

**Planning Commission  
Staff Report**  
November 15, 2018



<b>Case No:</b>	18ZONE1045
<b>Project Name:</b>	L&N Federal Credit Union
<b>Location:</b>	9101 & 9104R Lantana Drive
<b>Owner(s):</b>	L&N Federal Credit Union
<b>Applicant:</b>	L&N Federal Credit Union
<b>Representative(s):</b>	Bardenwerper, Talbott, & Roberts, PLLC
<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Louisville Metro
<b>Council District:</b>	23 – James Peden
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**REQUEST(S)**

- **Change-in-Zoning** from R-4, Single-family Residential to OR-3, Office-Residential
- **Variations**
  1. **Variance** from Land Development Code (LDC), section 5.3.1.C.5 to allow parking encroachments into 30' non-res to res setback (north P/L) as shown on the development plan
  2. **Variance** from LDC, section 5.3.1.C.5 to allow building to exceed maximum 95' setback as shown on the development plan
  3. **Variance** from LDC, section 5.3.1.C.5 to allow building to exceed maximum height of 30'
- **Waiver** of LDC, section 5.8.1 to not provide required sidewalk along Smyrna Parkway
- **Detailed District Development Plan**

**CASE SUMMARY**

A 70,000 sq. ft., 3-story office building has been proposed at the intersection of Smyrna Parkway and Interstate-265. The office building expands the existing credit union campus from the adjacent lots to the south. Vehicular and pedestrian connectivity between the sites will be provided. The new office will be served by 200 parking spaces.

**STAFF FINDING**

The proposal conforms to the Comprehensive plan. The proposal allows for the additional provision of non-residential uses within an activity node at the intersection of a collector roadway and Interstate-265. Compatible building materials, appropriate transitions, and multi-modal connectivity have all been provided. Variations, waiver, and detailed district development plan all appear to be adequately justified and meet the standard of review based on staff's analysis.

**TECHNICAL REVIEW**

- The applicant should confirm the maximum height of the proposed structure and variance for which relief is needed.
- The site appears to have received Smyrna Parkway addresses.

## **STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR ZONING DISTRICT CHANGES**

Criteria for granting the proposed form district change/rezoning: KRS Chapter 100.213

1. The proposed form district/rezoning change complies with the applicable guidelines and policies Cornerstone 2020; OR
2. The existing form district/zoning classification is inappropriate and the proposed classification is appropriate; OR
3. There have been major changes of an economic, physical, or social nature within the area involved which were not anticipated in Cornerstone 2020 which have substantially altered the basic character of the area.

## **STAFF ANALYSIS FOR CHANGE IN ZONING**

The Following is a summary of staff's analysis of the proposed rezoning against the Guidelines and Policies of Cornerstone 2020:

### The site is located in the Neighborhood Form District

The Neighborhood Form is characterized by predominantly residential uses that vary from low to high density and that blend compatibly into the existing landscape and neighborhood areas. High-density uses will be limited in scope to minor or major arterials and to areas that have limited impact on the low to moderate density residential areas.

The Neighborhood Form will contain diverse housing types in order to provide housing choice for differing ages and incomes. New neighborhoods are encouraged to incorporate these different housing types within a neighborhood as long as the different types are designed to be compatible with nearby land uses. These types may include, but not be limited to large lot single family developments with cul-de-sacs, neo-traditional neighborhoods with short blocks or walkways in the middle of long blocks to connect with other streets, villages and zero lot line neighborhoods with open space, and high density multi-family condominium-style or rental housing.

The Neighborhood Form may contain open space and, at appropriate locations, civic uses and neighborhood centers with a mixture of uses such as offices, retail shops, restaurants and services. These neighborhood centers should be at a scale that is appropriate for nearby neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Form should provide for accessibility and connectivity between adjacent uses and neighborhoods by automobile, pedestrian, bicycles and transit.

Neighborhood streets may be either curvilinear, rectilinear or in a grid pattern and should be designed to invite human interaction. Streets are connected and easily accessible to each other, using design elements such as short blocks or bike/walkways in the middle of long blocks to connect with other streets. Examples of design elements that encourage this interaction include narrow street widths, street trees, sidewalks, shaded seating/gathering areas and bus stops. Placement of utilities should permit the planting of shade trees along both sides of the streets.

### The subject site is located in the Highview Neighborhood Plan area.

The Highview Neighborhood Plan makes land use recommendations that encourage commercial development to occur in dedicated neighborhood centers/nodes. The specific land use recommendations of the Highview Neighborhood Plan related to this site are:

- **LU2:** Establish a Network of Strategic Neighborhood Activity Centers/Nodes Existing areas with a cluster of commercial uses have been identified as future Neighborhood Nodes as seen in Figure 3.4. These nodes are the preferred location for future medium to high density development. Other compatible uses that are also appropriate for the Neighborhood Nodes include office, civic, open space, and higher density residential. The scale and character of future development should fit within the existing character and be neighborhood serving. Neighborhood Nodes should be: centered around a defined intersection; have finite boundaries with appropriate transition to surrounding neighborhoods, and; be walkable in size—generally defined as a ¼ mile from edge to edge (See CF2 for design guidelines for Neighborhood Nodes).
- **LU6:** Limit Future Commercial Zoning within the Town Center and Neighborhood Activity Centers/Nodes To preserve and protect the existing neighborhood character, future commercial development should be limited to the Town Center and limited within Neighborhood Activity Centers/Nodes as illustrated in red circles in Figure 3.7. Concentrating commercial development helps build a critical mass that is beneficial to both the commercial uses and preserving the character of the remainder of the neighborhood by limiting potential expansion of fragmented incompatible uses.

