

Planning Commission

Staff Report

June 13, 2024



Case No:	23-ZONE-0122
Project Name:	4933 W Pages Ln Multifamily
Location:	4933 W Pages Ln
Owner(s):	Ethos Investments, LLC
Applicant:	Ethos Investments, LLC
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	14 – Cindi Fowler
Case Manager:	Jay Lockett, AICP, Planning Supervisor

REQUEST(S)

- **Change in Zoning** from R-4 Single family residential to R-6 Multifamily residential
- **Change in Form District** from Neighborhood to Suburban Marketplace Corridor for the C-2 zoned portion of the site
- **Waiver** (23-WAIVER-0166) of Land Development Code section 10.2.4 to permit an existing structure and proposed parking and drive lanes to encroach into the require property perimeter Landscape Buffer Areas, and to not provide plantings within the fire lane behind the structures.
- **District Development Plan** with Binding Elements

CASE SUMMARY

The applicant is proposing to construct 78 multifamily dwellings in four 3-story buildings on approximately 4.63 acres. The site is within the Neighborhood form district and is mostly zoned R-4, with a small area zoned C-2 containing a portion of a parking lot utilized by an adjacent commercial property. Access is proposed from W Pages Ln via a new access drive. The existing driveway and garage on site are proposed to be removed, while the existing home on the site is proposed to remain as a leasing office. The rear of the site contains an intermittent stream within a concrete ditch.

The case was previously reviewed by the Land Development and Transportation Committee on March 14, 2024 and additional information was requested about traffic conditions on W Pages Ln, as well as additional review by the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department. The applicant has submitted the requested traffic information, as well as received written approvals from the Fire Department after proposing to create a fire lane around the rear of the structures, utilizing pervious grass pavers.

STAFF FINDING

The case is ready for a Public Hearing before the Planning Commission.

TECHNICAL REVIEW

Transportation Planning and MSD have preliminarily approved the proposal.

INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

See attachments for interested party comments.

STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR REZONING AND FORM DISTRICT CHANGES

Criteria for granting the proposed form district change/rezoning: KRS Chapter 100.213

1. The proposed form district/rezoning change complies with the applicable guidelines and policies Plan 2040; **OR**
2. The existing form district/zoning classification is inappropriate and the proposed classification is appropriate; **OR**
3. There have been major changes of an economic, physical, or social nature within the area involved which were not anticipated in Plan 2040 which have substantially altered the basic character of the area.

STAFF ANALYSIS FOR CHANGE IN ZONING / FORM DISTRICT

Following is staff's analysis of the proposed rezoning against the Guidelines and Policies of Plan 2040.

The site is located in the Neighborhood Form District

Neighborhood Form is characterized by predominantly residential uses that vary from low to high density and that blend compatibly into the existing landscape and neighborhood areas. High-density uses will be limited in scope to minor or major arterials and to areas that have limited impact on the low to moderate density residential areas.

The Neighborhood Form will contain diverse housing types in order to provide housing choice for differing ages, incomes and abilities. New neighborhoods are encouraged to incorporate these different housing types within a neighborhood as long as the different types are designed to be compatible with nearby land uses. These types may include, but not be limited to, large lot single family developments with cul-de-sacs, traditional neighborhoods with short blocks or walkways in the middle of long blocks to connect with other streets, villages and zero-lot line neighborhoods with open space, and high density multi-family housing.

The Neighborhood Form may contain open space and, at appropriate locations, civic uses and neighborhood centers with a mixture of uses such as offices, retail shops, restaurants and services. These neighborhood centers should be at a scale that is appropriate for nearby neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Form should provide for accessibility and connectivity between adjacent uses and neighborhoods by automobile, pedestrian, bicycle and transit.

Neighborhood streets may be either curvilinear, rectilinear or in a grid pattern and should be designed to support physical activity for all users and invite human interaction. Streets are connected and easily accessible to each other, using design elements such as short blocks or bike/walkways in the middle of long blocks to connect with other streets. Examples of design elements that encourage this interaction include narrow street widths, street trees, sidewalks, shaded seating/gathering areas and bus stops. Placement of utilities should permit the planting of shade trees along both sides of the streets.

All other agency comments should be addressed to demonstrate compliance with the remaining Guidelines and Policies of Plan 2040.

The Louisville Metro Planning Commission is charged with making a recommendation to the Louisville Metro Council regarding the appropriateness of this zoning map amendment. The Louisville Metro Council has zoning authority over the property in question.

REQUIRED ACTIONS:

