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

IN RE: ZOTA 2016-7: AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 8-24 FOR THE OFFICE, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH PARK (P-2) ZONE – petition for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Article

8-24 to allow additional uses in the P-2 zone.

Having considered the above matter on <u>March 23, 2017</u>, at a Public Hearing and having voted <u>8-0</u> that this Recommendation be submitted to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, the Urban County Planning Commission does hereby recommend <u>APPROVAL</u> of the alternative text of this matter for the following reasons:

- 1. The University of Kentucky has a proven track record of economic development, with over 1.3 million square feet of space that actively supports 56 organizations and over 2,000 employees in the Coldstream Research Campus. This text amendment will allow the University to more effectively compete with similarly situated research parks across the United States.
- 2. The proposed text amendment will allow for a higher intensity use of the research campus and allow additional supportive uses, such as a mixed-use village and residential dwelling units, while still providing significant areas of open space.
- 3. The proposed text amendment will rename the zone to the "University Research Campus (P-2) Zone" to support the university in implementing their Master Plan for the Coldstream Research Campus. After 25+ years, theirs is the only are in Lexington-Fayette County with this zoning designation.

ATTEST: This 21st day of April, 2017.

Secretary, Jim Duncan

WILLIAM WILSON

CHAIR

At the Public Hearing before the Urban County Planning Commission, this petition was represented by Nick Nicholson, attorney for applicant.

OBJECTIONS

OBJECTORS

None

None

VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

AYES:

(8) Berkley, Cravens, Owens, Penn, Plumlee, Richardson, Smith and Wilson

NAYS:

(0)

ABSENT:

(3) Brewer, Drake and Mundy

ABSTAINED:

(0)

DISQUALIFIED: (0)

Motion for Approval of ZOTA 2016-7 carried.

Enclosures:

Minutes for the initiation of this text amendment.

Staff Report

Staff Alternative Text

Applicable excerpts of minutes of above meeting.