The subject site is located in an existing activity center/node. A clear boundary between residential and non-residential development is defined and commercial/office development orients to the higher classification roadway. The proposal expands an existing area of commercial and office activity and is limited in intensity. It demonstrates an efficient use of land through the provision of minimum parking requirements, drainage facilities, and office user. The district allows for a variety of services to be provided for an individual or multiple entities with the area. While it would be the largest development in this small activity area, it includes outdoor features for employees, landscaping, and compatible architecture with the area. The proposed building materials increase the new development's compatibility as the proposed rendering indicates a variation of material and heights that provide character to the small activity center. Setbacks, lot dimensions and building heights are compatible with those of nearby developments that meet form district standards as the proposed rendering shows a variation of material and heights that are beneficial to the character of the area.

Appropriate transitions are provided between uses that are substantially different in scale and intensity as required setbacks and buffers are provided at the rear. Screening and buffering of parking and circulation areas adjacent to the street are provided, and design features or landscaping are used to fill gaps created by surface parking lots as ILA is provided and the required parkway buffer is being provided. The Highview neighborhood plan calls for public/private open space to be integrated into a development site. Terraces on the second and third floors of the development have been indicated on the development plan that conforms to this recommendation.

The proposal is designed to support easy access by bicycle, car and transit and by pedestrians and persons with disabilities as connections are made to an existing pedestrian network and cross-connectivity is provided for multiple modes.

#### **STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR VARIANCE (1)**

- (a) The requested variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare.

STAFF: The requested variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare as the encroachment does not impact sight lines for pedestrian or vehicular traffic or impact natural features.

- (b) The requested variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity.

STAFF: The requested variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity as the encroachment is minimal is does not impact surrounding uses.

- (c) The requested variance will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public.

STAFF: The requested variance will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public as as the encroachment does not impact sight lines for pedestrian or vehicular traffic or impact natural features.

- (d) The requested variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations.

STAFF: The requested variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations as the variance is minimal and needed to meet minimum parking requirements

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

1. The requested variance does not arise from special circumstances which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity or the same zone.

STAFF: The requested variance arises from special circumstances which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity or the same zone as the encroachment is necessitated by the full application of the setback along the frontage and rear of the property and the variance at this location does not impact abutting users.

2. The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant.

STAFF: The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant as they would not be able to meet parking minimums without the requested relief.

3. The circumstances are not the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the zoning regulation from which relief is sought.

STAFF: The circumstances are not the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the zoning regulation from which relief is sought as no development has occurred.

**STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR VARIANCE (2)**

- (a) The requested variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare.

STAFF: The requested variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare as the increased setback does not impact sight lines for pedestrian or vehicular traffic and allows for necessary buffers to be met along the parkway and minimum parking standards.

- (b) The requested variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity.

STAFF: The requested variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity as the area displays a variation in setback.

- (c) The requested variance will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public.

STAFF: The requested variance will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public as the required rear buffer and setback adjacent to residential uses is being provided.

- (d) The requested variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations.

STAFF: The requested variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations as the variance is the minimum needed to allow for the parking and the application of more significant setback and buffering requirements.

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

1. The requested variance does not arise from special circumstances which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity or the same zone.

STAFF: The requested variance arises from special circumstances which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity or the same zone as the increased setback is necessitated by the parkway buffer and minimum parking standards, and the variance at this location does not impact abutting users.

2. The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant.

STAFF: The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant as they would not be able to meet parking minimums without the requested relief.

3. The circumstances are not the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the zoning regulation from which relief is sought.

STAFF: The circumstances are not the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the zoning regulation from which relief is sought as no development has occurred.

**STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR VARIANCE (3)**

- (a) The requested variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare.

STAFF: The requested variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare as the increased height does not impact sight lines for vehicle or pedestrian traffic in the area.

- (b) The requested variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity.

STAFF: The requested variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity as the proposed rendering indicates a variation of material and heights that provide character to the small activity center. The subject site is located in an existing activity center/node. A clear boundary between residential and non-residential development is defined and the proposed

development orients itself to the higher classification roadway which is at the intersection of the expressway.

- (c) The requested variance will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public.

STAFF: The requested variance will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public as the proposed renderings display a variation of material, heights, and amenities and all required setbacks and buffers are being provided to the rear of the subject site adjacent to residential districts.

- (d) The requested variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations.

STAFF: The requested variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations as the proposed height is accompanied by attractive architecture that provides character to the small activity center.

#### ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. The requested variance does not arise from special circumstances which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity or the same zone.

STAFF: The requested variance arises from special circumstances which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity or the same zone as the site is located at the intersection of an expressway and collector level roadway and the user demands the office space proposed which cannot be spread across the parcel due to its size.

2. The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant.

STAFF: The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant as the proposed building material are compatible with the area.

