

Planning Commission

Staff Report

November 2, 2017



Case No:	17ZONE1036
Request:	OR-1 and R-7 to C-1
Project Name:	Iroquois Pharmacy
Location:	5024 and 5026 S 3rd Street, 307 Kingston Ave
Owner:	Tran Tuyen, Xinh Properties LLC, Hieu Do & Phuong Lam
Applicant:	Iroquois Pharmacy, Vy Truong
Representative:	Vy Truong
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	21 – Dan Johnson
Case Manager:	Laura Mattingly, AICP, Planner II

REQUEST

- **Change in Zoning** from OR-1 and R-7 to C-1 on .44 acres
- **Detailed District Development Plan**

CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The applicant is proposing to utilize an approximately 2,147 square foot structure located at the corner of S 3rd Street and Kingston Ave in the Southside neighborhood for a pharmacy and nail salon. Two other existing structures are located on separate parcels and will continue to be utilized for multi-family. The pharmacy is proposed in the back portion of the corner structure and requires the zoning change to C-1. While no new construction will take place other than interior changes for the proposed pharmacy, the applicant will be removing four parking spaces in the rear of the proposed pharmacy and has proposed a drive-thru on the north side of the corner building. The rest of the existing parking will be re-stripped, with the exception of the spaces on the northeast portion of the development site.

STAFF FINDINGS

Staff finds that the proposal meets the standard of review and complies with the Land Development Code and Cornerstone 2020. The proposal is utilizing an existing structure within the Traditional Neighborhood form and adding more mixed use to the area. Maintaining the current multi-family uses is also continuing to offer diverse housing choice. By preserving the structures on site the proposal also maintains the character of the area and displays an efficient and pedestrian friendly use of the site. The proposed zoning change is within a small commercial corridor and is compatible with the existing commercial uses.

TECHNICAL REVIEW

- Transportation and MSD have given preliminary approvals.
- Parking has been removed from the northeast portion of the site, as recommended at the LD&T meeting on October 12, 2017

INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

Staff has not received in any interested party comments.

STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR REZONING

Criteria for granting the proposed form district change/rezoning: *KRS Chapter 100.213*

1. The proposed form district/rezoning change complies with the applicable guidelines and policies Cornerstone 2020; OR
2. The existing form district/zoning classification is inappropriate and the proposed classification is appropriate; OR
3. There have been major changes of an economic, physical, or social nature within the area involved which were not anticipated in Cornerstone 2020 which have substantially altered the basic character of the area.

STAFF ANALYSIS FOR REZONING

Following is staff's analysis of the proposed rezoning against the Guidelines and Policies of Cornerstone 2020.

The site is located in the Traditional Neighborhood Form District

The Traditional Neighborhood Form District is characterized by predominantly residential uses, by a grid pattern of streets with sidewalks and often including alleys. Residential lots are predominantly narrow and often deep, but the neighborhood may contain sections of larger estate lots, and also sections of lots on which appropriately integrated higher density residential uses may be located. The higher density uses are encouraged to be located in centers or near parks and open spaces having sufficient carrying capacity. There is usually a significant range of housing opportunities, including multi-family dwellings.

Traditional neighborhoods often have and are encouraged to have a significant proportion of public open space such as parks or greenways, and may contain civic uses as well as appropriately located and integrated neighborhood centers with a mixture of mostly neighborhood-serving land uses such as offices, shops, restaurants and services. Although many existing traditional neighborhoods are fifty to one hundred twenty years old, it is hoped that the Traditional Neighborhood Form will be revitalized under the new Comprehensive Plan. Revitalization and reinforcement of the Traditional Neighborhood Form will require particular emphasis on (a) preservation and renovation of existing buildings in stable neighborhoods (if the building design is consistent with the predominant building design in those neighborhoods), (b) the preservation of the existing grid pattern of streets and alleys, (c) preservation of public open spaces.

This proposal is appropriate for the area as it is reusing an existing structure that is well-served by existing street and sidewalk networks, as well as public transit. The applicant proposes the addition of a use that will serve the neighborhood and is preserving the existing character of the neighborhood. The proposal is mixed-use, with a first-floor commercial use and apartments above, as well as in the other two existing buildings. The mixed-use element of this proposal is compliant with the guidelines and policies of Cornerstone 2020.

STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR DDDP

- a. The conservation of natural resources on the property proposed for development, including: trees and other living vegetation, steep slopes, water courses, flood plains, soils, air quality, scenic views, and historic sites;

STAFF: LOJIC has not identified any natural resources on site and the applicant will be making no changes to the site to affect tree canopy, soils or any other natural resource.

- b. The provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation both within the development and the community;

STAFF: Provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation within and around the development and the community have been provided through the existing street network and sidewalks.

- c. The provision of sufficient open space (scenic and recreational) to meet the needs of the proposed development;

STAFF: This development does not require open space, as it does not meet the threshold for open space or outdoor amenity requirements.

- d. The provision of adequate drainage facilities on the subject site in order to prevent drainage problems from occurring on the subject site or within the community;

STAFF: The Metropolitan Sewer District has approved the preliminary development plan and will ensure the provisions of adequate drainage facilities on the subject site in order to prevent drainage problems from occurring on the subject site or within the community.

- e. The compatibility of the overall site design (location of buildings, parking lots, screening, landscaping) and land use or uses with the existing and projected future development of the area;

STAFF: The overall site design and land uses are compatible with the existing and future development of the area, as the character of the existing structure will remain relatively the same.

- f. Conformance of the development plan with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code. Revised plan certain development plans shall be evaluated for conformance with the non-residential and mixed-use intent of the form districts and comprehensive plan.

STAFF: This development conforms to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code due to the site's existing conditions and the proposed site improvements.

NOTIFICATION

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
9/25/17	Hearing before LD&T	1 st and 2 nd tier adjoining property owners Speakers at Planning Commission public hearing Subscribers of Council District 21 Notification of Development Proposals
10/17/17	Hearing before PC / BOZA	1 st and 2 nd tier adjoining property owners Speakers at Planning Commission public hearing Subscribers of Council District 21 Notification of Development Proposals
10/18/17	Hearing before PC / BOZA	Sign Posting on property
10/18/17	Hearing before PC / BOZA	Legal Advertisement in the Courier-Journal

REQUIRED ACTIONS

- **RECOMMEND APPROVAL or DENIAL** to Metro Council the Change in Zoning from OR-1 and R-7 to C-1
- **APPROVE or DENY** the Detailed District Development Plan

ATTACHMENTS

1. Zoning Map
2. Aerial Photograph
3. Cornerstone 2020 Checklist
4. Proposed Binding Elements

1. **Zoning Map**



2. Aerial Photograph



3. Cornerstone 2020 Staff Checklist

- + Exceeds Guideline
- ✓ Meets Guideline
- Does Not Meet Guideline
- +/- More Information Needed
- NA Not Applicable

Traditional Neighborhood: Non-Residential

#	Cornerstone 2020 Plan Element	Plan Element or Portion of Plan Element	Staff Finding	Staff Comments
1	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.2: The proposal preserves the existing grid pattern of streets, sidewalks and alleys.	✓	The proposal does not affect the existing street pattern.
2	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.2: The proposal introduces an appropriately-located neighborhood center including a mix of neighborhood-serving uses such as offices, shops and restaurants.	NA	The proposal is not a neighborhood center.
3	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.2: The proposal preserves public open spaces, and if the proposal is a higher density use, is located in close proximity to such open space, a center or other public areas.	✓	This proposal includes no new construction and is utilizing an existing building, therefore is not impacting any open space.
4	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.2: The proposal preserves and renovates existing buildings if the building design of these structures is consistent with the predominate neighborhood building design.	✓	The proposal is for the reuse of an existing building for commercial purposes.
5	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.1/7: The proposal, which will create a new center, is located in the Traditional Neighborhood Form District, and includes new construction or the reuse of existing buildings to provide commercial, office and/or residential use.	✓	The proposal will not create a new center but it involves the repurposing of an existing building.
6	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.3: The proposed retail commercial development is located in an area that has a sufficient population to support it.	✓	This is an urban area with a mixture of single and multi-family and has sufficient population to support the proposed use.
7	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.4: The proposed development is compact and results in an efficient land use pattern and cost-effective infrastructure investment.	✓	The proposal is efficient and cost effective as it utilizes an existing building.
8	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.5: The proposed center includes a mix of compatible land uses that will reduce trips, support the use of alternative forms of transportation and encourage vitality and sense of place.	✓	This proposal is not a center but does include two commercial uses which will serve the neighborhood, as well as apartments above the pharmacy and on the two other lots.

