

Development Review Committee

Staff Report

July 20th, 2016



Case No:	16DEVPLAN1111
Project Name:	Renaissance South Business Park
Location:	8701 Minor Lane
Owner(s):	C.T. Miller, Louisville Renaissance Zone Corp.
Applicant(s):	Brad Anderson, H & M Architects & Engineers
Representative(s):	Pat Dominik, Sabak, Wilson & Lingo, Inc
Project Area/Size:	80.13 acres
Existing Zoning District:	EZ-1, Enterprise Zone
Existing Form District:	Suburban Workplace
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	13 – Vicky Aubrey Welch

REQUEST

- Category 3 Development Plan review for warehouse/distribution center
- Waiver of LDC Section 5.12.2.A.1 to allow the proposed amenity area to be less than 10% of the total building square footage.
- Waiver of LDC Section 5.5.4.B.1 to not provide the 6' berm within the required Landscape Buffer Area adjacent to a residential use.

CASE SUMMARY/SITE CONTEXT

This Category 3 development is for a 1,462,589 square foot warehouse and distribution center located northwest of the I-65 and the KY 841 exchange, in south central Louisville Metro. The proposal, which plans to employ 600 employees, includes 633 parking spaces and 107 loading docks.

The site is an irregular rectangular shape and is currently vacant. It is surrounded by vacant, EZ-1 properties to the south, south east, & west. A mobile home park abuts the property to the northeast and an elementary school and industrial site to the west across Minor Lane. It will be accessed on the west side of the property via Minor Lane.

LAND USE/ZONING DISTRICT/FORM DISTRICT TABLE

	Land Use	Zoning	Form District
Subject Property			
Existing	Vacant	EZ-1	SW
Proposed	Warehouse distribution center	EZ-1	SW
Surrounding Properties			
North	Mobile Home Park	C-2, R-4	SW
South	Vacant	EZ-1	SW
East	Mobile Home Park, Vacant	EZ-1, R-4	SW
West	Industrial, Institutional, Vacant	EZ-1	SW

PREVIOUS CASES ON SITE

15DEVPLAN1069 – Category 3 development plan for warehouse/distribution center.

15SUBDIV1010 – Revocation of Holiday Village Subdivision.

15567 – Area wide rezoning of the Renaissance Zone.

INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

Staff has not received any comments from interested parties.

STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR A WAIVER of Section 5.12.2.A.1 to reduce the required amenity area:

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

STAFF: The waiver will not adversely affect adjacent property owners as the amenity area is a requirement that serves only the employees of the development.

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

STAFF: Guideline 4, Policy 3 encourages open space created by new development that helps meet the needs of the community and Guideline 4, Policy 7 calls for the for the continuous maintenance of that open space. These guidelines are not violated as the amenity area is still being provided and will be maintained; just at a smaller scale that the developer feels is more appropriate for this 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 applicant is providing an amenity area that is 10% of the office area and is more appropriate considering the needed size of the warehouse.

- (d) Either:

(i) The applicant has incorporated other design measures that exceed the minimums of the district and compensate for non-compliance with the requirements to be waived (net beneficial effect); OR

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

STAFF: The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of land or create an unnecessary hardship as the distribution center is large in relation to the number of employees on site therefore providing the amenity area based on the building size would be in excess of what is needed. It would be a hardship to accommodate such a large amenity area when much of the site is needed for the building.

STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR WAIVER of Section 5.5.4.B.1 of the Land Development Code to not provide the 6 foot berm along the property line shared with a residentially zoned property.

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

STAFF: The waiver will not adversely affect adjacent property owners as the applicant is proposing to replant a continuous evergreen screen and is providing the 50' Landscape Buffer Area.

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

STAFF: Guideline 3, policy 9 of Cornerstone 2020 calls for the protection of the character of residential areas, roadway corridors and public spaces from visual intrusions and mitigate when appropriate. Guideline 3, policies 21 and 22 calls for appropriate transitions between uses that are substantially different in scale and intensity or density, and to mitigate the impact caused when incompatible developments occur adjacent to one another through the use of landscaped buffer yards, vegetative berms and setback requirements to address issues such as outdoor lighting, lights from automobiles, illuminated signs, loud noise, odors, smoke, automobile exhaust or other noxious smells, dust and dirt, litter, junk, outdoor storage, and visual nuisances. Guideline 3, policy 24 states that parking, loading and delivery areas located adjacent to residential areas should be designed to minimize the impacts from noise, lights and other potential impacts, and that parking and circulation areas adjacent to streets should be screened or buffered. Guideline 13, policy 4 calls for ensuring appropriate landscape design standards for different land uses within urbanized, suburban, and rural areas. Guideline 13, Policy 6 calls for screening and buffering to mitigate adjacent incompatible uses. The intent of landscape buffer areas is to create suitable transitions where varying forms of development adjoin, to minimize the negative impacts resulting from adjoining incompatible land uses, to decrease storm water runoff volumes and velocities associated with impervious surfaces, and to filter air borne and water borne pollutants. This proposal does not violate these guidelines of Cornerstone 2020 as the Landscape Buffer Area width, plantings and screening are still being provided, which will provide a transition to the more intense use, screening from lighting, noises, etc. and will decrease storm water runoff from impervious surfaces.

- (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 all other landscape requirements are being met and while the easement and stream located along the buffer pose challenges to constructing the 6' berm the applicant is still providing a continuous screen of evergreen trees.

