

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
LOUISVILLE METRO PLANNING COMMISSION  
September 3, 2015**

A meeting of the Louisville Metro Planning Commission was held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Old Jail Building, located at 514 W. Liberty Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

**Commission members present:**

Donnie Blake, Chair  
David Proffitt, Vice Chair  
Jeff Brown  
David Tomes  
Marilyn Lewis  
Rob Peterson  
Vince Jarboe  
Clifford Turner  
Robert Kirchdorfer

**Commission members absent:**

Chip White

**Staff Members present:**

Emily Liu, Director, Planning and Design Services  
Brian Davis, Planning & Design Supervisor  
David B. Wagner, Planner II  
John G. Carroll, Legal Counsel  
Jonathan Baker, Legal Counsel  
Brian Mabry, Planning & Design Coordinator  
Ken Baker, Planning Manager, Office of Advanced Planning  
Chris Cestaro, Management Assistant (minutes)

**Others:**

Tony Kelly, MSD

The following matters were considered:

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**Approval of Minutes**

**Minutes of the meeting of the August 20, 2015 Planning Commission public hearing.**

00:07:20 On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that the Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the minutes of the August 20, 2015 Planning Commission public hearing.

**The vote was as follows:**

**YES: Commissioners Lewis, Brown, Peterson, Jarboe, and Blake.**

**NO: No one.**

**NOT PRESENT: Commissioner White.**

**ABSTAINING: Commissioners Proffitt, Kirchdorfer, Turner, and Tomes.**

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**Case No. 15DEVPLAN1088**

**Request:** Revised Detailed District Development Plan, Binding Elements, and Waivers for a restaurant and retail.

**Project Name:** Panda Express

**Location:** 10600 Westport Road

**Owner:** CHOP Partners II, LLC  
13307 Magisterial Drive  
Louisville, KY 40223

**Applicant:** Charlie Shen  
CFT NV Development, LLC  
1683 Walnut Grove  
Rosemead, CA 91770

**Representatives:** Jaye Young  
Panda Restaurant Group  
1683 Walnut Grove Avenue  
Rosemead, CA 91770

**Engineer/Designer:** Erik Houston  
Grimail and Crawford, Inc.  
3650 Mansell Road Suite 495  
Alpharetta, GA 30022

**Jurisdiction:** Louisville Metro

**Council District:** 17 – Glen Stuckel

**Case Manager:** **David B. Wagner, Planner II**

The staff report prepared for this case was incorporated into the record. The Commissioners received this report in advance of the hearing, and this report was available to any interested party prior to the public hearing. (Staff report is part of the case file maintained in Planning and Design Services offices, 444 S. 5th Street.)

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**Agency Testimony:**

00:09:04 David Wagner presented the case and showed a Power Point presentation (see staff report and recording for detailed presentation.)

00:14:43 Mr. Wagner reviewed the proposed binding elements in the staff report (pages 10, 11 and 12.)

00:16:39 Commissioner Brown asked about pedestrian connectivity. Mr. Wagner said this was addressed and the plan stamped by Transportation Review. Connectivity, a crosswalk, and traffic control were also discussed.

**The following spoke in favor of the proposal:**

Matthew Sistrunk, Grimail-Crawford, 3650 Mansell Road Suite 495, Alpharetta, GA 30022

Greg Oakley and Andy Watson, 13307 Magisterial Drive, Louisville, KY 40223

**Summary of testimony of those in favor:**

00:19:05 Matthew Sistrunk, the applicant's representative, presented the applicant's proposal (see recording for detailed presentation.) He said access can be provided from the Westport Road sidewalk to the site, and will be addressed. He explained the landscaping waiver requests.

00:25:15 Commissioner Brown and Mr. Sistrunk discussed traffic control at the intersection where the two-way drive aisles intersect at Westport Road.

**The following spoke in opposition to the proposal:**

No one spoke.

**The following spoke neither for nor against the proposal:**

No one spoke.

**Rebuttal:**

There was no rebuttal, since no one spoke in opposition.

**Deliberation:**

00:31:28 Commissioners' deliberation.