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9	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.6: The proposal incorporates residential and office uses above retail and/or includes other mixed-use, multi-story retail buildings.	✓	The applicant is proposing residential above retail.
10	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.12: If the proposal is a large development in a center, it is designed to be compact and multi-purpose, and is oriented around a central feature such as a public square or plaza or landscape element.	NA	The proposal is not a larger development within a center.
11	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.13/15: The proposal shares entrance and parking facilities with adjacent uses to reduce curb cuts and surface parking, and locates parking to balance safety, traffic, transit, pedestrian, environmental and aesthetic concerns.	✓	The proposal does not include any additional curb cuts and shares access between the three lots.
12	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.14: The proposal is designed to share utility hookups and service entrances with adjacent developments, and utility lines are placed underground in common easements.	✓	Utilities for the site are existing.
13	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.16: The proposal is designed to support easy access by bicycle, car and transit and by pedestrians and persons with disabilities.	✓	The site has sidewalks and transit located in close proximity.
14	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.2: The proposed building materials increase the new development's compatibility.	NA	No new construction is proposed.
15	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.4/5/6/7: The proposal does not constitute a non-residential expansion into an existing residential area, or demonstrates that despite such an expansion, impacts on existing residences (including traffic, parking, signs, lighting, noise, odor and stormwater) are appropriately mitigated.	✓	This is already an existing commercial mixed use structure so is not a non-residential expansion into a residential area.
16	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.5: The proposal mitigates any potential odor or emissions associated with the development.	✓	APCD has no issues with the proposal.
17	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.6: The proposal mitigates any adverse impacts of its associated traffic on nearby existing communities.	✓	Transportation planning staff has not required any traffic mitigation.
18	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.8: The proposal mitigates adverse impacts of its lighting on nearby properties, and on the night sky.	✓	Lighting will comply with LDC standards.
19	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.11: If the proposal is a higher density or intensity use, it is located along a transit corridor AND in or near an activity center.	✓	The proposal is located in a developed urban neighborhood with a mix of uses.

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20	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.21: The proposal provides appropriate transitions between uses that are substantially different in scale and intensity or density of development such as landscaped buffer yards, vegetative berms, compatible building design and materials, height restrictions, or setback requirements.	✓	There are no landscape requirements, as this use has existing parking and will be adjacent to another C-1 property.
21	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.22: The proposal mitigates the impacts caused when incompatible developments unavoidably occur adjacent to one another by using buffers that are of varying designs such as landscaping, vegetative berms and/or walls, and that address those aspects of the development that have the potential to adversely impact existing area developments.	✓	There are no landscape requirements, as this use has existing parking and will be adjacent to another C-1 property.
22	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.23: Setbacks, lot dimensions and building heights are compatible with those of nearby developments that meet form district standards.	✓	The building is existing with no new construction proposed.
23	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.24: Parking, loading and delivery areas located adjacent to residential areas are designed to minimize adverse impacts of lighting, noise and other potential impacts, and that these areas are located to avoid negatively impacting motorists, residents and pedestrians.	✓	All parking is existing and not adjacent to residential.
24	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.24: The proposal includes screening and buffering of parking and circulation areas adjacent to the street, and uses design features or landscaping to fill gaps created by surface parking lots. Parking areas and garage doors are oriented to the side or back of buildings rather than to the street.	✓	All parking is existing and not adjacent to residential.
25	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.25: Parking garages are integrated into their surroundings and provide an active, inviting street-level appearance.	NA	A parking garage is not proposed.
26	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.28: Signs are compatible with the form district pattern and contribute to the visual quality of their surroundings.	✓	Signs will be LDC compliant.
27	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.2/3/7: The proposal provides open space that helps meet the needs of the community as a component of the development and provides for the continued maintenance of that open space.	✓	The provision of open space for this proposal is not required by the LDC and is not appropriate for this site.