3. The circumstances are not the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the zoning regulation from which relief is sought.

STAFF: The circumstances are not the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the zoning regulation from which relief is sought as no development has occurred.

#### STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR WAIVER

- (a) The waiver will not adversely affect adjacent property owners; and

STAFF: The waiver will not adversely affect adjacent property owners as pedestrian connections are being provided consistently with adjacent development.

- (b) The waiver will not violate specific guidelines of Cornerstone 2020; and

STAFF: Cornerstone 2020 calls for the provision, where appropriate, for the movement of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users around and through the development, provides bicycle and pedestrian connections to adjacent developments and to transit stops, and is appropriately located for its density and intensity. The proposed development provides appropriate

connectivity for pedestrians which are consistent with the development pattern of adjacent development.

- (c) The extent of the waiver of the regulation is the minimum necessary to afford relief to the applicant; and

STAFF: The extent of the waiver of the regulation is the minimum necessary to afford relief to the applicant as the expressway severely restricts pedestrian movement and the full application of the sidewalk requirements would create a disconnected sidewalk from adjacent development.

### **STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR DETAILED DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

- a. The conservation of natural resources on the property proposed for development, including: trees and other living vegetation, steep slopes, water courses, flood plains, soils, air quality, scenic views, and historic sites;

STAFF: the proposed development provides tree preservation along its perimeter and does not contain any features of historic significance. .

- b. The provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation both within the development and the community;

STAFF: Provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation within and around the development and the community are provided as connections are made to an existing pedestrian network and cross-connectivity is provided for multiple modes.

- c. The provision of sufficient open space (scenic and recreational) to meet the needs of the proposed development;

STAFF: The proposal provides open space that helps meet the needs of the proposed development and community, as well as the Highview Neighborhood Plan as terraces on the second and third floors of the development have been indicated on the development plan.

- d. The provision of adequate drainage facilities on the subject site in order to prevent drainage problems from occurring on the subject site or within the community;

STAFF: 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.

- e. The compatibility of the overall site design (location of buildings, parking lots, screening, landscaping) and land use or uses with the existing and projected future development of the area;

STAFF: The proposed development is compatible with the existing and projected future development of the area as the proposed building materials increase the new development's compatibility. The proposed rendering indicates a variation of material and heights that provide character to the small activity center. Setbacks, lot dimensions and building heights are also compatible. Appropriate transitions are also provided between uses that are substantially different in scale and intensity as required setbacks and buffers are provided at the rear.

- f. Conformance of the development plan with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code. Revised plan certain development plans shall be evaluated for conformance with the non-residential and mixed-use intent of the form districts and comprehensive plan.

STAFF: The proposed development plan conforms to the Comprehensive Plan as demonstrated in the Staff Analysis for Change in zoning.

**REQUIRED ACTIONS**

- **RECOMMEND** to the Louisville Metro Council that the change in zoning Change-in-Zoning from R-4, Single-family Residential to OR-3, Office-Residential on property described in the attached legal description be **APPROVED** or **DENIED**
- **APPROVE** or **DENY** the requested **Variations**:
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  2. **Variance** from LDC, section 5.3.1.C.5 to allow building to exceed maximum 95' setback as shown on the development plan
  3. **Variance** from LDC, section 5.3.1.C.5 to allow building to exceed maximum height of 30' and be 45' in height
- **APPROVE** or **DENY** the **Waiver** of LDC, section 5.8.1 to not provide required sidewalk along Smyrna Parkway
- **APPROVE** or **DENY** the **Detailed District Development Plan**

**NOTIFICATION**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose of Notice</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
10/12/18	Hearing before LD&T	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier adjoining property owners Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 23
10/30/18	Hearing before Planning Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier adjoining property owners Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 23
11/1/18	Hearing before PC	Sign Posting on property
	Hearing before PC	Legal Advertisement in the Courier-Journal

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Zoning Map
2. Aerial Photograph
3. Cornerstone 2020 Staff Analysis
4. Proposed Binding Elements



1. Zoning Map



2. Aerial Photograph



### 3. Cornerstone 2020 Staff Checklist

- + Exceeds Guideline
- ✓ Meets Guideline
- Does Not Meet Guideline
- +/- More Information Needed
- NA Not Applicable

#### Neighborhood: Non-Residential/Mixed-use

#	Cornerstone 2020 Plan Element	Plan Element or Portion of Plan Element	Staff Finding	Staff Comments
1	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.3: The proposal is a neighborhood center with a mixture of uses such as offices, retail shops, restaurants and services at a scale that is appropriate for nearby neighborhoods.	✓	The proposal expands an existing area of commercial and office center.
2	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.3: If the proposal is high intensity, it is located on a major or minor arterial or an area with limited impact on low to moderate intensity residential uses.	✓	The district requested is limited in intensity.
3	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.1/7: The proposal, which will create a new center, is located in the Neighborhood Form District, and includes new construction or the reuse of existing buildings to provide commercial, office and/or residential use.	✓	The proposal will not create a new center and is located in the Neighborhood form district.
4	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.3: The proposed retail commercial development is located in an area that has a sufficient population to support it.	NA	The proposal is not for retail commercial
5	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.4: The proposed development is compact and results in an efficient land use pattern and cost-effective infrastructure investment.	✓	The proposal demonstrates an efficient use of land through the provision of minimum parking requirements, drainage facilities, and office user.
6	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.5: The proposed center includes a mix of compatible land uses that will reduce trips, support the use of alternative forms of transportation and encourage vitality and sense of place.	✓	The existing center including this expansion has a variety of zoning districts promoting mixed-use.
7	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.6: The proposal incorporates residential and office uses above retail and/or includes other mixed-use, multi-story retail buildings.	✓	The proposed office district allows for a variety of services to be provided for an individual or multiple entities within an area of commercial and office activity.

