

DEAR METRO COUNCIL MEMBERS:

As a board member of the Paristown Pointe Neighborhood Association (PPNA), I am writing to you regarding a public matter of utmost concern that requires urgent attention from officials who care about the integrity of Metro's published promise to our community. A number of neighbors have recently contacted me informing me their signatures were forged on the petitions seeking Landmark status for the **Old Baptist Hospital** and **Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing** buildings. The PPNA believes these applications are fraudulent and should be immediately withdrawn and further investigated due to these allegations.

Martina Kunnecke's original application had loopholes when first submitted, and was subsequently rejected. The application was quietly resubmitted and accepted by the Planning Department of Louisville Metro Government last Wednesday August 26, 2020. Wednesday, September 2nd will mark seven calendar days since acceptance of this application, requiring immediate action to put a stop on this last-minute attempt to interfere with the decision-making process regarding development of this property. In the resubmitted application, numerous individuals' signatures were shown to endorse one or both of these petitions. **Neighbors from the PPNA have reported to the board of directors (BOD) that many of the signatures that were on both petitions within the application were not their signatures as presented to Louisville Metro Government.** Paristown Pointe neighbors have written emails to Louisville Forward notifying them of the fraudulent signatures. I was contacted on seven different accounts, and I was cc'd on five emails to Louisville Forward where individuals made them aware of the situation.

Louisville Metro Government released criteria for the original solicitation of interest (SOI) in 2017. Metro Government had to re-release another SOI in 2019. That SOI produced two responses by developers. It is important to note that both developers submitted their proposals with no landmark status included for this SOI. However, one developer clearly benefits from this last-minute move to seek Landmark status for these buildings.

**Monday, August 31, 2020** was the deadline for public comments regarding these proposals. The SOI contains no prior stipulations on the two buildings. It is clear the purpose of this new and fraudulent maneuver to seek Landmark status is to stop one of the two developers from being considered. PPNA is concerned by the actions of Louisville Forward accepting an application at the 11th hour that has such a profound impact on the integrity of this process.

PPNA does not believe this application should be considered in this process as it contains forged signatures. It also changes the perimeters of the SOI of record after proposals were submitted. Once a developer is selected -- based on honest and thoughtful input from the residential community -- then timing would be appropriate to explore such an application. PPNA and its members view this last-minute attempt to

seek Landmark distinction for these two buildings now as a desperate and fraudulent attempt to manipulate the outcome of this decision-making process, which is only going to delay and further frustrate a neighborhood that has already been through enough regarding this 10-acre campus.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have any further questions or need any documents that further support my statements in this letter. Attached please find screenshots showing some of the signatures in question. It is urgent that Metro Council step in and put a stop to this blatant and fraudulent attempt to manipulate the outcome of this decision-making process. The PPNA and Louisville community are counting on you!

Sincerely,

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Paristown Pointe Board of Directors

Nominated Liaison between Paristown Pointe Neighborhood S.O.I. Urban Government Center and Potential Developers Paristown

Figure 1 Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing



Figure 2 Old Baptist Hospital

