

Planning Commission

Staff Report

September 16, 2021



Case No:	21-ZONE-0057
Project Name:	Villas of Moore Woods
Location:	6906 Briscoe Lane, 6709 & 6803 Outer Loop
Owner(s):	Hiddenbrandt Family Trust, Duane & Kimberly Ralston, Donna Gullaume
Applicant:	Highbridge Development LLC
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	23 – James Peden
Case Manager:	Dante St. Germain, AICP, Planner II

REQUESTS

- **Change in zoning** from R-4 Single Family Residential to R-5A Multi-Family Residential
- **Detailed District Development Plan/Major Preliminary Subdivision** with Binding Elements

CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The subject site is located on Outer Loop near Highview Park, and consists of three contiguous parcels. It is currently undeveloped. The applicant proposes to rezone the property to construct a new 48-unit patio-home-style multi-family development.

Single-family and large-lot single-family uses abut the site to the west and east. A commercial development is located across Outer Loop to the south. Briscoe Lane and Old Briscoe Lane are located to the north, with a multi-family development across those streets. Institutional uses are located nearby, including Highview Park to the east. The site is within the study area for the Highview Neighborhood Plan.

STAFF FINDING

Staff finds that the proposed zoning change meets the guidelines of the Comprehensive Plan. The site plan meets the requirements of the Land Development Code and generally meets the guidelines of the Comprehensive Plan.

TECHNICAL REVIEW

Plan 2040

Land Development Code (Louisville Metro)

Highview Neighborhood Plan (2015)

MSD and Transportation Planning have provided preliminary approval of the proposal.

The Highview Neighborhood Plan (2015) recommendation CF3 advises developers to incorporate design principles for new or redeveloped multi-family residential:

- New multi-family development should be designed to a scale (both height and mass) to be cohesively integrated into the surrounding existing development.
 - Small sites should act as infill development and focus on design over density
 - Medium-scaled sites should take advantage of opportunities for a variety of housing types and options
 - Larger sites should provide a range of housing types with a centralized common open space or focal point, interconnected system to streets, sidewalks and paths to create a neighborhood feel
- New development should connect to surrounding neighborhoods through an integrated car, bike and pedestrian network with adequate and appropriately sited parking (i.e., not located between a building and public street).
- Both public and private open spaces (scaled appropriately for the design of the development) should be incorporated into the design. The orientation of buildings around common spaces should also be designed to face the public space or streets.
- Landscaping treatments, including trees, planting and other treatments, should be incorporated throughout the development with utilities and service structures screened from view.
- The architectural design of new multi-family developments should vary to create interest rather than duplicating the same facade or building design in a continuous row or in multiple locations. The scale of buildings should be pedestrian-friendly and highlight the entry to individual units. The buildings should have proportions and massing that creates a higher-density residential neighborhood (compared to a large apartment building with large parking lot). High-quality and durable materials, such as brick, stone, etc., should be used in all multi-family developments and changes in colors and materials should be encouraged.

Recommendation LU2 advises that higher density and intensity development should occur in or near neighborhood nodes. The intersection of Outer Loop and Smyrna Parkway is a neighborhood node, which extends east to the subject site.

INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

No interested party comments have been received by staff. An interested neighbor spoke in opposition to the request at LD&T, particularly in opposition to the location of the proposed extension of Rochelle Road. A second neighbor spoke in opposition with relation to traffic.

STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR REZONING

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 Plan 2040; **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 Plan 2040 which have substantially altered the basic character of the area.

STAFF ANALYSIS FOR CHANGE IN ZONING

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, incomes and abilities. 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, 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 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, bicycle and transit.

Neighborhood streets may be either curvilinear, rectilinear or in a grid pattern and should be designed to support physical activity for all users and 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.

Following is staff's analysis of the proposed rezoning against the Goals, Objectives and Policies of Plan 2040.