- (d) Either:

(i) The applicant has incorporated other design measures that exceed the minimums of the district and compensate for non-compliance with the requirements to be waived (net beneficial effect); OR
(ii) The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant.

STAFF: The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant as the easement and stream in the LBA pose challenges that would make the berm impossible to construct.

APPLICABLE PLANS AND POLICIES

Cornerstone 2020
Land Development Code

TECHNICAL REVIEW

This development is comprised of hydric soils (potential wetlands). The appropriate notes have been placed on the plan, including Army Corps of Engineers and Kentucky Department of Water approval. The plan has also received preliminary approvals from MSD and Public Works.

A deed of consolidation will need to be recorded prior to building permits issued.

STAFF CONCLUSIONS

The Category 3 plan is in order and the waivers appear to be adequately justified.

Based upon the information in the staff report, the testimony and evidence provided at the public hearing, the Development Review Committee must determine if the proposal meets the standards for granting an LDC Waivers and Category 3 Development Plan approval established in the Land Development Code.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

- **APPROVE** or **DENY** the Category 3 Development Plan
- **APPROVE** or **DENY** the waiver of Section 5.12.2.A.1
- **APPROVE** or **DENY** the waiver of Section 5.5.4.B.1
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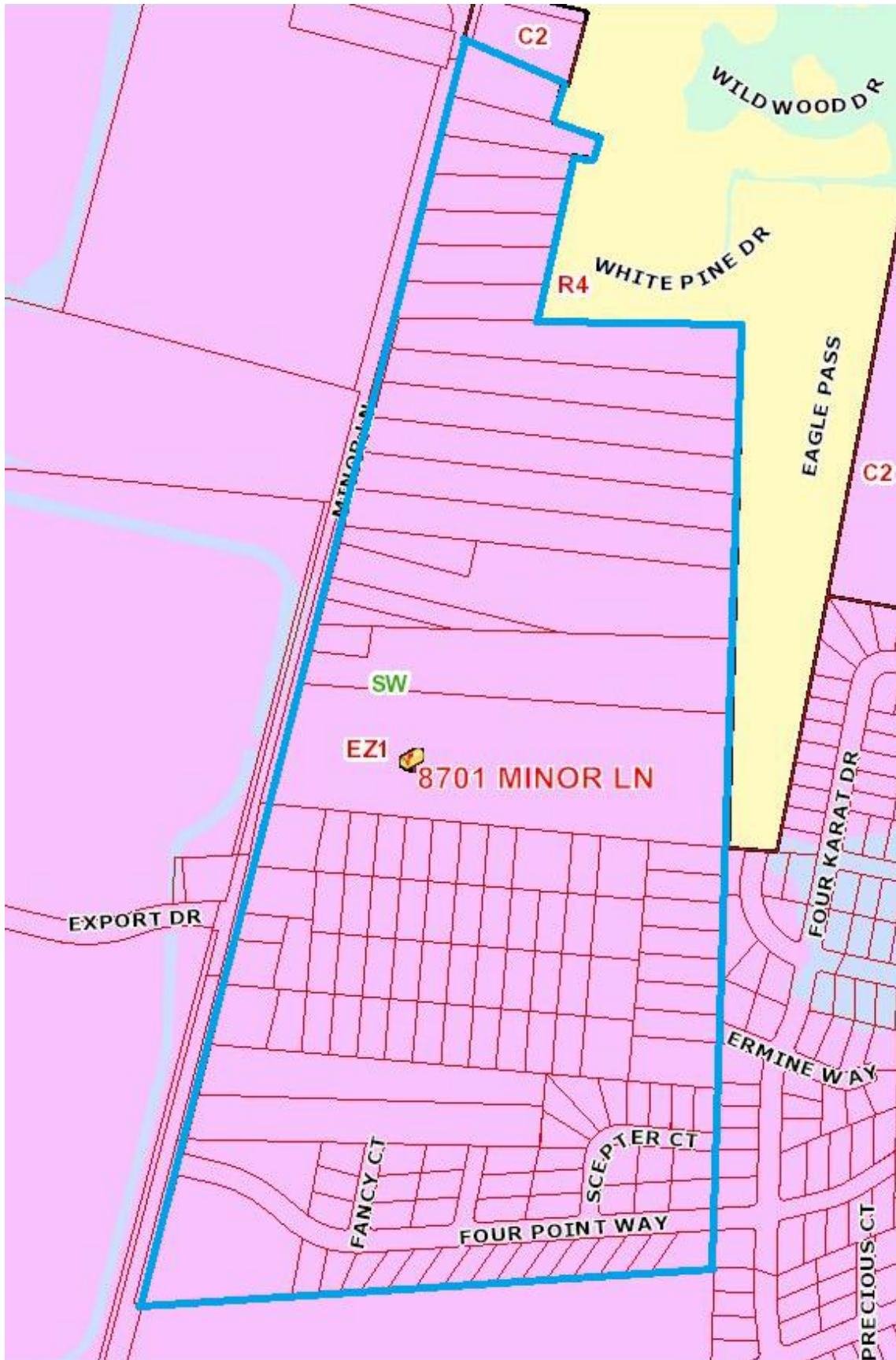
NOTIFICATION

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
July 7, 2016	APO Notice of hearing	First tier adjoining property owners
July 6, 2016	Notice of Hearing	Registered neighborhood groups

ATTACHMENTS

1. Zoning Map
2. Aerial Map

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