Planning Commission Staff Report

November 21, 2013



Case No: 18784

Project Name: Grinstead Drive Closure

Location: 3015 Grinstead Dr.

Owner(s): Louisville Metro Government

Applicant: James Brammell – Louisville Water Company

Representative(s): Steven Burch – Sabak, Wilson & Lingo

Project Area/Size: 2.03 Acres

Existing Zoning District: R-5 – Single Family Residential

Existing Form District: Campus

Jurisdiction: Louisville Metro
Council District: 9 – Tina Ward-Pugh

Case Manager: David B. Wagner, Planner II

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APPLICABLE PLANS AND POLICIES

Cornerstone 2020 Land Development Code

STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR STREET AND ALLEY CLOSURES

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STAFF: Adequate public facilities will be maintained as the street no longer functions as a public way and is more of an internal access road for the Louisville Water Company.

2. Where existing or proposed utilities are located within the right of way to be closed, it shall be retained as an easement or alternative locations shall be provided for the utilities.

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3. Cost for Improvement – The cost for a street or alley closing, or abandonment of any easement or land dedicated to the use of the public shall be paid by the applicant or developer of a proposed project, including cost of improvements to adjacent rights-of-way or relocation of utilities within an existing easement.

STAFF: The applicant will provide the cost for improvements.

4. Comprehensive Plan – The extent to which the proposed closure is in compliance with the Goals, Objectives and Plan Elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

STAFF: In regards to the Comprehensive Plan compliance, the proposal contributes to the appropriate development of adjacent lands as the closure allows for a security building to be built for the site. There will be no change to the compatibility with surrounding land uses as the street has not been used as a public way for some time and there are already buildings built on top of parts of the street. The proposal results in an effective land use pattern and cost-effective infrastructure investment as the street is not being used as a public way and also allows a private entity to take care of the area instead of being maintained by Louisville Metro Government.

5. Other Matters – Any other matters which the Planning Commission may deem relevant and appropriate.

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STAFF: There are no other relevant matters.

TECHNICAL REVIEW

<u>Louisville Fire District</u> – **Approved**

<u>E-911/Metro Safe Addressing</u> – Approved; applicant needs to determine if the 3015 Grinstead Drive address point needs to be changed or eliminated

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STAFF CONCLUSIONS

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However, there are items that need to be addressed before the closure is transmitted to Louisville Metro Council as follows:

- MetroSafe approval needs to be obtained
- Louisville Metro Health Department approval needs to be obtained

The Planning Commission action required today is to RECOMMEND to the Louisville Metro Council to APPROVE or DENY the proposal.