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8	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.12: If the proposal is a large development in a center, it is designed to be compact and multi-purpose, and is oriented around a central feature such as a public square or plaza or landscape element.	✓	The proposal would be the largest development in this small activity area and includes outdoor features for employees, landscaping, and compatible architecture with the area.
9	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.13/15: The proposal shares entrance and parking facilities with adjacent uses to reduce curb cuts and surface parking, and locates parking to balance safety, traffic, transit, pedestrian, environmental and aesthetic concerns.	✓	The proposal shares entrance and parking facilities with adjacent uses to reduce curb cuts and surface parking, and locates parking to balance safety, traffic, transit, pedestrian, environmental and aesthetic concerns..
10	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.14: The proposal is designed to share utility hookups and service entrances with adjacent developments, and utility lines are placed underground in common easements.	✓	The proposal is designed to share utility hookups and service entrances with adjacent developments, and utility lines are placed underground in common easements.
11	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.16: The proposal is designed to support easy access by bicycle, car and transit and by pedestrians and persons with disabilities.	✓	The proposal is designed to support easy access by bicycle, car and transit and by pedestrians and persons with disabilities as connections are made to an existing pedestrian network and cross-connectivity is provided for multiple modes.
12	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.2: The proposed building materials increase the new development's compatibility.	✓	The proposed building materials increase the new development's compatibility as the proposed rendering indicates a variation of material and heights that provide character to the small activity center.
13	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.4/5/6/7: The proposal does not constitute a non-residential expansion into an existing residential area, or demonstrates that despite such an expansion, impacts on existing residences (including traffic, parking, signs, lighting, noise, odor and stormwater) are appropriately mitigated.	✓	The proposal does not constitute a non-residential expansion into an existing residential area as it is located at the intersection of an expressway and collector level roadway and connected with adjacent non-residential uses.
14	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.5: The proposal mitigates any potential odor or emissions associated with the development.	✓	The proposal does not appear to have any significant odors or emissions
15	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.6: The proposal mitigates any adverse impacts of its associated traffic on nearby existing communities.	✓	Traffic will not impact existing communities given the proximity to a major interstate along a collector road.
16	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.8: The proposal mitigates adverse impacts of its lighting on nearby properties, and on the night sky.	✓	Lighting will be complaint with LDC 4.1.3.

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17	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.11: If the proposal is a higher density or intensity use, it is located along a transit corridor AND in or near an activity center.	✓	The intensity of the proposed district is consistent with adjacent commercial and office development.
18	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.21: The proposal provides appropriate transitions between uses that are substantially different in scale and intensity or density of development such as landscaped buffer yards, vegetative berms, compatible building design and materials, height restrictions, or setback requirements.	✓	The proposal provides appropriate transitions between uses that are substantially different in scale and intensity as required setbacks and buffers are provided at the rear
19	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.22: The proposal mitigates the impacts caused when incompatible developments unavoidably occur adjacent to one another by using buffers that are of varying designs such as landscaping, vegetative berms and/or walls, and that address those aspects of the development that have the potential to adversely impact existing area developments.	✓	The proposal mitigates the impacts caused when incompatible developments unavoidably occur adjacent to one another as required setbacks and buffers are provided at the rear and the architecture of the proposed develop is attractive and enhances the aesthetic character of the area.
20	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.23: Setbacks, lot dimensions and building heights are compatible with those of nearby developments that meet form district standards.	✓	Setbacks, lot dimensions and building heights are compatible with those of nearby developments that meet form district standards as the proposed development as demonstrated in the applicant's rendering shows a a variation of material and heights that benefits to the character of the area.
21	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.24: Parking, loading and delivery areas located adjacent to residential areas are designed to minimize adverse impacts of lighting, noise and other potential impacts, and that these areas are located to avoid negatively impacting motorists, residents and pedestrians.	✓	Parking, loading and delivery areas located adjacent to residential areas are designed to minimize adverse impacts as required setbacks and buffers are provided at the rear
22	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.24: The proposal includes screening and buffering of parking and circulation areas adjacent to the street, and uses design features or landscaping to fill gaps created by surface parking lots. Parking areas and garage doors are oriented to the side or back of buildings rather than to the street.	✓	The proposal includes screening and buffering of parking and circulation areas adjacent to the street, and uses design features or landscaping to fill gaps created by surface parking lots as ILA is provided and the required parkway buffer is being provided.

