



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council

TO: Mayor Jim Gray
Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Waiver Request/Richmond Rd Landscape plan
Ord 213/83

At the March 13 Corridors Commission meeting, the Commission heard a request from representatives of the Southland Christian Church requesting a waiver to portions of Ord 213-83.

The waiver includes a reconfiguration of the pond adjacent to the site, location/arrangement of some of the landscaping, and species change. At the 3-13-12 meeting the Commission voted unanimously to recommend the waiver to the Full Council. On behalf of the Commission I am requesting approval of the waiver.

I have attached a portion of the summary from the 3-13-12 Commission meeting for your review.

"Richmond Rd Corridor Landscape Ordinance Amendment

Morgan McIlwain of McIlwain & Associates made a presentation requesting a waiver to portions of the Richmond Rd Landscape Ordinance (212-82).

Mr. McIlwain stated that the cost to rehabilitate the pond due to silting was exorbitant. Therefore Southland Christian was requesting a change to the development which requires a variance to the Richmond Rd landscape ordinance.

Elizabeth Mortenson asked about soil erosion.

Paula Singer asked if the Idle Hour neighborhood was opposing this variance.

Ms. Mortenson noted that storage in the pond would be improved when the silting was controlled.

Kenzie Gleason asked about a sidewalk adjacent to Richmond Rd.

Mr. McIlwain noted that the Planning Commission had already approved the amended Development Plan.

Mike Sanner stated that Council had the power to waive aspects of the Richmond Rd ordinance not the planning commission.

On a motion by Karen Angelucci, second Steve Kay, the Corridors Commission recommended that the Urban County Council approve a waiver for a reconfiguration of the pond adjacent to the site, location/arrangement of some of the landscaping, and species change. (See attachment).

Should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at 258-3208.



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