

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**October 15, 2020**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CASE NO. 20-AREA-0001**

Request: James Taylor-Jacob School Neighborhood Plan and Executive Summary  
Project Name: James Taylor-Jacob School Neighborhood Plan  
Location: Louisville Metro  
Applicant: Louisville Metro  
Jurisdiction: Louisville Metro  
Council District: 16 - Scott Reed

**Case Manager: Michael King, Planning Manager**

Notice of this public hearing appeared in The Courier-Journal, a notice was posted on the property, and notices were sent by first class mail to those adjoining property owners whose names were supplied by the applicants.

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:**

02:38:36 Michael King presented the case and showed a Power Point presentation (see recording for detailed presentation.)

**The following spoke in support of this request:**

Jessica Brown, Center for Neighborhoods, 1028 Rawling Wood Lane, Goshen, KY 40026

Councilman Scott Reed, 601 West Jefferson Street, Louisville, KY 40202

Michelle Barnett, Shirley Avenue (was not present but had her statement read in to the record by Jessica Brown)

Arnita Gadson, 6311 Bass Road, Prospect, KY 40059

Mark Raymond Jackson, 7700 Upper River Road, Prospect, KY 40059

**Summary of testimony of those in support:**

02:41:54 Jessica Brown, Center for Neighborhoods and lead consultant, continued the presentation and showed a Power Point presentation (see recording.)

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02:56:23 Mr. King concluded the presentation (see recording.)

02:57:46 Councilman Scott Reed endorsed the Neighborhood Plan (see recording for detailed statement.)

03:00:01 Michelle Barnett was not able to attend personally, but she sent her comments to Jessica Brown, who read them in to the record (see recording.)

03:01:51 Arnita Gadson said she agreed with everything in Ms. Barnett's statement and said she was strongly in support of the proposed plan.

03:03:06 Mark Jackson, the current president of the Neighborhood Association, agreed with previous statements and said he endorses the Neighborhood Plan.

03:06:03 In response to a question from Commissioner Mims, Ms. Brown said that approving the neighborhood plan will help the neighborhood when they apply for Historic Preservation funds to preserve the Rosenwald School.

03:08:20 Commissioner Mims also asked about drainage issues – is that river flooding, or is it an issue with drainage pipes and swales? Ms. Brown summarized what they had found through research (see recording for detailed discussion.) She said that the consultant had had many meetings with MSD and there is a draft plan to build a 100-year pipe under Bass Road to help with outflow.

**The following spoke in opposition to this request:**

No one spoke.

03:10:45 Commissioners' deliberation.

**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.**

**James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood Plan**

03:16:40 On a motion by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the following resolution, based on the Standard of Review and Staff Analysis, and evidence and testimony heard today, was adopted:

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**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the intents of Community Form Goal 1 because the proposed recommendations guide the form and design of development to be responsive to the distinctive physical, historic and cultural qualities of the James Taylor – Jacob School area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of Community Form Goal 2 because the proposed recommendations encourage sustainable growth and density around corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of Community Form Goal 3 because the proposed recommendations enhance the James Taylor – Jacob School area by protecting and integrating open space, watersheds and other natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of Community Form Goal 4 because the proposed recommendations promote the historic resources that contribute to the James Taylor – Jacob School area's authenticity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of Mobility Goal 1 because the proposed recommendations promote an accessible system of alternative transportation modes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of Mobility Goal 2 because the proposed recommendations promote a safe, accessible and efficient transportation system; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **RECOMMEND** to the Louisville Metro Council that the proposed James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood Plan be **APPROVED**.

**The vote was as follows:**

**YES: Commissioners Daniels, Carlson, Brown, Seitz, Mims, Peterson, Howard, and Jarboe.**

**NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Lewis.**

**Adoption of the James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood Plan Executive Summary as an Amendment to Plan 2040**

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03:18:02 On a motion by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the following resolution, based on the Standard of Review and Staff Analysis, and evidence and testimony heard today, was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that the proposal meets the intents of Community Form Goal 1 because the proposed recommendations guide the form and design of development to be responsive to the distinctive physical, historic and cultural qualities of the James Taylor – Jacob School area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of Community Form Goal 2 because the proposed recommendations encourage sustainable growth and density around corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of Community Form Goal 3 because the proposed recommendations enhance the James Taylor – Jacob School area by protecting and integrating open space, watersheds and other natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of Community Form Goal 4 because the proposed recommendations promote the historic resources that contribute to the James Taylor – Jacob School area's authenticity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of Mobility Goal 1 because the proposed recommendations promote an accessible system of alternative transportation modes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission further finds that the proposal meets the intents of Mobility Goal 2 because the proposed recommendations promote a safe, accessible and efficient transportation system; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **RECOMMEND** to the Louisville Metro Council that the proposed James Taylor – Jacob School Neighborhood Plan Executive Summary as an Amendment to Plan 2040 be **APPROVED**.

**The vote was as follows:**

**YES: Commissioners Daniels, Carlson, Brown, Seitz, Mims, Peterson, Howard, and Jarboe.**

**NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Lewis.**