

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
July 18, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING

CASE NO. 18NEIGHPLAN1007

NOTE: This case was heard simultaneously with 18NEIGHPLAN1008.

Request: Adoption of Neighborhood Plan and Executive Summary as
Amendment to Plan 2040
Project Name: Vision Russell Neighborhood Plan
Location: Russell Neighborhood
Owner: Louisville Metro
Applicant: Louisville Metro
Representative: Louisville Metro
Jurisdiction: Louisville Metro
Council District: 4 – Barbara Sexton Smith

Case Manager: Kendal Baker, AICP, Planning Manager

Notice of this public hearing appeared in The Courier-Journal.

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. (The staff report is part of the case file maintained in Planning and Design Services offices, 444 S. 5th Street.)

Agency Testimony:

00:26:45 Kendal Baker presented the case via Power Point slideshow (see recording for detailed presentation). Mr. Baker stated John Hawkins is here to speak in support of the adoption of the neighborhood plan presented today.

The following spoke in support of this request:

John Hawkins, Grants and Special Activities Project Manager, 500 E. Jefferson Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202

Gretchen Milliken, Director of Advanced Planning and Sustainability, 444 South Fifth Street, Suite 600, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202

Summary of testimony of those in support:

00:31:39 John Hawkins presented Russell Neighborhood Transformation plan via Power Point slideshow. Mr. Hawkins detailed the planning process, project overview, summary of plan goals, and the implementation process (see recording for detailed presentation).

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00:40:49 Kendal Baker discussed the executive summary implementation table for future development (see recording for detailed presentation). A printed copy of the transformation plan presentation was handed out to commissioners.

00:43:40 Commissioner Daniels asked for verification of acquired land for use for a park. John Hawkins replied the land has been purchased for park and expanded green space; however, there are environmental studies currently in process. Mr. Hawkins referred to Gretchen Milliken to provide information regarding the process.

00:44:29 Gretchen Milliken stated any site proposed to become a new park will have an environmental review to ensure it is appropriate for recreational and park facilities (see recording for detailed presentation).

The following spoke in opposition to this request:

No one spoke.

Deliberation:

00:45:24 Commissioner Deliberation (see recording for detailed presentation).

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.

Vision Russell Neighborhood Plan

00:50:00 On a motion by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Daniels, the following resolution, based on the Plan 2040 Staff Findings and the evidence and testimony heard today, was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **RECOMMEND** to the Louisville Metro Council to **APPROVE** Vision Russell Neighborhood Plan

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Tomes, Daniels, Smith, Brown, Howard, Carlson, and Jarboe.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioners Lewis, Robinson, Peterson

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Executive Summary of Plan to be Amendment to Plan 2040

00:51:15 On a motion by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Daniels, the following resolution, based on the Plan 2040 Staff Findings and the evidence and testimony heard today, was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Community Form Goal 1 Community Form** guideline because the proposed recommendations in the Plan guide the form and design of development to be responsive to the distinctive physical, historic and cultural qualities of Russell.

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Community Form Goal 4 Authenticity** guideline because the Plan promotes historic resources that contribute to neighborhood authenticity.

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Community Form Goal 5 Art and Creativity** guideline because the Plan encourages the integration of art in public spaces in Russell.

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WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Mobility Goal 2 Safe, Accessible and Efficient Transportation** guideline because the Plan promotes a safe, accessible and efficient transportation system in Russell.

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Mobility Goal 3 Connectivity** guideline because the Plan encourages land use and transportation patterns that connect the neighborhood and support future growth.

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Community Facilities Goal 2 Community Facilities Quality of Life** guideline because the Plan recommendations support community facilities to improve quality of life.

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Economic Development Goal 1 Economic Growth and Opportunity** guideline because the Plan supports an economic climate that improves growth, innovation, investment and opportunity for all residents in Russell.

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Economic Development Goal 2 Economic Quality of Life** guideline because the Plan promotes enhanced quality of life in the Russell neighborhood and the development of a highly-skilled workforce

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Livability Goal 2 Health and Safety** guideline because the Plan recommendations promote equitable health and safety outcomes for all residents in Russell.

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Livability Goal 4 Sustainability and Resilience** guideline because the Plan promotes land use patterns that will provide mobility choice and access to multi-modal transportation options.

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Housing Goal 1 Diverse Housing** guideline because the Plan promotes a diverse range of housing choices in Russell.

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Housing Goal 2 Connected, Mixed-Use Neighborhoods** guideline because the Plan supports the development of connected, mixed-use neighborhoods in Russell.

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WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the **Housing Goal 3 Fair and Affordable Housing** guideline because the Plan promotes long-term affordability and livable housing in Russell; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **RECOMMEND** to the Louisville Metro Council to **APPROVE** Executive Summary of Plan to be Amendment to Plan 2040

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Tomes, Daniels, Smith, Brown, Howard, Carlson, and Jarboe.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioners Lewis, Robinson, Peterson