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23	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.25: Parking garages are integrated into their surroundings and provide an active, inviting street-level appearance.	NA	No garages have been proposed
24	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.28: Signs are compatible with the form district pattern and contribute to the visual quality of their surroundings.	✓	Signs will be in compliance with LDC Ch. 8
25	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.2/3/7: The proposal provides open space that helps meet the needs of the community as a component of the development and provides for the continued maintenance of that open space.	✓	Highview neighborhood plan calls for public/private open space to be integrated into a development site. Terraces on the second and third floors of the development have been indicated on the development plan that conforms to this recommendation.
26	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.4: Open space design is consistent with the pattern of development in the Neighborhood Form District.	✓	Highview neighborhood plan calls for public/private open space to be integrated into a development site. Terraces on the second and third floors of the development have been indicated on the development plan that conforms to this recommendation.
27	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.5: The proposal integrates natural features into the pattern of development.	✓	The proposal integrates natural features into the pattern of development as required TCCA is being provided
28	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.1: The proposal respects the natural features of the site through sensitive site design, avoids substantial changes to the topography and minimizes property damage and environmental degradation resulting from disturbance of natural systems.	✓	The proposal respects the natural features of the site through the provision of TCCA at the perimeter of the property.
29	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.2/4: The proposal includes the preservation, use or adaptive reuse of buildings, sites, districts and landscapes that are recognized as having historical or architectural value, and, if located within the impact area of these resources, is compatible in height, bulk, scale, architecture and placement.	✓	The site is vacant.
30	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.6: Encourage development to avoid wet or highly permeable soils, severe, steep or unstable slopes with the potential for severe erosion.	✓	The development appears to avoid wet or highly permeable soils, severe, steep or unstable slopes with the potential for severe erosion.
31	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.3: Encourage redevelopment, reinvestment and rehabilitation in the downtown where it is consistent with the form district pattern.	NA	Not downtown

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32	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.4: Encourage industries to locate in industrial subdivisions or adjacent to existing industry to take advantage of special infrastructure needs.	NA	Not an industrial use
33	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.6: Locate retail commercial development in activity centers. Locate uses generating large amounts of traffic on a major arterial, at the intersection of two minor arterials or at locations with good access to a major arterial and where the proposed use will not adversely affect adjacent areas.	✓	The subject site is located at the intersection of a collector and limited access highway.
34	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.8: Require industrial development with more than 100 employees to locate on or near an arterial street, preferably in close proximity to an expressway interchange. Require industrial development with less than 100 employees to locate on or near an arterial street.	NA	Not an industrial use
35	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.1/2: The proposal will contribute its proportional share of the cost of roadway improvements and other services and public facilities made necessary by the development through physical improvements to these facilities, contribution of money, or other means.	✓	The proposal will contribute its proportional share of the cost of roadway improvements and other services and public facilities made necessary by the development through physical improvements to these facilities, contribution of money, or other means..
36	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.3/4: The proposal promotes mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian use and provides amenities to support these modes of transportation.	✓	The proposal promotes mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian use and provides amenities to support these modes of transportation as pedestrian and cross-connectivity is provided
37	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.6: The proposal's transportation facilities are compatible with and support access to surrounding land uses, and contribute to the appropriate development of adjacent lands. The proposal includes at least one continuous roadway through the development, adequate street stubs, and relies on cul-de-sacs only as short side streets or where natural features limit development of "through" roads.	✓	The proposal's transportation facilities are compatible with and support access to surrounding land uses, and contribute to the appropriate development of adjacent lands as cross-connectivity is provided
38	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.9: The proposal includes the dedication of rights-of-way for street, transit corridors, bikeway and walkway facilities within or abutting the development.	✓	The proposal includes the dedication of rights-of-way for street, transit corridors, bikeway and walkway facilities within or abutting the development.

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39	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.10: The proposal includes adequate parking spaces to support the use.	✓	The proposal includes adequate parking spaces to support the use.
40	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.13/16: The proposal provides for joint and cross access through the development and to connect to adjacent development sites.	✓	The proposal provides for joint and cross access through the development and to connect to adjacent development sites
41	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.8: Adequate stub streets are provided for future roadway connections that support and contribute to appropriate development of adjacent land.	✓	No stub roadways are needed.
42	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.9: Avoid access to development through areas of significantly lower intensity or density if such access would create a significant nuisance.	✓	Access to the site is form a collector roadway.
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45	Livability/Environment Guideline 10: Flooding and Stormwater	The proposal's drainage plans have been approved by MSD, and the proposal mitigates negative impacts to the floodplain and minimizes impervious area. Solid blue line streams are protected through a vegetative buffer, and drainage designs are capable of accommodating upstream runoff assuming a fully-developed watershed. If streambank restoration or preservation is necessary, the proposal uses best management practices.	✓	The proposal's drainage plans have been approved by MSD
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**3. Proposed 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.
2. Construction fencing shall be erected when off-site trees or tree canopy exists within 3' of a common property line. Fencing shall be in place prior to any grading or construction to protect the existing root systems from compaction. The fencing shall enclose the entire area beneath the tree canopy and shall remain in place until all construction is completed. No parking, material storage or construction activities are permitted within the protected area.
3. Before any permit (including but not limited to building, parking lot, change of use, site disturbance, alteration permit or demolition permit) is requested:
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6. The materials and design of proposed structures shall be substantially the same as depicted in the rendering as presented at the November 15, 2018 Planning Commission meeting

\* BE for Buffer (30')  
 & 8' fence  
 \* Is the generator  
 proposed on the rezoning  
 site?

