MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2021

A meeting of the Louisville Metro Planning Committee was held on November 3, 2021 at 10:00 am via a Webex virtual meeting.

Committee Members present:

Marilyn Lewis Jeff Brown Mellone Long Lula Howard Patti Clare

Committee Members absent:

David Tomes Juva Barber

Staff Members present:

Emily Liu, Director, Planning & Design Services Joe Reverman, Assistant Director, Planning & Design Services Brian Davis, Planning & Design Manager Joe Haberman, Planning & Design Manager Julia Williams, Planning & Design Supervisor Joel Dock, Planning Coordinator Laura Ferguson, Legal Counsel

Others present:

Mandy Simpson, Metro United Way

The following matters were considered:

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Changes to Child Care Regulations

Project Name:	Changes to Child Care Regulations
Municipality:	All with Zoning Authority
Case Manager:	Joel P. Dock, AICP, Planning Coordinator

00:01:45 Joel Dock discussed the current childcare regulations in detail (see recording for detailed presentation).

Commissioner Howard asked if the M2 and M3 zoning prohibited childcare centers. Joel Dock said that was correct, they did not allow daycare centers, even with a conditional use permit.

Commissioner Brown asked if daycares would be considered an accessory in some of the M Zones. Joel Dock said there is a way it could operate as an accessory but there would be some enforcement concerns.

Joel Dock continued the presentation and discussed the data review, the impact of COVID-19 on childcare, and the state requirements of childcare.

Joel Dock went into detail on the public outreach that Planning & Design Services did in order to receive community input on childcare.

00:16:50 Joel Dock presented the preliminary recommendations for amendments to the Land Development Code regarding childcare regulations (see recording for detailed presentation).

In response to Commissioner Howard's question about schools, Joel Dock said these proposed regulations would not affect school operations.

Commissioner Brown asked if the state would be able to keep up with inspections if the availability of this type of use increased or if there would be a capacity limit. Joel Dock said they hope to increase care in areas but can't answer if the state would be able to keep up with inspections.

Mandy Simpson from Metro United Way spoke in favor of the new regulations.

There was discussion about pickup and drop off being 24 hours and proper signage.

Joel Dock said Planning Commission would be looking at decreasing the fee for conditional use permits for childcare centers.

In response to Joel Bolinger's question about the multi-family developments and childcare, Joel Dock explained what that would mean with the new regulations.

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There is a public hearing before the Planning Commission on November 18 to discuss the new regulations.

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:58 a.m.

Chairman

Division Director