

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
December 7, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

CASE NO. 17STREETS1025

Request: Street Closure
Project Name: Rama Road
Location: Rama Road, West of Venkata Way
Owner: Louisville Metro

Applicant: Latha Arla
1402 Hadleigh Place
Louisville, Ky. 40222

Representative: Kathy Linares
Mindel Scott and Associates
5151 Jefferson Boulevard
Louisville, Ky. 40219

Jurisdiction: Louisville Metro
Council District: 16 – Scott Reed
Case Manager: **Jay Lockett, Planner I**

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

Discussion

00:14:48 Mr. Lockett stated the 4 adjacent property owners have given notarized consent to close a cul-de-sac and record it as a private access and public utility easement.

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.

On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, this proposal is to close Rama Road as a public road and replacing it with a 50' private access, public utility, sanitary sewer and drainage easement. Access will continue to be provided to each of the lots that abut the road and the existing utilities shall remain in an easement; and

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WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds, the request to close the right-of-way is in compliance with the Goals, Objectives and Plan Elements of the Comprehensive Plan as Guideline 7, Policy 1 provides that those who propose new developments bear or reasonably share in the costs of the public facilities and services made necessary by development; Guideline 7, Policy 6 strives to ensure that transportation facilities of new developments are compatible with and support access to surrounding land uses and contribute to the appropriate development of adjacent lands; Guideline 7, Policy 9 provides that the Planning Commission or legislative body may require the developer to dedicate right-of-way for street, transit corridors, bikeway and walkway facilities within or abutting the development as set forth in the Land Development Code and/or an adopted urban mobility plan; and Guideline 14, Policy 7 provides that the design and location of utility easements provide access for maintenance and repair and to minimize negative visual impacts. Any cost associated with the right-of-way to be closed will be the responsibility of the applicant or developer. Adequate public facilities are available to serve existing and future needs of the community. Any facility required to be placed in an easement or relocated will be done so by the developer. Transportation facilities have been provided to accommodate future access and to not dispossess property owners of public access. All adjacent residential lands maintain access to public infrastructure and utility services will continue to be provided to these lands; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission further finds adequate public facilities are available to serve existing and future needs of the community. No property adjacent or abutting the right-of-ways to be closed will be left absent of public facilities or services, or be dispossessed of public access to their property. Where existing or proposed utilities are located within the right-of-way to be closed, it shall be retained as an easement. Any cost associated with the right-of-way to be closed will be the responsibility of the applicant or developer, including the cost of improvements to those right-of-way and adjacent rights-of-way.

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby
RECOMMEND that the Louisville Metro Council **APPROVE** the street closure request.

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Brown, Ferguson, Howard, Lewis, Smith and Jarboe
NOT PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: Commissioners Carlson, Lindsey, Peterson and Tomes

**LAND DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 30, 2017**

NEW BUSINESS

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Location:	Rama Rd, west of Venkata Way
Owner(s):	Louisville Metro
Applicant:	Rama Arla
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	16 – Scott Reed
Case Manager:	Jay Lockett, Planner I

The staff report prepared for this case was incorporated into the record. This report was available to any interested party prior to the Land Development and Transportation Committee meeting (The staff report is part of the case file maintained in Planning and Design Services offices, 444 S 5th Street).

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Agency Testimony:

00:44:41 Jay Lockett presented the case (see Staff Report and recording for detailed presentation).

The following spoke in favor of the request:

Kathy Linares, 5151 Jefferson Blvd, Suite 101, Louisville, KY 40219

Summary of testimony of those in favor:

00:46:06 Kathy Linares spoke on behalf of the applicant who is requesting to close Rama Road as a public right-of-way and record it as a private access and public utility easement. She has spoken several times with the Louisville Water Company who stated they are fine with the proposal, and she is only waiting on signatures from them. There is a note on the plan that states they will work with the fire department if a gate is to remain on the property. The applicant wishes to obtain private access to the road for security reasons.

00:49:21 On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Land Development & Transportation Committee does hereby **CONTINUE** case number 17STREETS1025 to the December 7, 2017 Planning Commission Consent Agenda.

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The vote was as follows:

Yes: Peterson, Lindsey, Carlson, Brown, and Lewis

Absent: None

Abstain: None

No: None