The proposed zoning and multi-family development in general are in compliance with the Highview Neighborhood Plan, as the site is located within a neighborhood node. Plan 2040 encourages the provision of a variety of housing types in all neighborhoods in Louisville Metro, to increase housing choice and supply multiple ownership options and price points to potential residents. The existing node within which the site is located will provide neighborhood goods and services to the future residents. Outer Loop is a transit corridor and the applicant will improve a TARC stop adjacent to the site.

The proposed zoning district is generally in compliance with the plan elements and CHASE principles of Plan 2040. All other agency comments should be addressed to demonstrate compliance with the remaining Goals, Objectives and Policies of Plan 2040.

A checklist is attached to the end of this staff report with a more detailed analysis. The Louisville Metro Planning Commission is charged with making a recommendation to the Louisville Metro Council regarding the appropriateness of this zoning map amendment. The Louisville Metro Council has zoning authority over the property in question.

STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR DDDP

- (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: Tree canopy will be provided on the site. No other natural resources are evident on the site.

- (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 has been provided, and Metro Public Works has approved the preliminary development plan.

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

STAFF: Required common open space is being provided to meet the needs of the proposed development. Recreational open space is not required due to the proximity of Highview Park.

- (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 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.

- (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 overall site design is compatible with existing and projected future development of the area. The site is within an existing neighborhood node, and an extension of Rochelle Road will be provided to improve connectivity in the vicinity.

- (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 development plan conforms to applicable guidelines and policies of the Land Development Code, and conforms with the Comprehensive Plan.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

- **RECOMMEND** that Metro Council **APPROVE** or **DENY** the **Change-in-Zoning** from R-4 to R-5A
- **APPROVE** or **DENY** the **Detailed District Development Plan/Major Preliminary Subdivision** with **Binding Elements**

