



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Final Parks and Sustainability Committee

Chair Cindi Fowler (D-14)
Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)
Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5)
Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10)
Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Thursday, March 24, 2022

3:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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Call to Order

Chair Fowler called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Fowler introduced the committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All committee members present attend virtually.**

Present: 7 - Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), Chair Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25), and Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)

Support Staff

Laura Ferguson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 22-0403](#)

Tree Canopy assessment Update - Cindi Sullivan, Trees Louisville, Inc.

Attachments: [TL Presentation.pdf](#)
[TreesLouisville, Inc. Handout.pdf](#)

Cindi Sullivan, Trees Louisville, Inc, gave a presentation (see attached).

The following spoke to this item:

- Vice Chair Peden
- Cindi Sullivan
- Chair Fowler
- Committee Member Holton Stewart

The following was discussed:

- Canopy loss is an event where a new development occurs and trees are removed
- Canopy gain occurs when new trees are planted, and this takes time for the trees to grow
- Question about whether there are statistics on canopy gain broken down by District
- Data for the assessment ranges from 2012 to 2019
- Questions about the proper location to plant trees
- Questions about whether the majority of the trees being planted are in the right-of-ways
- Trees Louisville works with Jefferson County Public Schools ("JCPS") to plant trees
- There have been trees planted at 80 JCPS locations
- Trees are planted in areas where people live, work, and play

Pending Legislation

2. [R-052-22](#)

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REQUEST THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO ISSUE AN EMERGENCY FUEL WAIVER OF THE REFORMULATED GAS REQUIREMENTS DURING THE CURRENT BAN ON OIL IMPORTS FROM RUSSIA.

Sponsors: Primary James Peden (R-23)

Attachments: [R-052-22 V.1 031722 Support of Emergency Fuel Waiver of Reformulated Gas Requirements.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Peden, seconded by Committee Member Holton Stewart, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Vice Chair Peden

- Committee Member Mulvihill
- Committee Member Parker
- Committee Member Purvis
- Chair Fowler

The following was discussed:

- Ask Governor Beshear request an emergency fuel waiver to pause the Reformulated Gas Requirements ("RFG") from the Environmental Protection Agency
- There is a 30-day window to request a temporary waiver from the Federal Government
- Question about the process to obtain a waiver
- RFG is a gas blend that burns cleaner than regular gasoline
- Waivers can be requested by the Executive Branch
- Question about whether the General Assembly should undertake and make the request to the Governor
- Question about whether Northern Kentucky appealed and received a RFG last year
- Question about whether it is possible to request that the pipeline to be reopened
- Question about whether gas is cheaper outside the Air Pollution Control District
- Question about whether there has been any feedback from the Air Pollution Control District
- The waiver will not be permanent

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Fowler adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Note: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council meeting on April 14, 2022.