

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
DECEMBER 1, 2016**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CASE NO. 16NEIGHPLAN1005**

Request:	Adoption of the Oakdale Neighborhood Plan and Executive Summary
Project Name:	Oakdale Neighborhood Plan
Location:	Oakdale Neighborhood
Owner:	Multiple
Applicant:	Louisville Metro
Representative:	Louisville Metro
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	15-Marianne Butler
Case Manager:	Ken Baker, AICP, Planning Manager

**NOTE: This case was heard out of order, as the first Public Hearing item.**

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.)

**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.**

**Agency Testimony:**

**00:05:30** Ken Baker presented the case and showed a Powerpoint presentation (see recording for detailed presentation).

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

Tom Stephens, 507 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Louisville, KY 40202  
Marianne Butler, Louisville Metro Council, Louisville, KY  
Pauletta Feldman, 906 W. Evelyn, Louisville, KY 40215  
Vicki Brezinski, 4401 Gatewood Ave., Louisville, KY 40215

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

**00:07:53** Tom Stephens spoke in favor of the request and showed a Powerpoint presentation. Mr. Stephens responded to questions from the Commissioners (see recording for detailed presentation).

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**00:20:48** Ken Baker concluded his presentation of the case (see recording for detailed presentation).

**00:22:09** Marianne Butler spoke in favor of the request (see recording for detailed presentation).

**00:23:00** Pauletta Feldman spoke in favor of the request (see recording for detailed presentation).

**00:25:30** Vicki Brezinski spoke in favor of the request (see recording for detailed presentation).

**00:27:44** Councilwoman Butler responded to a question by Chair Jarboe (see recording for detailed presentation).

**The following spoke in opposition of the request:**

No one spoke.

**00:30:16** **Commissioners' deliberation**

**00:32:00** Councilwoman Butler responded to a question from Commissioner Gazaway (see recording for detailed presentation).

**00:32:44** **Commissioners' deliberation**

**00:35:06** On a motion by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Howard, the following resolution was adopted:

**Neighborhood Plan**

**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 Oakdale Neighborhood Plan promote new/infill 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 recommendations support existing land uses and patterns of the Traditional Neighborhood Form, and preserves the traditional neighborhood character; and

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**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 Wyandotte Park and existing open spaces 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 recommendations support and encourage the preservation of distinctive natural, scenic and historic resources in the Oakdale Neighborhood; 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. These recommendations encourage redevelopment and reinvestment opportunities that will be compatible with and stabilize the 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 Oakdale Plan provide for adequate services to support existing 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

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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 Oakdale 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 Oakdale 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 staff report and the evidence and testimony presented, that all of the applicable Guidelines of Cornerstone 2020 and the Comprehensive Plan are being met; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission in Case Number 16NEIGHPLAN1005 & 16NEIGHPLAN1006, Oakdale Neighborhood Plan, does hereby **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** to Louisville Metro Council of the requested Neighborhood Plan.

**The vote was as follows:**

**Yes: Commissioners Brown, Howard, Smith, Carlson, Gazaway, Peterson, Tomes, Vice Chair Lewis and Chair Jarboe**

**Not Present: Commissioner Kirchdorfer**

**00:36:07** On a motion by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the following resolution was adopted:

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**Executive Summary of Plan to be an Amendment to Cornerstone 2020**

**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 Oakdale Neighborhood Plan promote new/infill 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 recommendations support 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 Wyandotte Park and existing open spaces 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 recommendations support and encourage the preservation of distinctive natural, scenic and historic resources in the Oakdale Neighborhood; 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. These recommendations encourage redevelopment and reinvestment opportunities that will be compatible with and stabilize the 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 Oakdale

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Plan provide for adequate services to support existing 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 Oakdale 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 Oakdale 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 staff report and the evidence and testimony presented, that all of the applicable Guidelines of Cornerstone 2020 and the Comprehensive Plan are being met; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission in Case Number 16NEIGHPLAN1005 & 16NEIGHPLAN1006, does hereby **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** to Louisville Metro Council the Executive Summary of the Plan as an Amendment to Cornerstone 2020.

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**The vote was as follows:**

**Yes: Commissioners Brown, Howard, Smith, Carlson, Gazaway, Peterson,  
Tomes, Vice Chair Lewis and Chair Jarboe**

**Not Present: Commissioner Kirchdorfer**