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28	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.4: Open space design is consistent with the pattern of development in the Traditional Neighborhood Form District.	NA	Open space is not required.
29	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.5: The proposal integrates natural features into the pattern of development.	✓	As there is no new construction, any natural features of the site are being left intact.
30	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.1: The proposal respects the natural features of the site through sensitive site design, avoids substantial changes to the topography and minimizes property damage and environmental degradation resulting from disturbance of natural systems.	✓	As there is no new construction, any natural features of the site are being left intact.
31	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.2/4: The proposal includes the preservation, use or adaptive reuse of buildings, sites, districts and landscapes that are recognized as having historical or architectural value, and, if located within the impact area of these resources, is compatible in height, bulk, scale, architecture and placement.	✓	The proposal is for the adaptive reuse of an existing structure.
32	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.6: Encourage development to avoid wet or highly permeable soils, severe, steep or unstable slopes with the potential for severe erosion.	✓	Soils are not an issue for the site.
33	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.2: Ensure adequate access between employment centers and population centers.	✓	This site is within an established neighborhood with existing vehicular, pedestrian and transit infrastructure.
34	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.3: Encourage redevelopment, reinvestment and rehabilitation in the downtown where it is consistent with the form district pattern.	NA	The proposal is not located in a downtown.
35	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.4: Encourage industries to locate in industrial subdivisions or adjacent to existing industry to take advantage of special infrastructure needs.	NA	The proposal is not for industrial.
36	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.6: Locate retail commercial development in activity centers. Locate uses generating large amounts of traffic on a major arterial, at the intersection of two minor arterials or at locations with good access to a major arterial and where the proposed use will not adversely affect adjacent areas.	✓	This proposal is a retail commercial development on a commercial corridor and fronts on a collector level road, although the proposed use is not a huge traffic generator.

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37	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.8: Require industrial development with more than 100 employees to locate on or near an arterial street, preferably in close proximity to an expressway interchange. Require industrial development with less than 100 employees to locate on or near an arterial street.	NA	The proposal is not industrial.
38	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.1/2: The proposal will contribute its proportional share of the cost of roadway improvements and other services and public facilities made necessary by the development through physical improvements to these facilities, contribution of money, or other means.	✓	Transportation staff has not required any roadway improvements.
39	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.3/4: The proposal promotes mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian use and provides amenities to support these modes of transportation.	✓	There is an existing sidewalk network and nearby transit stops.
40	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.6: The proposal's transportation facilities are compatible with and support access to surrounding land uses, and contribute to the appropriate development of adjacent lands. The proposal includes at least one continuous roadway through the development, adequate street stubs, and relies on cul-de-sacs only as short side streets or where natural features limit development of "through" roads.	✓	This proposal does not constitute additional transportation facilities, as it is a small site.
41	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.9: The proposal includes the dedication of rights-of-way for street, transit corridors, bikeway and walkway facilities within or abutting the development.	✓	Transportation staff did not require dedication of right-of-way,
42	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.10: The proposal includes adequate parking spaces to support the use.	✓	Parking is code compliant.
43	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.13/16: The proposal provides for joint and cross access through the development and to connect to adjacent development sites.	✓	Access is shared between the three lots in the proposal and cross access to the site to the north is not required.
44	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.8: Adequate stub streets are provided for future roadway connections that support and contribute to appropriate development of adjacent land.	✓	A stub street is not necessary because the site is within an existing developed neighborhood.
45	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.9: Avoid access to development through areas of significantly lower intensity or density if such access would create a significant nuisance.	✓	Access to the development is through public rights of way.

