

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**November 16, 2023**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CASE NO. 23-AREA-0003**

Request:	Approve the Clifton & Crescent Hill Area Plan and Adopt the Executive Summary as an Amendment to Plan 2040
Location:	Clifton & Crescent Hill Neighborhoods
Owner/Applicant:	Louisville Metro
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	9 – Andrew Owen
Case Manager:	Rachel Casey, Senior Planner

Notice of this public hearing appeared in **The Courier Journal**.

The staff report prepared for this case was incorporated into the record. The Commissioners received this report in advance of the hearing, and this report was available to any interested party prior to the public hearing. (Staff report is part of the case file maintained in Planning and Design Services offices, 444 S. 5th Street.)

**Agency Testimony:**

Rachel Casey provided an overview of the request and presented a PowerPoint presentation (see video for details). The plan combines two neighborhoods who previously had separate neighborhood plans. The new plan includes updated goals and objectives that were created as part of the community engagement opportunities, which were both in person and online.

Commissioner Howard said the Planning Committee reviewed the plan in October and felt the plan was ready for public hearing. The plan covers a variety of community issues and is well constructed.

Commissioner Carlson asked how some of the “non-planning” issues are addressed after adoption. Rachel Casey stated the plan is made available to Public Works, KYTC and others so they are aware of issues and the wishes of the community.

**The following spoke in favor of this request:**

Mike O’Leary, Clifton Community Council, 1963 Payne Street, Louisville, KY 40206

**Summary of testimony of those in favor:**

Mike O’Leary spoke in support of the application. O’Leary expressed his personal support of the proposed plan, as well as the support of the Clifton Community Council. O’Leary thinks this is a great plan that provides valuable information about the two neighborhoods. O’Leary hopes this plan will be a model for other areas.

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**The following spoke as neutral:**

Brian McCallister, 134 Pope Street, Louisville, KY 40206

**Summary of testimony of those who were neutral:**

Brian McAllister spoke as a neutral party. McAllister believes there is one omission from the plan, which is addressing the traffic issues related to Pope Street and Mellwood Avenue. He believes making Mellwood Avenue a two-way street would be a better way to direct and control traffic in the area.

**Deliberation:**

Planning Commission deliberation.

**An audio/visual recording of the Planning Commission hearing related to this case is available on the Office of Planning website, or you may contact the Customer Service staff to view the recording or to obtain a copy.**

**Clifton & Crescent Hill Area Plan**

On a motion by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the following resolution, based on the staff report, testimony heard today and staff analysis, was adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission finds the Clifton & Crescent Hill Area Plan is in conformance with Plan 2040 Community Form: Goal 1 because the proposed recommendations guide the form and design of development to be responsive to the distinctive physical, historic and cultural qualities of the Clifton and Crescent Hill area,

**WHEREAS**, the plan meets Community Form: Goal 2 because the proposed recommendations encourage sustainable growth and density around corridors,

**WHEREAS**, the plan meets Community Form: Goal 3 because the proposed recommendations enhance the Clifton and Crescent Hill area by protecting and integrating open space, watersheds and other natural resources,

**WHEREAS**, the plan meets Community Form: Goal 4 because the proposed recommendations promote the historic resources that contribute to the Clifton and Crescent Hill area's authenticity,

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**WHEREAS**, the plan meets Community Facilities: Goal 2 the proposed recommendations support community facilities to improve quality of life,

**WHEREAS**, the plan meets Community Facilities: Goal 3 the proposed recommendations support updates and improvements to multiple parks within the Clifton and Crescent Hill area,

**WHEREAS**, the plan meets Livability: Goal 3 the proposed recommendations promote equitable access to land use planning and policy-making resources,

**WHEREAS**, the plan meets Housing: Goal 1 because the proposed recommendations guide future growth and development in Clifton and Crescent Hill to ensure diverse housing options, and

**WHEREAS**, the plan meets Housing: Goal 3 because the proposed recommendations are founded in supporting housing affordability for all; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **RECOMMEND** that the Louisville Metro Council **APPROVE** the Clifton & Crescent Hill Area Plan.

**The vote was as follows:**

**YES: Commissioners Mims, Pennix, Clare, Carlson, Cheek, Kern, Fischer, Howard and Lewis**

**NOT PRESENT FOR THIS CASE: Commissioner Sistrunk**

**Executive Summary**

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**RESOLVED**, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **RECOMMEND** that the Louisville Metro Council **ADOPT** the Executive Summary as an Amendment to Plan 2040.

**The vote was as follows:**

**YES: Commissioners Mims, Pennix, Clare, Carlson, Cheek, Kern, Fischer, Howard and Lewis**

**NOT PRESENT FOR THIS CASE: Commissioner Sistrunk**