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**Revised Detailed District Development Plan, Binding Elements, and all Waivers:**

00:34:15 On a motion by Commissioner Proffitt, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the following resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that **Waiver #1 of LDC 10.2 to allow easements to encroach more than 50% into the 25' LBA along the west property line** will not adversely affect adjacent property owners since the adjacent site is a wooded open space with a creek running through it. The next nearest buildings are commercially used; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the waiver will not violate specific guidelines of Cornerstone 2020. Guideline 3, policy 9 calls for the protection of the character of residential areas, roadway corridors and public spaces from visual intrusions and mitigate when appropriate. Since the adjacent area is not used residentially, no protection is necessary and the applicant will provide the required plantings and screenings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the extent of the waiver of the regulation is the minimum necessary to afford relief to the applicant since the applicant will still provide the required plantings and screenings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant because the developer would not be able to build the proposed development as desired and there are no surrounding residences to protect from the commercial use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that **Waiver #2 of LDC 10.2 to allow easements to encroach more than 50% into the 25' LBA along the south property line** will not adversely affect adjacent property owners since the adjacent site is a community green space without any residences nearby. The next nearest buildings are commercially used; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the waiver will not violate specific guidelines of Cornerstone 2020. Guideline 3, policy 9 calls for the protection of the character of residential areas, roadway corridors and public spaces from visual intrusions and mitigate when appropriate. Since the adjacent area is not used residentially, no protection is necessary and the applicant will provide the required plantings and screenings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the extent of the waiver of the regulation is the minimum necessary to afford relief to the applicant since the applicant will still provide the required plantings and screenings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant because the developer would not be able to build the proposed development as desired and there are no surrounding residences to protect from the commercial use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that **Waiver #3 of LDC 5.6.1 to allow the building façade to have less than 50% surface area of clear windows and doors** will not adversely affect adjacent property owners since the design requirement is an aesthetic feature only and serves no practical purpose. The façade in question faces a roadway and other commercial uses which does not affect residences; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the waiver will not violate specific guidelines of Cornerstone 2020. Guideline 3, policy 1 and 2 calls for the compatibility of all new development and redevelopment with the scale and site design of nearby existing development and with the pattern of development within the form district. The glass window design is nearly identical to other Panda Express restaurants within Neighborhood Form Districts and still provides interest at the street level that is comparable to other restaurants in the vicinity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the extent of the waiver of the regulation is the minimum necessary to afford relief to the applicant since the applicant is providing similar design to commercial buildings in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant because the design requirement is an aesthetic concern and serves no practical purpose; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that **Waiver #4 of LDC 10.2 to allow easements to encroach more than 50% into the 15' VUA LBA along the north property line** will not adversely affect adjacent property owners since the adjacent site is across a four lane highway and the required plantings and screening will be provided. The next nearest buildings are commercially used; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the waiver will not violate specific guidelines of Cornerstone 2020. Guideline 3, policy 9 calls for the protection of the character of residential areas, roadway corridors and public spaces from visual intrusions and mitigate when appropriate. Since the adjacent area is not used residentially, no protection is necessary and the applicant will provide the required plantings and screenings to protect the roadway corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the extent of the waiver of the regulation is the minimum necessary to afford relief to the applicant since the applicant will still provide the required plantings and screenings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant because the developer would not be able to build the proposed development as desired and there are no surrounding residences to protect from the commercial use. The roadway will still be protected by the proposed plantings and screening; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that, regarding the **Revised Detailed District Development Plan and Binding Elements**, there do not appear to be any environmental constraints or historic resources on the subject site. Tree canopy requirements of the Land Development Code will be provided on the subject site; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation within and around the development and the community has been provided, and Metro Public Works and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet have approved the preliminary development plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that there are no open space requirements with the current proposal. Future multi-family developments proposed on the subject site will be required to meet Land Development Code requirements; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the overall site design and land uses are compatible with the existing and future development of the area. Appropriate plantings and screening will be provided to screen adjacent properties and roadways. Buildings and parking lots will meet all required setbacks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that, based on the evidence and testimony presented, the applicant's justification and the staff report that all of the applicable Guidelines of Cornerstone 2020 and the Comprehensive Plan are being met; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the following Waivers:

- Waiver #1 of LDC 10.2 to allow easements to encroach more than 50% into the 25' LBA along the west property line
- Waiver #2 of LDC 10.2 to allow easements to encroach more than 50% into the 25' LBA along the south property line
- Waiver #3 of LDC 5.6.1 to allow the building façade to have less than 50% surface area of clear windows and doors
- Waiver #4 of LDC 10.2 to allow easements to encroach more than 50% into the 15' VUA LBA along the north property line

and does hereby **APPROVE** the requested Revised Detailed District Development Plan, **ON CONDITION** that a plan be submitted with proper pedestrian crosswalks and control devices being included and shown on the Revised Detailed District Development Plan, and **SUBJECT** to the following binding elements:

**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.



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2. Signs shall be in accordance with Chapter 8 -business signs per lot with dimensions of **(80 square feet in area and 10 feet in height)** are permitted.
3. No outdoor advertising signs (billboards), small freestanding (temporary) signs, pennants, balloons, or banners shall be permitted on the site.
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 Develop Louisville, 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 reciprocal access and crossover easement agreement in a form acceptable to Planning Commission legal counsel shall be secured from the adjoining property owner and recorded prior to construction approval. A copy of the recorded instrument shall be submitted to the Division of Planning and Design Services.
5. 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.
6. The materials and design of existing/proposed structures shall be substantially the same as depicted in the photos/rendering as presented at the September 3, 2015 Planning Commission public hearing.
7. The following uses shall be prohibited:
  - a. dry cleaning establishment, provided, the foregoing restriction shall not include an establishment for dry cleaning drop-off and pick-up only, with no cleaning services being performed at the subject property;
  - b. a pet store;
  - c. auto repair shop;
  - d. gasoline station;
  - e. adult book store;

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- f. bingo parlor;
  - g. a school, academy or learning center having more than twenty students at any one time;
  - h. a video game parlor or amusement arcade;
  - i. a business which would emit or produce noxious fumes or gases or loud noises;
  - j. a mortuary;
  - k. an establishment selling or exhibiting pornographic materials;
  - l. a nightclub, discotheque or dance hall;
  - m. a lot for the sale of used motor vehicles;
  - n. a pool or billiard hall (unless operated as part of a large scale family recreation or entertainment facility);
  - o. a use or operation which is generally considered to be an environmental risk to any portion of the Property or surrounding properties;
  - p. a store dedicated to the sale of tobacco products;
  - q. Automobile rental agencies
  - r. Boarding and lodging houses
  - s. Bowling alleys
  - t. Car washes
  - u. Extended stay lodging
  - v. Funeral homes
  - w. Hotels and motels
  - x. Retail nurseries
  - y. Pawn shop
  - z. Tents, air structures and other temporary structures
  - aa. Establishments holding a retail malt beverage license, but that do not allow consumption on the premises;
8. All exterior lighting shall comply with the lighting provisions as outlined in the Land Development Code.
9. No trash pick-up, exterior construction, deliveries, loading or parking lot cleaning (except ice or snow removal) shall occur between 10 PM and 7 AM.
10. No storage shall be allowed on exterior of site on ground or in containers after construction has been completed.
11. No trucks or delivery vehicles shall be parked overnight on the site after construction has been completed.
12. No truck or delivery access shall be allowed to or from Indian Lake Drive.

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13. No signage shall be allowed at the Indian Lake Drive intersection.
14. No lighted attached signage shall be allowed on the south elevations of any building.
15. No construction traffic shall be allowed to use Indian Lake Drive.
16. No future changes to the Binding Elements shall occur without a Public Hearing before the Louisville Metro Planning Commission.

**The vote was as follows:**

**YES: Commissioners Lewis, Proffitt, Brown, Kirchdorfer, Turner, Peterson, Jarboe, Tomes, and Blake.**

**NO: No one.**

**NOT PRESENT: Commissioner White.**

**ABSTAINING: No one.**

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**Case No. 15NEIGH1000 & 15NEIGH1001**

**Request/Project Name:** Jacobs Neighborhood Plan

**Location:** Louisville Metro

**Applicant:** Louisville Metro Advanced Planning

**Jurisdiction:** Louisville Metro

**Council District:** 15 – Marianne Butler

**Case Manager:** **Ken Baker, AICP, Planning Manager, Office of Advanced Planning II**

The staff report prepared for this case was incorporated into the record. The Commissioners received this report in advance of the hearing, and this report was available to any interested party prior to the public hearing. (Staff report is part of the case file maintained in Planning and Design Services offices, 444 S. 5th Street.)

**Agency Testimony:**

00:36:05 Ken Baker presented the plan and showed a Power Point presentation (see staff report and recording for detailed presentation.) He also explained the Neighborhood Plan process in detail, and said that this plan tested a new expedited Plan process.

**The following spoke in favor of the proposal:**

Tom Stephens, Executive Director, Center for Neighborhoods, 610 S 4th St #609, Louisville, KY 40202

Karen J. Bell, 3814 Wheeler Avenue, Louisville, KY 40215

J. David Dodson, 8 Church Street, St. Louis, MO 63135

**Summary of testimony of those in favor:**

00:41:22 Tom Stephens, Executive Director, Center for Neighborhoods, discussed the development and content of the plan, the details, and the major recommendations (see recording and Summary of the Plan for detailed presentation.)

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01:04:39 Mr. Stephens discussed strategies to stabilize home ownership.

01:08:12 Plans for the Jacobs School were discussed (senior living). The building is now owned by a private developer.