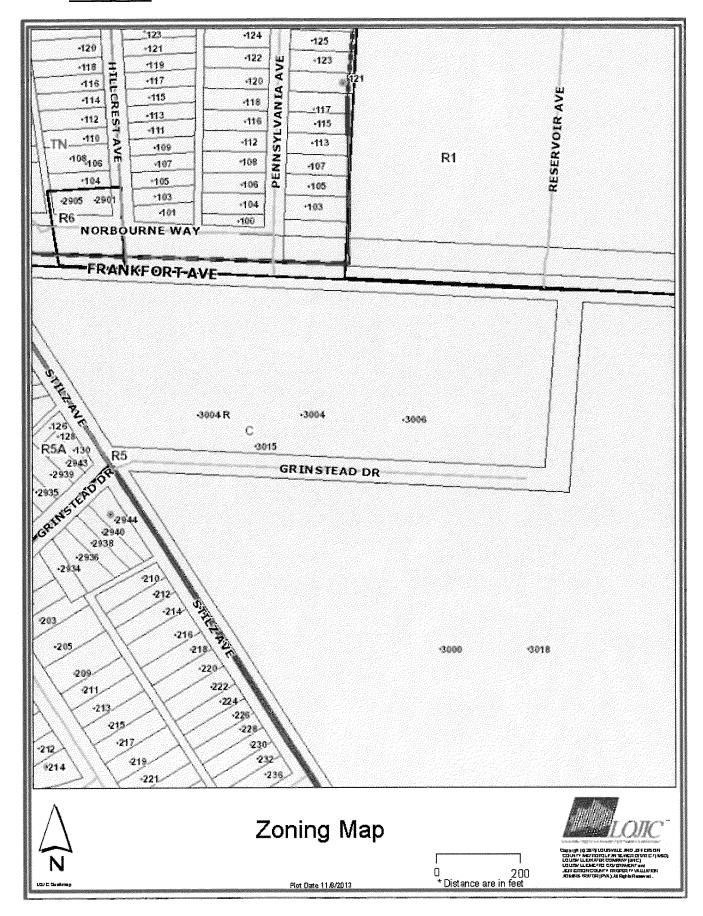
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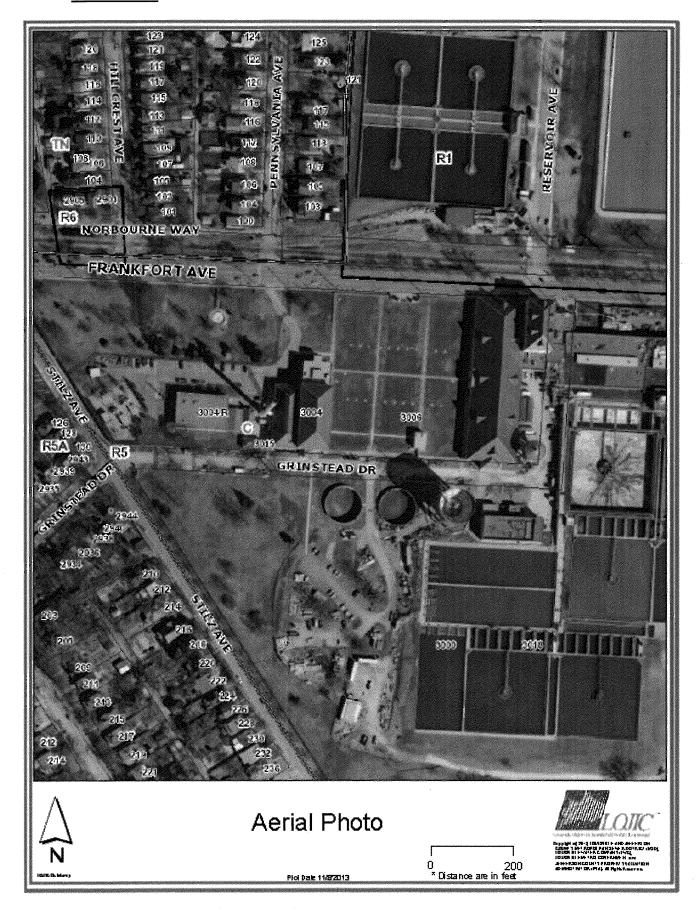
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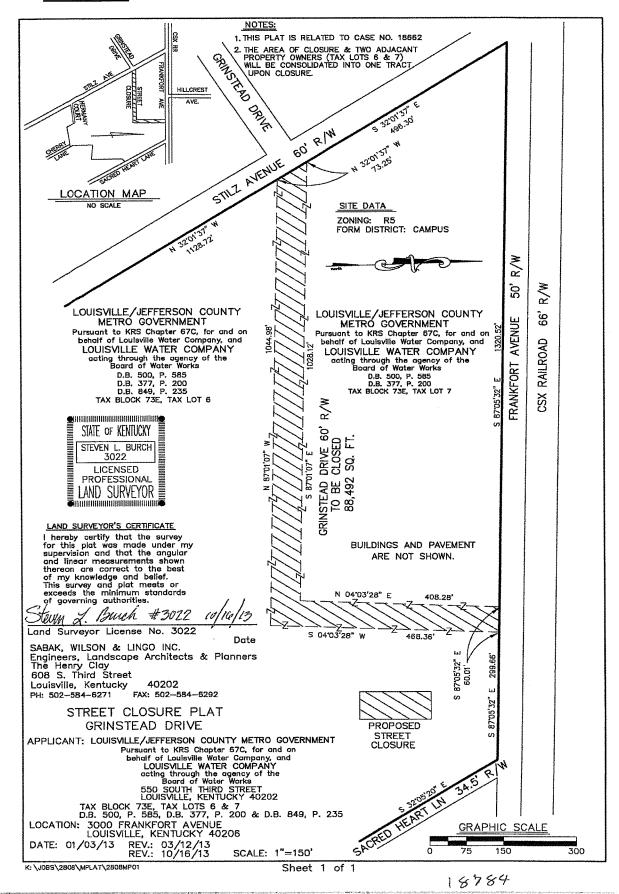
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Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.4: The proposed development is compact and results in an efficient land use pattern and cost-effective infrastructure investment.	The proposal results in an effective land use pattern and cost-effective infrastructure investment as the street is not being used as a public way and also allows a private entity to take care of the area instead of being maintained by Louisville Metro Government.
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March 11, 2013