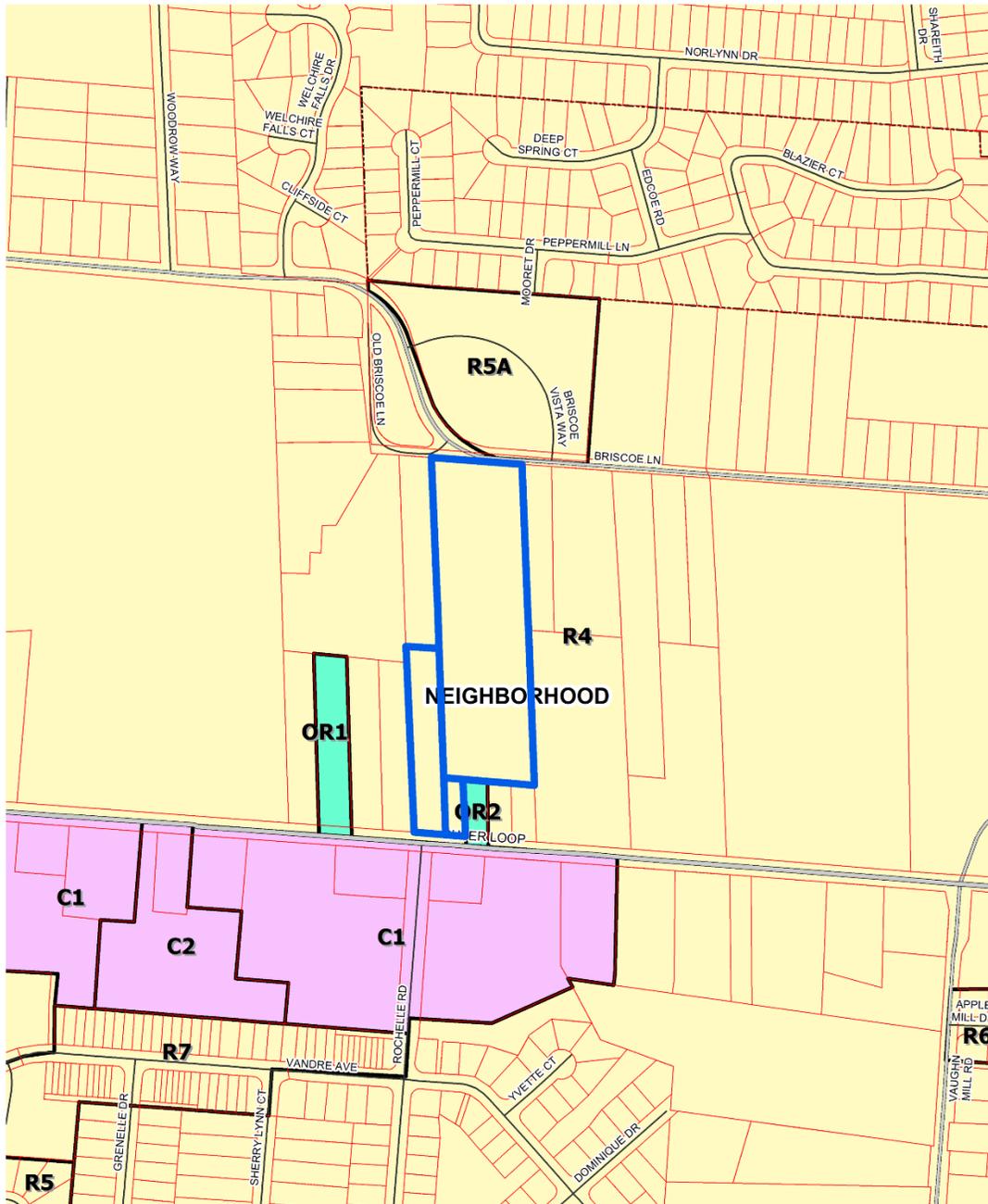
NOTIFICATION

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
08/12/2021	Hearing before LD&T	1 st and 2 nd tier adjoining property owners and current residents Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 23
09/02/2021	Hearing before PC	1 st and 2 nd tier adjoining property owners and current residents Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 23
08/31/2021	Hearing before PC	Sign Posting on property
09/08/2021	Hearing before PC	Legal Advertisement in the Courier-Journal

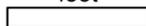
ATTACHMENTS

1. Zoning Map
2. Aerial Photograph
3. Staff Plan 2040 Checklist
4. Proposed Binding Elements

1. Zoning Map



6906 Briscoe Lane
feet



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Map Created: 11/2/2020



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2. Aerial Photograph



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3. Staff Plan 2040 Checklist

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

Neighborhood: Residential

#	Plan 2040 Plan Element	Land Use & Development Policy	Staff Finding	Staff Analysis
1	Community Form: Goal 1	7. Locate higher density and intensity uses near major transportation facilities and transit corridors, employment centers, in or near activity centers and other areas where demand and adequate infrastructure exists or is planned.	✓	The site is on Outer Loop, a major arterial and transit corridor at this location. Opposite the site, on the other side of Outer Loop, is a commercial activity center.
2	Community Form: Goal 1	9. Ensure an appropriate transition between uses that are substantially different in scale and intensity or density of development. The transition may be achieved through methods such as landscaped buffer yards, vegetative berms, compatible building design and materials, height restrictions and setback requirements.	✓	Appropriate transitions between the site and the adjacent properties will be provided.
3	Community Form: Goal 2	9. Encourage new developments and rehabilitation of buildings that provide commercial, office and/or residential uses.	✓	The proposal would permit new development providing residential uses.
4	Community Form: Goal 3	10. Encourage development to avoid wet or highly permeable soils, severe, steep or unstable slopes where the potential for severe erosion problems exists in order to prevent property damage and public costs associated with soil slippage and foundation failure and to minimize environmental degradation.	✓	No wet or highly permeable soils, or severe, steep or unstable slopes are evident on the site.
5	Community Form: Goal 4	2. Encourage preservation of distinctive cultural features including landscapes, natural elements and built features.	✓	No distinctive cultural features are evident on the site.

