

She said that the primary goal of that program was to establish a means for Lexington-Fayette County to grow, while still protecting all of its qualities that are valuable to residents. Human needs, physical growth, economic expansion, and cultural creativity were the four "aspects of life" that provided the framework for the program. The staff believes that the "human needs" aspect is applicable to the construction of the new senior citizens center. Ms. Rackers stated that Destination 2040 identified several elements that must be present in order for a community to be a viable and desirable place to live. The programming that will be offered by the senior center provides most, if not all, of those elements, and so contributes to the vision of Destination 2040, and supports that Goals and Objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Rackers read further from the Comprehensive Plan:

"Community facilities improve Lexington by providing education, community meeting places, training, and recreation."

The staff believes that the senior center currently provides those types of facilities, and the new location will provide the opportunity for those services to be expanded.

Ms. Rackers stated that the staff finds the proposed senior citizens center to be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, subject to the recommendation as listed in the staff report and on the agenda.

Commission Questions: Mr. Penn asked if the proposed site is in a floodplain. Ms. Rackers answered that there is a large area of FEMA floodplain in the park, but the subject site is to be just outside of the floodplain.

Ms. Plumlee asked what the projected completion date for the new center would be. Ms. Rackers answered that it was projected to be completed by December of 2015.

Action: A motion was made by Mr. Penn, seconded by Ms. Plumlee, and carried 7-0 (Berkley, Brewer, Mundy, and Owens absent) to approve PFR 2014-1, for the reason provided by staff, subject to the recommendation of staff.

B. INITIATE A TEXT AMENDMENT FOR HANDICAP RAMPS – The staff will request Commission initiation of a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Article 15-5(a) to further the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Staff Comments: Ms. Wade stated that the staff had made a presentation at the recent Planning Commission work session, in order to request Commission initiation of a text amendment regarding handicap-accessible ramps. The amendment to Article 15-5(a) would be related to projections into required yards for covered porches, stairways, and terraces. The staff contacted the Mayor's Commission for Citizens with Disabilities, as well as the LFUCG ADA Coordinator and the Division of Building Inspection. Representatives of those entities suggested the addition of "for mobility purposes" to the first line of the text, and "to further the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act" at the end. The staff wanted to clarify that the original language had referred to the ADA requirements, but those standards are optional, rather than required, for single-family residential construction.

Commission Question: Mr. Drake asked if the new language would prohibit the construction of a covered deck greater than 8' wide. Ms. Wade answered that such a deck could be constructed, as long as it was not at the front setback line for the property. If a covered porch was proposed that would encroach on the setback, a variance would need to be obtained from the Board of Adjustment.

Action: A motion was made by Ms. Blanton, seconded by Ms. Plumlee, and carried 7-0 (Berkley, Brewer, Mundy, and Owens absent) to initiate the proposed text amendment to Article 15-5 of the Zoning Ordinance.

C. CANCELLATION OF WORK SESSION – Mr. Sallee stated that the staff would recommend that the Commission to take action to formally amend the 2014 Meeting & Filing Schedule to cancel their previously scheduled work session on May 29, 2014.

Action: A motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Plumlee, and carried 7-0 (Berkley, Brewer, Mundy, and Owens absent) to cancel the May 29, 2014, work session.

VII. STAFF ITEMS – No such items were presented.

VIII. AUDIENCE ITEMS – No such items were presented.

IX. MEETING DATES FOR May, 2014

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| Subdivision Committee, Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Planning Division Office (101 East Vine Street)..... | June 5, 2014 |
| Zoning Committee, Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Planning Division Office (101 East Vine Street)..... | June 5, 2014 |
| Subdivision Items Public Meeting, Thursday, 1:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Council Chambers..... | June 12, 2014 |

* - Denotes date by which Commission must either approve or disapprove request.