**Land Development & Transportation  
 Staff Report**  
 October 25, 2018

\* Lantana Address,  
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<b>Case No:</b>	18ZONE1045
<b>Project Name:</b>	L&N Federal Credit Union
<b>Location:</b>	9101 & 9104R Lantana Drive
<b>Owner(s):</b>	L&N Federal Credit Union
<b>Applicant:</b>	L&N Federal Credit Union
<b>Representative(s):</b>	Bardenwerper, Talbott, & Roberts, PLLC
<b>Jurisdiction:</b>	Louisville Metro
<b>Council District:</b>	23 – James Peden
<b>Case Manager:</b>	Joel P. Dock, AICP, Planner II

**REQUEST(S)**

- **Change-in-Zoning** from R-4, Single-family Residential to OR-3, Office-Residential
- **Variances**
  1. **Variance** from Land Development Code (LDC), section 5.3.1.C.5 to allow parking encroachments into 30' non-res to res setback (north P/L) as shown on the development plan
  2. **Variance** from LDC, section 5.3.1.C.5 to allow building to exceed maximum 95' setback as shown on the development plan
  3. **Variance** from LDC, section 5.3.1.C.5 to allow building to exceed maximum height of 30' and be 45' in height → what is height 46' or 49'
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- **Detailed District Development Plan**

**CASE SUMMARY**

A 70,000 sq. ft., 3-story office building has been proposed at the intersection of Smyrna Parkway and Interstate-265. The office building expands the existing credit union campus from the adjacent lots to the south. Vehicular and pedestrian connectivity between the sites will be provided. The new office will be served by 200 parking spaces.

**STAFF FINDING**

The application is in order and ready for the next available public hearing before the Planning Commission.

**TECHNICAL REVIEW**

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The Highview Neighborhood Plan makes land use recommendations that encourage commercial development to occur in dedicated neighborhood centers/nodes. The specific land use recommendations of the Highview Neighborhood Plan related to this site are:

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Figure 3.4. These nodes are the preferred location for future medium to high density development. Other compatible uses that are also appropriate for the Neighborhood Nodes include office, civic, open space, and higher density residential. The scale and character of future development should fit within the existing character and be neighborhood serving.

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**STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR ZONING DISTRICT CHANGES**

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1. The proposed form district/rezoning change complies with the applicable guidelines and policies Cornerstone 2020; OR
2. The existing form district/zoning classification is inappropriate and the proposed classification is appropriate; OR
3. There have been major changes of an economic, physical, or social nature within the area involved which were not anticipated in Cornerstone 2020 which have substantially altered the basic character of the area.

**NOTIFICATION**

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
10/12/18	Hearing before LD&T	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier adjoining property owners Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 23
	Hearing before Planning Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier adjoining property owners Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 23
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## Change in Zoning Pre-Application Staff Report



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### REQUEST(S)

- **Change-in-Zoning** from R-4, Single-family Residential to OR-3, Office-Residential
- **Detailed District Development Plan**

### CASE SUMMARY

A 70,000 sq. ft., 3-story office is proposed on 4.5 acres in the Southeast quadrant of the intersection of Smyrna Parkway and I-265.

### STAFF FINDING

The subject site is located in an existing activity center/node. A clear boundary between residential and non-residential development is defined and commercial/office development orients to the higher classification roadway. The proposal slightly expands an existing small activity center for a district that is limited in intensity and this intensity is consistent with adjacent commercial and office development.

### TECHNICAL REVIEW

A neighborhood meeting shall be held. All comments must be addressed prior to docketing for a public hearing.

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### STAFF ANALYSIS FOR CHANGE IN ZONING

The Following is a summary of staff's analysis of the proposed rezoning against the Guidelines and Policies of Cornerstone 2020:



### The site is located in the Neighborhood Form District

The Neighborhood Form is characterized by predominantly residential uses that vary from low to high density and that blend compatibly into the existing landscape and neighborhood areas. High-density uses will be limited in scope to minor or major arterials and to areas that have limited impact on the low to moderate density residential areas.

The Neighborhood Form will contain diverse housing types in order to provide housing choice for differing ages and incomes. New neighborhoods are encouraged to incorporate these different housing types within a neighborhood as long as the different types are designed to be compatible with nearby land uses. These types may include, but not be limited to large lot single family developments with cul-de-sacs, neo-traditional neighborhoods with short blocks or walkways in the middle of long blocks to connect with other streets, villages and zero lot line neighborhoods with open space, and high density multi-family condominium-style or rental housing.

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Neighborhood streets may be either curvilinear, rectilinear or in a grid pattern and should be designed to invite human interaction. Streets are connected and easily accessible to each other, using design elements such as short blocks or bike/walkways in the middle of long blocks to connect with other streets. Examples of design elements that encourage this interaction include narrow street widths, street trees, sidewalks, shaded seating/gathering areas and bus stops. Placement of utilities should permit the planting of shade trees along both sides of the streets.

The proposal slightly expands an existing small activity center for a district that is limited in intensity and this intensity is consistent with adjacent commercial and office development. The subject site is located at the intersection of a collector and limited access highway. Traffic will be negligible on nearby existing communities given its location. The proposal shares entrance and parking facilities with adjacent uses to reduce curb cuts and surface parking, and locates parking to balance safety, traffic, transit, pedestrian, environmental and aesthetic concerns. The minimum parking requirements have been met. Pedestrian connections are being made.