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6	Community Form: Goal 4	3. Encourage preservation and/or adaptive reuse of historic sites listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and/or recognized by the Louisville Metro Landmarks Commission or other national, state or local government historic preservation agencies.	✓	No historic assets are evident on the site.
7	Mobility: Goal 1	4. Encourage higher densities and intensities within or near existing marketplace corridors, existing and future activity centers, and employment centers to support transit-oriented development and an efficient public transportation system.	✓	The site is located on a transit corridor and near commercial uses.
8	Mobility: Goal 2	4. Avoid access to development through areas of significantly lower intensity or density development if such access would create significant nuisances.	✓	Access to the site is via Outer Loop, a major arterial at this location, and Briscoe Lane, a primary collector.
9	Mobility: Goal 3	2. To improve mobility, and reduce vehicle miles traveled and congestion, encourage a mixture of compatible land uses that are easily accessible by bicycle, car, transit, pedestrians and people with disabilities. Housing should be encouraged near employment centers.	✓	The site is easily accessible by bicycle, car, transit, pedestrians, and people with disabilities.
10	Mobility: Goal 3	5. Evaluate developments for their impact on the transportation network (including the street, pedestrian, transit, freight movement and bike facilities and services) and air quality.	✓	Transportation Planning has approved the proposal.
11	Mobility: Goal 3	6. Ensure that those who propose new developments bear or share in rough proportionality the costs of transportation facilities and services made necessary by development.	✓	Transportation Planning has approved the proposal.
12	Mobility: Goal 3	9. When existing transportation facilities and services are inadequate and public funds are not available to rectify the situation, the developer may be asked to make improvements, roughly proportional to the projected impact of the proposed development, to eliminate present inadequacies if such improvements would be the only means by which the development would be considered appropriate at the proposed location.	✓	Transportation Planning has approved the proposal.

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13	Mobility: Goal 3	10. Ensure that necessary improvements occur in accordance with long-range transportation plans and level of mobility criteria for all modes of travel.	✓	Transportation Planning has approved the proposal.
14	Mobility: Goal 3	21. Prevent safety hazards caused by direct residential access to high speed roadways.	✓	No direct residential access to high speed roadways is proposed.
15	Community Facilities: Goal 2	1. Locate development in areas served by existing utilities or capable of being served by public or private utility extensions.	✓	The relevant utilities have approved the proposal.
16	Community Facilities: Goal 2	2. Ensure that all development has an adequate supply of potable water and water for fire-fighting purposes. Locate only very low-density land uses on sites that use on-lot sewage disposal systems or on a private supply of potable water.	✓	Louisville Water Company has approved the proposal.
17	Community Facilities: Goal 2	3. Ensure that all development has adequate means of sewage treatment and disposal to protect public health and to protect water quality in lakes and streams as determined by the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD).	✓	MSD has approved the proposal.
18	Livability: Goal 1	5. Encourage development that recognizes and incorporates the unique characteristics of identified general landscape types and native plant communities (e.g., upland hardwood forest) throughout Louisville Metro.	✓	Tree canopy will be provided on the site utilizing native species, so that the unique characteristics of the identified general landscape type and native plant communities are recognized and incorporated into the site.
19	Livability: Goal 1	17. Determine site susceptibility to erosion; identify the presence of on-site carbonate conditions and features that are vulnerable to site disturbance; identify the extent of existing groundwater use and the impacts of the project on groundwater resources, flow patterns, and existing and proposed surface drainage. Then mitigate potential hazards to such systems resulting from the project.	✓	No karst features are evident on the site.
20	Livability: Goal 1	21. Mitigate negative development impacts to the integrity of the regulatory floodplain by encouraging development patterns that minimize disturbance and consider the increased risk of more frequent flooding events.	✓	The site is not located in the regulatory floodplain.

