon Henney stated he is here as a member of the consulting team that is assisting staff with the preparation of the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan which includes some basic things to make it more readable, including, but not limited to, introductory text before each of the plan elements, captions on pictures, and info graphics (see recording for detailed presentation).

**01:25:04** Jeff O'Brien suggested the Commissioners provide their comments element by element so they can keep track of what they're going through. The Commissioners discussed infrastructure and incentives for infrastructure for reinvestment in the community. Mr. O'Brien responded to questions from the Commissioners (see recording for detailed presentation).

**01:42:23** **Commissioners' deliberation:** The Commissioners discussed each plan element individually and provided their comments for each plan element of the Comprehensive Plan.

**02:10:33** On a motion by Commissioner Tomes, seconded by Commissioner Howard, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL** to Metro Council as well as the twelve Suburban Cities with zoning authority, the update to the Comprehensive Plan, which includes the amendments to its goals, objectives and plan elements as presented to the Commission at the Public Hearing, with the insertion of the words "and abandoned" to Paragraph 4, Page 103

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(4. Adopt standards and regulations to encourage the use of vacant **AND ABANDONED** properties for new housing), based upon the evidence and testimony heard today and the staff report.

**The vote was as follows:**

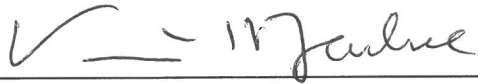
**Yes: Commissioners Ferguson, Tomes, Brown, Howard, Lindsey and Chair Jarboe**

**Absent: Commissioners Carlson, Peterson, Smith, and Vice Chair Lewis**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.



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Chairman



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Division Director