Renderings will be needed to demonstrate compatibility. Highview neighborhood plan calls for public/private open space to be integrated into a development site. This can be achieved through a private outdoor amenity area for employees; one that is landscaped and provides for common space for employees.

### The subject site is located in the Highview Neighborhood Plan area.

The Highview Neighborhood Plan makes land use recommendations that encourage commercial development to occur in dedicated neighborhood centers/nodes. The specific land use recommendations of the Highview Neighborhood Plan related to this site are:

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### 3. Cornerstone 2020 Staff Checklist

- + Exceeds Guideline
- ✓ Meets Guideline
- Does Not Meet Guideline
- +/- More Information Needed
- NA Not Applicable

#### Neighborhood: Non-Residential/Mixed-use

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1	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.3: The proposal is a neighborhood center with a mixture of uses such as offices, retail shops, restaurants and services at a scale that is appropriate for nearby neighborhoods.	✓	The proposal slightly expands an existing small activity center.
2	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.3: If the proposal is high intensity, it is located on a major or minor arterial or an area with limited impact on low to moderate intensity residential uses.	✓	The district requested is limited in intensity.
3	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.1/7: The proposal, which will create a new center, is located in the Neighborhood Form District, and includes new construction or the reuse of existing buildings to provide commercial, office and/or residential use.	✓	The proposal will not create a new center,
4	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.3: The proposed retail commercial development is located in an area that has a sufficient population to support it.	NA	The proposal is not for retail commercial
5	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.4: The proposed development is compact and results in an efficient land use pattern and cost-effective infrastructure investment.	✓	The plan demonstrates in efficient use of land
6	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.5: The proposed center includes a mix of compatible land uses that will reduce trips, support the use of alternative forms of transportation and encourage vitality and sense of place.	✓	The existing center including this expansion has a variety of zoning districts promoting mixed-use.
7	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.6: The proposal incorporates residential and office uses above retail and/or includes other mixed-use, multi-story retail buildings.	+/-	Will the credit union contain a service component?

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8	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.12: If the proposal is a large development in a center, it is designed to be compact and multi-purpose, and is oriented around a central feature such as a public square or plaza or landscape element.	+/-	The proposal is a large development in a center. It is designed to be compact and multi-purpose. More information is needed on the front entryway/design features.
9	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.13/15: The proposal shares entrance and parking facilities with adjacent uses to reduce curb cuts and surface parking, and locates parking to balance safety, traffic, transit, pedestrian, environmental and aesthetic concerns.	✓	The proposal shares entrance and parking facilities with adjacent uses to reduce curb cuts and surface parking, and locates parking to balance safety, traffic, transit, pedestrian, environmental and aesthetic concerns..
10	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.14: The proposal is designed to share utility hookups and service entrances with adjacent developments, and utility lines are placed underground in common easements.	✓	Utilities would appear to be available based on existing development.
11	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.16: The proposal is designed to support easy access by bicycle, car and transit and by pedestrians and persons with disabilities.	✓	The proposal is designed to support easy access by bicycle, car and transit and by pedestrians and persons with disabilities as connections are made to an existing pedestrian network.
12	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.2: The proposed building materials increase the new development's compatibility.	+/-	Renderings needed
13	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.4/5/6/7: The proposal does not constitute a non-residential expansion into an existing residential area, or demonstrates that despite such an expansion, impacts on existing residences (including traffic, parking, signs, lighting, noise, odor and stormwater) are appropriately mitigated.	+/-	The proposal does not constitute a non-residential expansion into an existing residential area as it is located in a manner to be present along the corridor consistent with adjacent development.
14	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.5: The proposal mitigates any potential odor or emissions associated with the development.	+/-	Loading area should be screened and concealed from nearby residential.
15	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.6: The proposal mitigates any adverse impacts of its associated traffic on nearby existing communities.	✓	Traffic will not impact existing communities given the proximity to a major interstate along this collector road.
16	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.8: The proposal mitigates adverse impacts of its lighting on nearby properties, and on the night sky.	+/-	Lighting shall be the minimum necessary to provided safety and security.

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17	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.11: If the proposal is a higher density or intensity use, it is located along a transit corridor AND in or near an activity center.	✓	The intensity is consistent with adjacent commercial and office development.
18	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.21: The proposal provides appropriate transitions between uses that are substantially different in scale and intensity or density of development such as landscaped buffer yards, vegetative berms, compatible building design and materials, height restrictions, or setback requirements.	✓	Transitions are appropriate.
19	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.22: The proposal mitigates the impacts caused when incompatible developments unavoidably occur adjacent to one another by using buffers that are of varying designs such as landscaping, vegetative berms and/or walls, and that address those aspects of the development that have the potential to adversely impact existing area developments.	✓	Landscaping and buffering appears to be provided to mitigate any conflict.
20	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.23: Setbacks, lot dimensions and building heights are compatible with those of nearby developments that meet form district standards.	+/-	See plan comments.
21	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.24: Parking, loading and delivery areas located adjacent to residential areas are designed to minimize adverse impacts of lighting, noise and other potential impacts, and that these areas are located to avoid negatively impacting motorists, residents and pedestrians.	✓	Landscaping and buffering appears to be provided to mitigate any conflict.
22	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.24: The proposal includes screening and buffering of parking and circulation areas adjacent to the street, and uses design features or landscaping to fill gaps created by surface parking lots. Parking areas and garage doors are oriented to the side or back of buildings rather than to the street.	✓	Landscaping and buffering appears to be provided to mitigate any conflict.
23	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.25: Parking garages are integrated into their surroundings and provide an active, inviting street-level appearance.	NA	No garages have been proposed