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46	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.11: The development provides for an appropriate functional hierarchy of streets and appropriate linkages between activity areas in and adjacent to the development site.	✓	The existing roadways provide the appropriate linkages to other development.
47	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 9: Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit	A.1/2: The proposal provides, where appropriate, for the movement of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users around and through the development, provides bicycle and pedestrian connections to adjacent developments and to transit stops, and is appropriately located for its density and intensity.	✓	Sidewalks are provided for transit users and pedestrians. Existing sidewalks are located along the street frontage and the structure is set close to the road.
48	Livability/Environment Guideline 10: Flooding and Stormwater	The proposal's drainage plans have been approved by MSD, and the proposal mitigates negative impacts to the floodplain and minimizes impervious area. Solid blue-line streams are protected through a vegetative buffer, and drainage designs are capable of accommodating upstream runoff assuming a fully-developed watershed. If streambank restoration or preservation is necessary, the proposal uses best management practices.	✓	MSD has approved the plan.
49	Livability/Environment Guideline 12: Air Quality	The proposal has been reviewed by APCD and found to not have a negative impact on air quality.	✓	APCD has no issues with this proposal.
50	Livability/Environment Guideline 13: Landscape Character	A.3: The proposal includes additions and connections to a system of natural corridors that can provide habitat areas and allow for migration.	✓	Natural corridors are not evident in or around the proposal.
51	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.2: The proposal is located in an area served by existing utilities or planned for utilities.	✓	Existing utilities serve the site.
52	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.3: The proposal has access to an adequate supply of potable water and water for fire-fighting purposes.	✓	Water is available to the site.
53	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.4: The proposal has adequate means of sewage treatment and disposal to protect public health and to protect water quality in lakes and streams.	✓	The health department has no issues with the proposal.

4. Proposed Binding Elements

1. The development shall be in accordance with the approved district development plan, all applicable sections of the Land Development Code (LDC) and agreed upon binding elements unless amended pursuant to the Land Development Code. Any changes/additions/alterations of any binding element(s) shall be submitted to the Planning Commission or the Planning Commission's designee for review and approval; any changes/additions/alterations not so referred shall not be valid.
2. No outdoor advertising signs, small freestanding signs, pennants, balloons, or banners shall be permitted on the site.
3. Construction fencing shall be erected when off-site trees or tree canopy exists within 3' of a common property line. Fencing shall be in place prior to any grading or construction to protect the existing root systems from compaction. The fencing shall enclose the entire area beneath the tree canopy and shall remain in place until all construction is completed. No parking, material storage or construction activities are permitted within the protected area.
4. Before any permit (including but not limited to building, parking lot, change of use, site disturbance, alteration permit or demolition permit) is requested:
 - a. The development plan must receive full construction approval from Louisville Metro Department of Inspections, Permits and Licenses, Louisville Metro Public Works and the Metropolitan Sewer District.
 - b. The property owner/developer must obtain approval of a detailed plan for screening (buffering/landscaping) as described in Chapter 10 prior to requesting a building permit. Such plan shall be implemented prior to occupancy of the site and shall be maintained thereafter.
 - c. A Tree Preservation Plan in accordance with Chapter 10 of the LDC shall be reviewed and approved prior to obtaining approval for site disturbance.
 - d. A reciprocal access and crossover easement agreement in a form acceptable to the Planning Commission legal counsel shall be created between the adjoining property owners and recorded. A copy of the recorded instrument shall be submitted to the Division of Planning and Design Services; transmittal of approved plans to the office responsible for permit issuance will occur only after receipt of said instrument.
5. Prior to any site disturbance permit being issued and prior to any clearing, grading or issuance of a site disturbance permit, a site inspection shall be conducted by PDS staff to ensure proper placement of required tree protection fencing in accordance with the approved Tree Preservation Plan.
6. A certificate of occupancy must be received from the appropriate code enforcement department prior to occupancy of the structure or land for the proposed use. All binding elements requiring action and approval must be implemented prior to requesting issuance of the certificate of occupancy, unless specifically waived by the Planning Commission.
7. There shall be no outdoor music (live, piped, radio or amplified) or outdoor entertainment or outdoor PA system audible beyond the property line.
8. The applicant, developer, or property owner shall provide copies of these binding elements to tenants, purchasers, contractors, subcontractors and other parties engaged in development of this site and shall advise them of the content of these binding elements. These binding elements shall run with the land and the owner of the property and occupant of the property shall at all times be responsible for compliance with these binding elements. At all times during development of the site, the applicant and developer, their heirs, successors; and assignees, contractors, subcontractors, and other parties engaged in development of the site, shall be responsible for compliance with these binding elements.