



Louisville Metro Council

Kelly Downard
District 16 Councilman

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Debbie Carroll
Legislative Assistant

BOZA Members
Louisville Metro Planning and Zoning Commission
444 South Fifth St.
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Re: Senior Care Center on Chamberlain Lane adjacent to Norton Commons
Deceleration Lane on Chamberlain Lane

Dear Members:

I have reviewed the record relating to this Conditional Use Permit. The determination by the Transportation Planning department, after studying the traffic study, found that a deceleration lane is not warranted. A review of the May 4, 2015 BOZA minutes, indicates several reasons for this decision, including the safety of residents, potential for cut-through traffic and others.

One concern not mentioned was the requirement of the Wolf Pen Branch Neighborhood Plan which was written and then amended a few years later. Having been to every meeting during the planning process, I can say that the intent of item number 14 of the plan was clearly to "maintain the alignment and width of the existing roadways and preserve the existing vegetation on all roadways" within the area. Allowing for the removal of this vegetation for a deceleration lane that is not needed is wrong and sets a damaging precedent. I am strongly against such an approval.

I have steadfastly supported all activities of Norton Commons because it is a wonderful addition to our community. David Tomes has provided good leadership for the development from its inception. However, I cannot agree with him on this point. His reasoning is based more on conjecture than studies or history.

Please do not allow a deceleration lane until there is a proven need. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kelly Downard
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cc: District 16 Councilman-Elect Scott Reed
David Tomes
Barbara Kelly
Alice Gunnison
Jon Crumbie
Joe Reverman