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24	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.28: Signs are compatible with the form district pattern and contribute to the visual quality of their surroundings.	+/-	Signage shall be in compliance with Ch.8.
25	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.2/3/7: The proposal provides open space that helps meet the needs of the community as a component of the development and provides for the continued maintenance of that open space.	✓	Highview neighborhood plan calls for public/private open space to be integrated into a development site. This can be achieved through a private outdoor amenity area for employees; one that is landscaped and provides for common space for employees.
26	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.4: Open space design is consistent with the pattern of development in the Neighborhood Form District.	✓	Highview neighborhood plan calls for public/private open space to be integrated into a development site. This can be achieved through a private outdoor amenity area for employees; one that is landscaped and provides for common space for employees.
27	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.5: The proposal integrates natural features into the pattern of development.	✓	TCCA is being provided
28	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.1: The proposal respects the natural features of the site through sensitive site design, avoids substantial changes to the topography and minimizes property damage and environmental degradation resulting from disturbance of natural systems.	✓	TCCA is being provided
29	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.2/4: The proposal includes the preservation, use or adaptive reuse of buildings, sites, districts and landscapes that are recognized as having historical or architectural value, and, if located within the impact area of these resources, is compatible in height, bulk, scale, architecture and placement.	✓	The site is vacant.
30	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.6: Encourage development to avoid wet or highly permeable soils, severe, steep or unstable slopes with the potential for severe erosion.	+/-	All MSD comments should be addressed and a karst survey should be completed
31	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.3: Encourage redevelopment, reinvestment and rehabilitation in the downtown where it is consistent with the form district pattern.	NA	Not downtown
32	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.4: Encourage industries to locate in industrial subdivisions or adjacent to existing industry to take advantage of special infrastructure needs.	NA	Not an industrial use



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33	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.6: Locate retail commercial development in activity centers. Locate uses generating large amounts of traffic on a major arterial, at the intersection of two minor arterials or at locations with good access to a major arterial and where the proposed use will not adversely affect adjacent areas.	✓	The subject site is located at the intersection of a collector and limited access highway.
34	Marketplace Guideline 6: Economic Growth and Sustainability	A.8: Require industrial development with more than 100 employees to locate on or near an arterial street, preferably in close proximity to an expressway interchange. Require industrial development with less than 100 employees to locate on or near an arterial street.	NA	Not an industrial use
35	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.1/2: The proposal will contribute its proportional share of the cost of roadway improvements and other services and public facilities made necessary by the development through physical improvements to these facilities, contribution of money, or other means.	+/-	Any improvement necessary should be made.
36	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.3/4: The proposal promotes mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian use and provides amenities to support these modes of transportation.	✓	Pedestrian connections are being made.
37	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.6: The proposal's transportation facilities are compatible with and support access to surrounding land uses, and contribute to the appropriate development of adjacent lands. The proposal includes at least one continuous roadway through the development, adequate street stubs, and relies on cul-de-sacs only as short side streets or where natural features limit development of "through" roads.	+/-	The proposal's transportation facilities appear to be compatible with and support access to surrounding land uses, and contribute to the appropriate development of adjacent lands.
38	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.9: The proposal includes the dedication of rights-of-way for street, transit corridors, bikeway and walkway facilities within or abutting the development.	+/-	R/w shall be dedicated das needed.
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#	Cornerstone 2020 Plan Element	Plan Element or Portion of Plan Element	Staff Finding	Staff Comments
47	Livability/Environment Guideline 13: Landscape Character	A.3: The proposal includes additions and connections to a system of natural corridors that can provide habitat areas and allow for migration.	✓	No natural corridors appear to be present
48	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.2: The proposal is located in an area served by existing utilities or planned for utilities.	✓	Utilities would appear to be available based on existing development.
49	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.3: The proposal has access to an adequate supply of potable water and water for fire-fighting purposes.	✓	The proposal has access to an adequate supply of potable water and water for fire-fighting purposes.
50	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.4: The proposal has adequate means of sewage treatment and disposal to protect public health and to protect water quality in lakes and streams.	+/-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Proposed lot/building must connect to its own sanitary sewer PSC with a minimum six inch sanitary sewer.</li> <li>* Owner must provide documentation of connect to sanitary sewer, PSC, with a minimum six inch sanitary sewer.</li> <li>* Sanitary sewer service to be provided by lateral extension as approved by MSD.</li> <li>* All construction and sales trailers must be permitted by the Department of Public Health and Wellness in accordance with chapter 115 of Louisville Jefferson County Metro Ordinances.</li> <li>* Mosquito control in accordance with chapter 96 of Louisville Jefferson Count Metro Ordinances.</li> <li>* All food service establishments must be in accordance with 902 KAR 45:005</li> </ul>