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21	Housing: Goal 1	1. Encourage a variety of housing types including, but not limited to, detached and attached single family, multi-family, mixed use, zero lot line, average lot, cluster, and co-housing. Allow for accessory residential structures and apartments. Housing types should reflect the Form District pattern.	✓	The proposal would increase the variety of housing types in the neighborhood.
22	Housing: Goal 1	2. Promote housing options and environments that support aging in place. Encourage housing for older adults and people with disabilities to be located close to shopping and transit routes and, when possible, medical and other supportive facilities.	✓	The proposal would support aging in place by increasing the variety of housing, and price points and ownership options in the neighborhood.
23	Housing: Goal 2	1. Encourage inter-generational, mixed-income and mixed-use development that is connected to the neighborhood and surrounding area.	✓	The proposal would permit inter-generational mixed-income development.
24	Housing: Goal 2	2. Locate housing within proximity to multi-modal transportation corridors providing safe and convenient access to employment opportunities, as well as within proximity to amenities providing neighborhood goods and services. Higher density, accessible residential uses should be located along transit corridors and in or near activity centers.	✓	The site is located on Outer Loop, a multi-modal transportation corridor. The site is within proximity to amenities providing neighborhood goods and services.
25	Housing: Goal 3	1. Encourage provision of fair and affordable housing by providing a variety of ownership options and unit costs throughout Louisville Metro. Expand opportunities for people to live in quality, variably priced housing in locations of their choice by encouraging affordable and accessible housing in dispersed locations throughout Louisville Metro.	✓	The proposed zoning district would increase the variety of ownership options and unit costs in Louisville Metro.
26	Housing: Goal 3	2. As neighborhoods evolve, discourage displacement of existing residents from their community.	✓	The site is currently undeveloped and no existing residents will be displaced.
27	Housing: Goal 3	3. Encourage the use of innovative methods such as clustering, mixed-use developments, co-housing, and accessory apartments to increase the production of fair and affordable housing.	✓	The proposal would permit innovative methods of housing.

4. 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. No outdoor advertising signs, small freestanding signs, pennants, balloons, or banners shall be permitted on the site.
3. 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.
4. Before any permit (including but not limited to building, parking lot, change of use, site disturbance, alteration permit or demolition permit) is requested:
 - a. The development plan must receive full construction approval from Construction Review, Louisville Metro Public Works and the Metropolitan Sewer District.
 - b. The property owner/developer must obtain approval of a detailed plan for screening (buffering/landscaping) as described in Chapter 10 prior to requesting a certificate of occupancy. Such plan shall be implemented prior to occupancy of the site and shall be maintained thereafter. The plan shall have, at a minimum, the landscaping as shown in the applicant's exhibit at the September 16, 2021 Planning Commission hearing.
 - c. A Tree Preservation Plan in accordance with Chapter 10 of the LDC shall be reviewed and approved prior to obtaining approval for site disturbance.
 - d. A major subdivision plat creating the lots and roadways as shown on the approved district development plan shall be recorded prior to issuance of any building permits.
 - e. The materials and design of structures shall be substantially the same as depicted in the rendering as presented at the September 16, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. A copy of the approved rendering is available in the case file on record in the offices of the Louisville Metro Planning Commission.
5. A certificate of occupancy must be received from the appropriate code enforcement department prior to occupancy of the structure or land for the proposed use. All binding elements requiring action and approval must be implemented prior to requesting issuance of the certificate of occupancy, unless specifically waived by the Planning Commission.
6. The applicant, developer, or property owner shall provide copies of these binding elements to tenants, purchasers, contractors, subcontractors and other parties engaged in development of this site and shall advise them of the content of these binding elements. These binding elements shall run with the land and the owner of the property and occupant of the property shall at all times be responsible for compliance with these binding elements. At all times during development of the site, the applicant and developer, their heirs, successors; and assignees, contractors, subcontractors, and other parties engaged in development of the site, shall be responsible for compliance with these binding elements.

7. The Developer / Property Owner shall install a concrete boarding pad, bench pad and then notify TARC when the construction is complete. TARC will then install a standard bench. In addition, the Developer / Property Owner shall clean the stop as needed.