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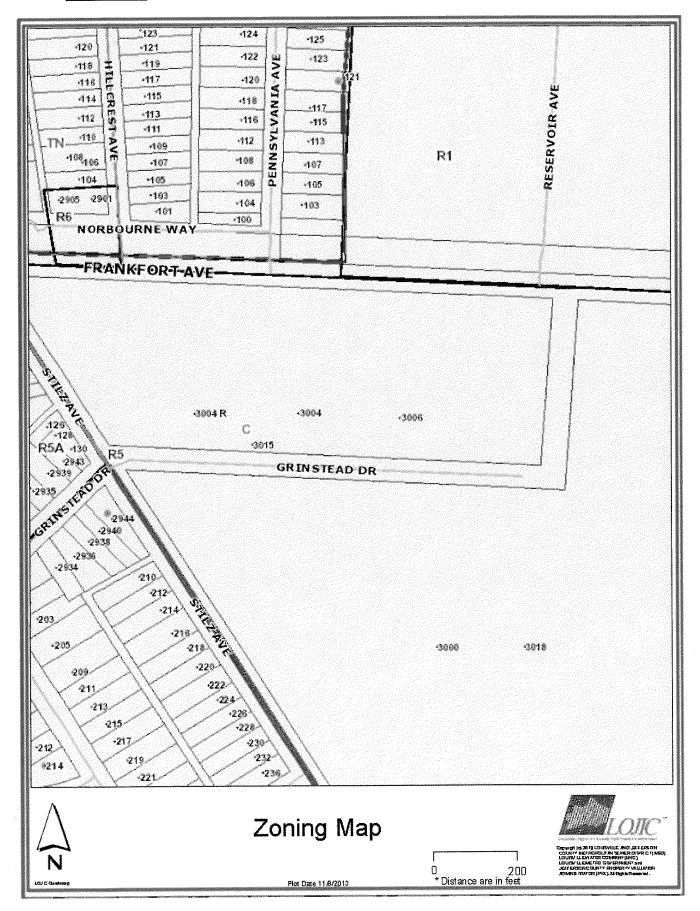
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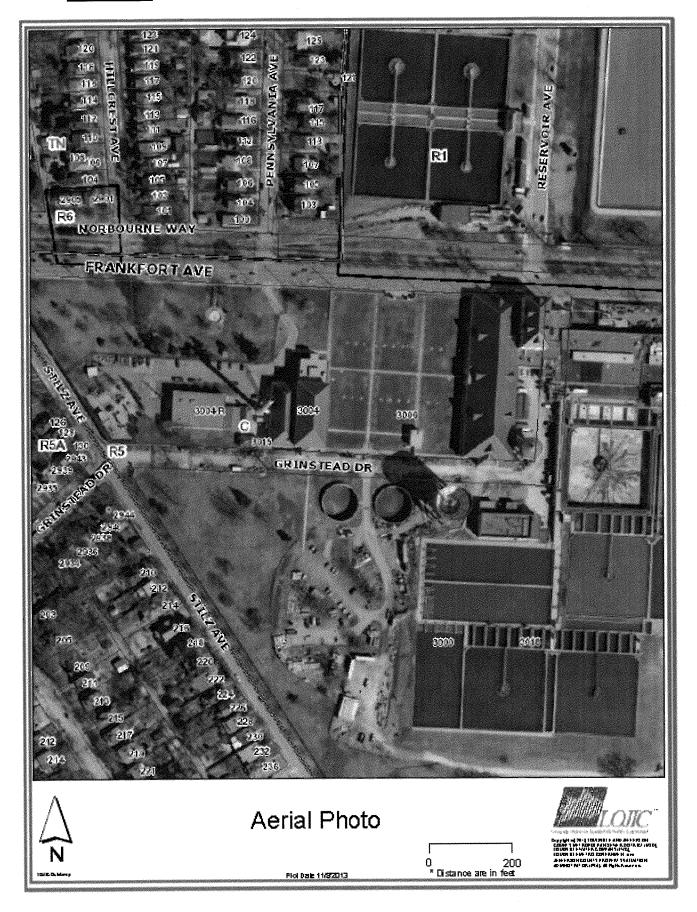
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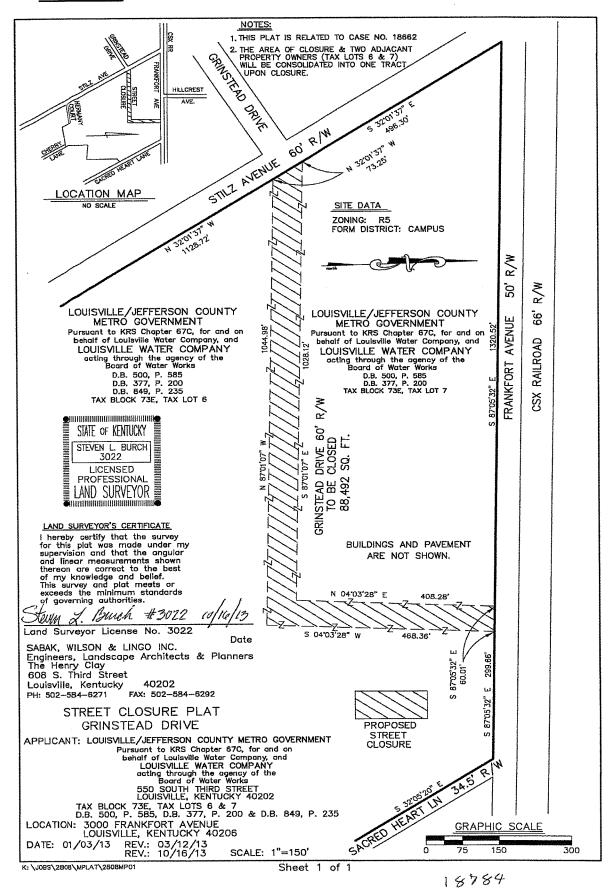
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