01:08:51 Karen Bell, a Jacobs neighborhood resident and member of the advisory committee, spoke in support.

01:10:24 David Dodson, representing Bywater Development Group (the developer who is pursuing the re-development of the Jacobs School), explained that the intended use of the building is for affordable senior housing (not assisted living or nursing home.)

**The following spoke in opposition to the proposal:**

No one spoke.

**The following spoke neither for nor against the proposal:**

No one spoke.

**Rebuttal:**

There was no rebuttal, since no one spoke in opposition.

**Deliberation:**

01:17:13 Commissioners' deliberation.

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**Case No. 15NEIGH1000 and 15NEIGH1001 (entire plan)**

01:24:35 On a motion by Commissioner Tomes, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the following resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 1 Community Form**. The proposed Land

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Use/Community Form recommendations in the Jacobs Neighborhood Plan promote new development that will be designed to be compatible with the scale, rhythm, form and function of the existing development as well as with the pattern of uses. The proposed rezoning (LU4) supports existing land uses and patterns of the Traditional Neighborhood Form, and preserves the traditional neighborhood character; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 2 Centers**. The focus on encouraging investment/reinvestment at Taylor and Berry Boulevards, targeted for neighborhood-friendly commercial, promotes efficient use of land and investment in existing infrastructure and encourages vitality and a sense of place in the neighborhood and community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 3 Compatibility**. The plan proposes recommendations for expanding commercial opportunities while maintaining the existing residential character of the neighborhood. The proposed development locations will minimize impacts to existing residences, schools and other sensitive areas in the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 4 Open Space**. The plan proposes recommendations for maintaining existing open spaces (Watterson Lake Park and Wyandotte Park) and enhancing neighborhood access to these community assets. The proposed recommendations seek to enhance existing open spaces serving the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 5 Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources**. The plan recommends for redeveloping the former Jacob Elementary School, listed on the National Register, with an adaptive re-use of the building (LU2). The recommendation encourages this distinctive feature in the Jacobs Neighborhood to be preserved; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 6 Economic Development and Sustainability**. The Land Use/Community Form recommendations propose strengthening the commercial node at Taylor and Berry Boulevards. The plan also supports re-use of the former Jacob School for a multi-family development. These recommendations encourage redevelopment and reinvestment opportunities that will be compatible with and stabilize the residential land uses. The proposed rezoning and redevelopment of the Jacob School are at locations where nuisances and

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activities of the proposed uses will not adversely impact residential land uses;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 7 Circulation**. The proposed Mobility recommendations in the Jacobs Plan provide for adequate services to support exiting uses and promote growth. Implementation of the mobility recommendations will provide walking and bicycling opportunities that will decrease the use of single-occupant vehicles and improve safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 9 Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit**. The Mobility recommendations place an emphasis on making improvements to the current street and sidewalk networks to support access to community facilities via walking and biking. The recommendations also would provide for safer access to public transit. The Land Use/Community Form recommendations support expanding opportunities neighborhood-serving commercial uses, which could lead to a reduction in vehicle trips for retail goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 10 Flooding and Stormwater**. Land Use/Community Form recommendations identify drainage and flooding issues in the neighborhood and seek to address these concerns. The proposed recommendations will not exacerbate drainage conditions in the neighborhood or surrounding area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 12 Air Quality**. The proposed Jacobs Neighborhood Plan recommendations reduce the impacts of pollution caused by vehicular traffic and land uses and encourages alternative modes of transportation by improving bicycle and pedestrian access in the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 15 Community Facilities**. The Plan recommends enhancing connections to the Jacob Elementary School and neighborhood parks via walking and biking. As such, the plan supports the guideline's goals to have community facilities that are accessible to the adjacent neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that, based on the evidence and testimony presented and the staff report that all of the applicable Guidelines of Cornerstone 2020 and the Comprehensive Plan are being met; now, therefore be it

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**RESOLVED**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **RECOMMEND** to the Louisville Metro Council that the requested Jacobs Neighborhood Plan be **APPROVED**.