- **Set the Public Hearing Date**

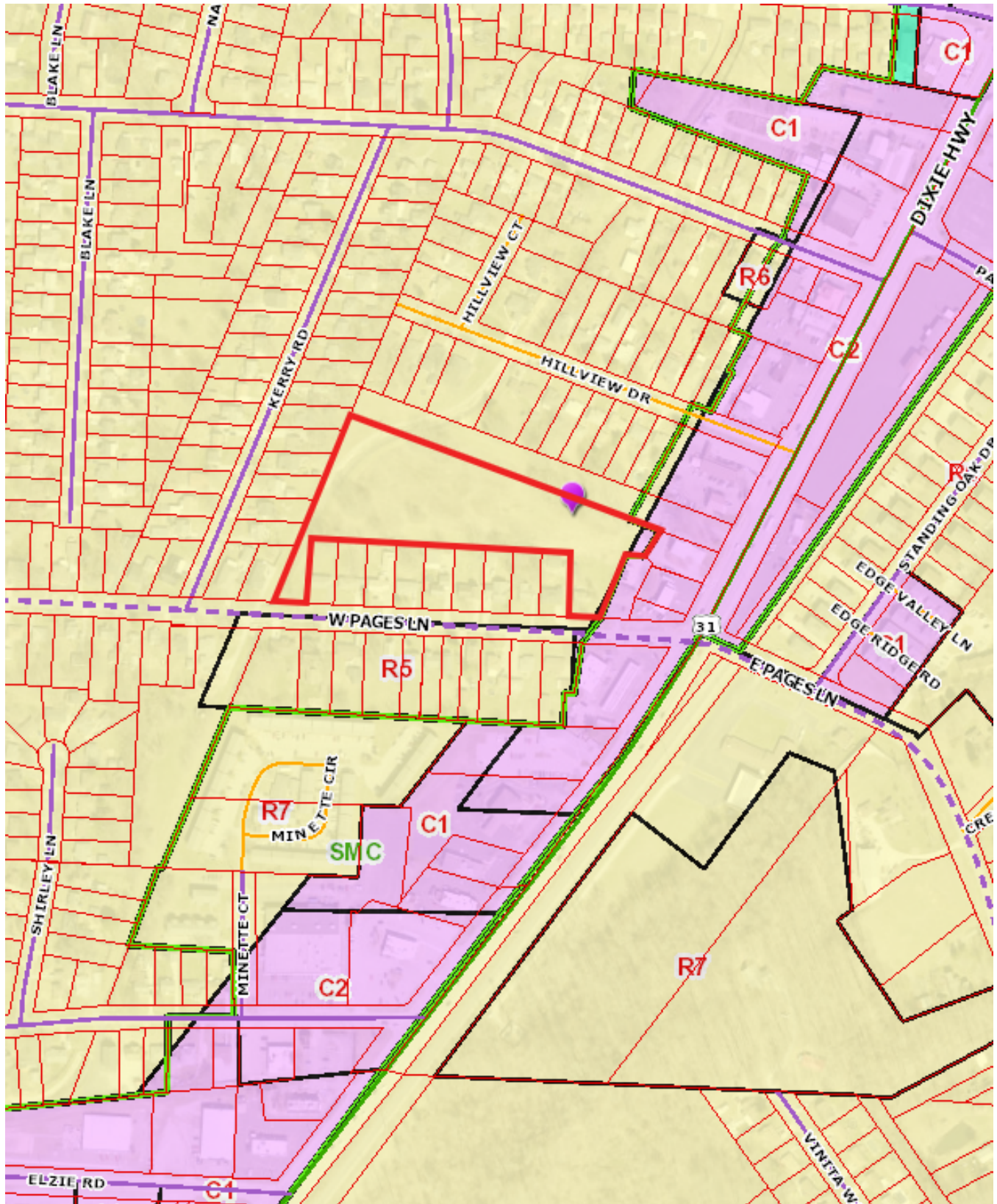
NOTIFICATION

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
1-24-24, 5-30-24	Hearing before LD&T	1 st and 2 nd tier adjoining property owners and current residents Speakers at Planning Commission public hearing Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 14
	Hearing before ____	1 st and 2 nd tier adjoining property owners and current residents Speakers at Planning Commission public hearing Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District ____
	Hearing before PC	Sign Posting on property
	Hearing before PC	Legal Advertisement in the Courier-Journal

ATTACHMENTS

1. Zoning Map
2. Aerial Photograph
3. Proposed Binding Elements

1. Zoning Map



2. Aerial Photograph



4. Proposed Binding Elements

1. The development shall be in accordance with the approved district development plan, all applicable sections of the Land Development Code (LDC) and agreed upon binding elements unless amended pursuant to the Land Development Code. Any changes/additions/alterations of any binding element(s) shall be submitted to the Planning Commission or the Planning Commission's designee for review and approval; any changes/additions/alterations not so referred shall not be valid.
2. Construction fencing shall be erected when off-site trees or tree canopy exists within 3' of a common property line. Fencing shall be in place prior to any grading or construction to protect the existing root systems from compaction. The fencing shall enclose the entire area beneath the tree canopy and shall remain in place until all construction is completed. No parking, material storage or construction activities are permitted within the protected area.
3. Before any permit (including but not limited to building, parking lot, change of use, site disturbance, alteration permit or demolition permit is requested:
 - a. The development plan must receive full construction approval from Construction Review, Louisville Metro Public Works and the Metropolitan Sewer District.
 - b. The property owner/developer must obtain approval of a detailed plan for screening (buffering/landscaping) as described in Chapter 10 prior to requesting a building permit. Such plan shall be implemented prior to occupancy of the site and shall be maintained thereafter.
 - c. A minor plat or legal instrument shall be recorded creating the lot lines as shown. A copy of the recorded instrument shall be submitted to the Division of Planning and Design Services prior to obtaining a building permit.
 - d. A Tree Preservation Plan in accordance with Chapter 10 of the LDC shall be reviewed and approved prior to obtaining approval for site disturbance.
4. A certificate of occupancy must be received from the appropriate code enforcement department prior to occupancy of the structure or land for the proposed use. All binding elements requiring action and approval must be implemented prior to requesting issuance of the certificate of occupancy, unless specifically waived by the Planning Commission.
5. The applicant, developer, or property owner shall provide copies of these binding elements to tenants, purchasers, contractors, subcontractors and other parties engaged in development of this site and shall advise them of the content of these binding elements. These binding elements shall run with the land and the owner of the property and occupant of the property shall at all times be responsible for compliance with these binding elements. At all times during development of the site, the applicant and developer, their heirs, successors; and assignees, contractors, subcontractors, and other parties engaged in development of the site, shall be responsible for compliance with these binding elements.