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Date: 12-14-16


RECOMMENDATION OF THE
URBAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
OF LEXINGTON AND FAYETTE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

IN RE: PLN-MAR-16-00002: CAPKY BLUEGRASS PROPERTIES, LLC – a petition for a zone map amendment from a Professional Office (P-1) zone to a High Rise Apartment (R-5) zone for 3.05 net (3.29 gross) acres, for property located at 353 Waller Avenue. (Council District 3)

Having considered the above matter on November 17, 2016, at a Public Hearing, and having voted 9-0 that this Recommendation be submitted to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, the Urban County Planning Commission does hereby recommend APPROVAL of this matter for the following reasons:

1. The proposed High Rise Apartment (R-5) zone is in agreement with the 2013 Comprehensive Plan, for the following reasons:
 - a. The residential zoning and proposed efficiency apartment units will expand housing choices by providing an uncommon dwelling unit type within the immediate area (Theme A, Goal #1). Although dwelling units exist to the north and west, most are single family homes or two bedroom apartment units.
 - b. The renovation of an underutilized structure on the subject property will support infill and redevelopment that is respectful of the area's context and design features (Theme A, Goal #2.a.) since little will be altered on the property, and since this will also support adaptive re-use in the community (Theme D - Improving a Desirable Community).
 - c. The additional dwelling units within the Waller Avenue corridor will allow for employees and students of the University of Kentucky, as well as two nearby hospitals, to live near their jobs, thereby encouraging infill and redevelopment that creates jobs where people live (Theme C).
 - d. The petitioner will provide new sidewalks along a portion of their property frontage and work to create a transit line along Waller Avenue in order to help a viable network and effective transportation system for residents (Theme D) and improve accessibility between neighborhoods and shopping (Accessibility - page 15).
 - e. The proposed R-5 zone is compatible with the adjoining High Density Apartment (R-4) zone to the west and will serve as a transition between the commercial uses along Waller Avenue and the single family residential areas to the north of this location, due to the existing building's low height and profile.
2. This recommendation is made subject to the approval and certification of PLN-MJDP-16-00009: Storey Business Subdivision, Lot 6, prior to forwarding a recommendation to the Urban County Council. This certification must be accomplished within two weeks of the Planning Commission's approval.

ATTEST: This 12th day of December, 2016.


Secretary, Jim Duncan

WILLIAM WILSON
CHAIR

Note: The corollary development plan, PLN-MJDP-16-00009: STOREY BUSINESS SUBDIVISION, LOT 6 was approved by the Planning Commission on November 17, 2016 and certified on December 1, 2016.

Note: Dimensional variances were approved for open space requirements, front yard requirements, and reductions of required parking for this request, by the Planning Commission at this hearing.

K.R.S. 100.211(7) requires that the Council take action on this request by February 15, 2017.

At the Public Hearing before the Urban County Planning Commission, this petitioner was represented by **Richard Hopgood, Attorney.**

OBJECTORS

- None

OBJECTIONS

- None

VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: (9) Berkley, Cravens, Drake, Mundy, Owens, Plumlee, Richardson, Smith, and Wilson

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Brewer and Penn

ABSTAINED: (0)

DISQUALIFIED: (0)

Motion for **APPROVAL** of **PLN-MAR 16-00002** carried.

Enclosures: Application
Plat
Staff Report
Applicable excerpts of minutes of above meeting