**The vote was as follows:**

**YES: Commissioners Lewis, Proffitt, Brown, Kirchdorfer, Turner, Peterson, Jarboe, Tomes, and Blake.**

**NO: No one.**

**NOT PRESENT: Commissioner White.**

**ABSTAINING: No one.**

**Executive Summary be adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan of Cornerstone 2020**

01:25:52 On a motion by Commissioner Tomes, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the following resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 1 Community Form**. The proposed Land Use/Community Form recommendations in the Jacobs Neighborhood Plan promote new development that will be designed to be compatible with the scale, rhythm, form and function of the existing development as well as with the pattern of uses. The proposed rezoning (LU4) supports existing land uses and patterns of the Traditional Neighborhood Form, and preserves the traditional neighborhood character; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 2 Centers**. The focus on encouraging investment/reinvestment at Taylor and Berry Boulevards, targeted for neighborhood-friendly commercial, promotes efficient use of land and investment in existing infrastructure and encourages vitality and a sense of place in the neighborhood and community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 3 Compatibility**. The plan proposes recommendations for expanding commercial opportunities while maintaining the existing residential character of the neighborhood. The proposed development locations will minimize impacts to existing residences, schools and other sensitive areas in the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of



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**Guideline 4 Open Space.** The plan proposes recommendations for maintaining existing open spaces (Watterson Lake Park and Wyandotte Park) and enhancing neighborhood access to these community assets. The proposed recommendations seek to enhance existing open spaces serving the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 5 Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources.** The plan recommends for redeveloping the former Jacob Elementary School, listed on the National Register, with an adaptive re-use of the building (LU2). The recommendation encourages this distinctive feature in the Jacobs Neighborhood to be preserved; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 6 Economic Development and Sustainability.** The Land Use/Community Form recommendations propose strengthening the commercial node at Taylor and Berry Boulevards. The plan also supports re-use of the former Jacob School for a multi-family development. These recommendations encourage redevelopment and reinvestment opportunities that will be compatible with and stabilize the residential land uses. The proposed rezoning and redevelopment of the Jacob School are at locations where nuisances and activities of the proposed uses will not adversely impact residential land uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 7 Circulation.** The proposed Mobility recommendations in the Jacobs Plan provide for adequate services to support exiting uses and promote growth. Implementation of the mobility recommendations will provide walking and bicycling opportunities that will decrease the use of single-occupant vehicles and improve safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 9 Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit.** The Mobility recommendations place an emphasis on making improvements to the current street and sidewalk networks to support access to community facilities via walking and biking. The recommendations also would provide for safer access to public transit. The Land Use/Community Form recommendations support expanding opportunities neighborhood-serving commercial uses, which could lead to a reduction in vehicle trips for retail goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of

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**Guideline 10 Flooding and Stormwater.** Land Use/Community Form recommendations identify drainage and flooding issues in the neighborhood and seek to address these concerns. The proposed recommendations will not exacerbate drainage conditions in the neighborhood or surrounding area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 12 Air Quality.** The proposed Jacobs Neighborhood Plan recommendations reduce the impacts of pollution caused by vehicular traffic and land uses and encourages alternative modes of transportation by improving bicycle and pedestrian access in the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of **Guideline 15 Community Facilities.** The Plan recommends enhancing connections to the Jacob Elementary School and neighborhood parks via walking and biking. As such, the plan supports the guideline's goals to have community facilities that are accessible to the adjacent neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that, based on the evidence and testimony presented and the staff report that all of the applicable Guidelines of Cornerstone 2020 and the Comprehensive Plan are being met; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **RECOMMEND** to the Louisville Metro Council that the Executive Summary of the Jacobs Neighborhood Plan be adopted as part of Cornerstone 2020 and the Land Development Code.

**The vote was as follows:**

**YES: Commissioners Lewis, Proffitt, Brown, Kirchdorfer, Turner, Peterson, Jarboe, Tomes, and Blake.**

**NO: No one.**

**NOT PRESENT: Commissioner White.**

**ABSTAINING: No one.**

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**Business Session**

**Update of PDS Activities and Training Programs**

**Case Managers:**                      **Emily Liu, Director, Planning and Design Services**  
**Joe Haberman, Planning Manager, Planning and Design Services**

**Agency Testimony:**

01:28:13     Emily Liu, Director of Planning and Design Services, presented the Director's Report of PDS Activities. She began by explaining about the creation and organization of the Louisville Forward department and discussed how all of the divisions work.

01:37:38     She discussed the growth, caseload, number of meetings, and new procedures and services being provided in the PDS department (department highlights.)

01:40:56     Joe Haberman discussed the status of the proposed LDC Text Amendment updates and/or policy changes which have been submitted to the Metro Council. He also discussed educational requirements and upcoming training opportunities.

02:00:05     Commissioner Tomes and Mr. Haberman discussed methods of keeping track of Commissioners' training hours.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Land Development and Transportation Committee**

No report given.

**Legal Review Committee**

No report given.

**Planning Committee**

No report given.

**Policy and Procedures Committee**


No report given

**Site Inspection Committee**

No report given.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.

  
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VKE Chairman

  
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Division Director