Planning Commission / Historic Landmarks & Preservation Districts Commission

Staff Report

July 20, 2023



Case No: 23-CFR-0020

Project Name: Community Facility Review for Cherokee

Parkway Roundabout

Location: Roundabout at Cherokee Parkway and Cherokee

Road

Owner: Louisville Metro
Applicant: Louisville Metro
Jurisdiction: Louisville Metro
Council District: 8 – Ben Reno Weber

Case Manager: Joseph Haberman, AICP, Planning Manager

REQUEST

Community Facility Review for a change to the roundabout right-of-way at the intersection of Cherokee Parkway and Cherokee Road. The proposed change is to permanently remove the John. B. Castleman statute from its previous location on the plinth in the center of roundabout.

CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The subject site is the circular area within the roundabout at the intersection of Cherokee Parkway and Cherokee Road. The roundabout is partially zoned R-7 and R-5B; however the center of roundabout and plinth location is entirely zoned R-5B. The roundabout is within a Traditional Neighborhood (TN) form district. It is also within the Cherokee Triangle Preservation District (local) and the Cherokee Triangle National Register District.

The proposed change is to permanently remove the John. B. Castleman statute from its previous location on the plinth in the center of roundabout. The existing plinth and landscaping will remain, with plans to improve in the future following additional consideration and public input.

STAFF FINDING

PDS staff has reviewed the proposed plan and its compliance with the policies in Plan 2040, Louisville Metro's comprehensive plan, and KRS 100.324. While some goals and underlying objectives/policies under the Community Form and Mobility plan elements may apply to this proposal, the goals and underlying objectives/policies under the Community Facilities plan element are most applicable. The proposal complies with the Community Facilities provisions, including the objective referenced in the application - Community Facilities Goal 3, Objective d., which states "Community facilities and utilities intended for public access are designed to be welcoming". The removal of the polarizing statute would result in a more welcoming community facility, which is located in a prominent viewshed.

In conclusion, staff has found that the plan is consistent with the policies set forth in Plan 2040 for a community facility, as well as the plan's CHASE principles. Staff suggest enhancing the right-of-way in

the future with new public art and/or landscaping that is more welcoming, compatible with neighboring historic structures, and allows motorists to safely drive around the roundabout.

TECHNICAL REVIEW

MSD and Transportation Planning have not provided any recommendations concerning the application.

INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

No interested party comments were submitted as of the date of this report.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

 Review the change to the Community Facility for compliance with the comprehensive plan. If the Commission disapproves of the project or aspect thereof, state the reasons for disapproval and make suggestions for changes which will, in its opinion, better accomplish the objectives of the comprehensive plan.

NOTIFICATION

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
		1 st tier adjoining property owners Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 8

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Zoning Map / Aerial Photograph
- 2. Form District Map

Attachment 1. Zoning Map / Aerial Photograph



Attachment 2. Form District Map

