

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
LOUISVILLE METRO PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 23, 2023**

A meeting of the Louisville Metro Planning Committee was held on October 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. via a Webex virtual meeting.

**Committee Members present:**

Lula Howard, Chair  
Patricia Clare  
Suzanne Cheek  
Juva Barber

**Committee Members absent:**

David Tomes  
Jennifer Kern

**Staff Members present:**

Mike King, Director of Advanced Planning  
Brian Davis, Assistant Director, Planning & Design Services  
Julia Williams, Planning Manager  
Rachel Casey, Senior Planner  
Laura Ferguson, Assistant County Attorney

**Others present:**

The following matters were considered:

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### 23-AREA-0003

Project Name: Clifton & Crescent Hill Area Plan  
Municipality: Louisville Metro  
Case Manager: Rachel Casey, Senior Planner

00:00:00 Rachel Casey presented the Clifton & Crescent Hill Area Plan and showed a PowerPoint presentation (see recording for detailed presentation). The Clifton & Crescent Hill Area Plan was initiated by Metro Councilmember Bill Hollander and then continued by Metro Councilmember Andrew Owen after elections in 2022. The study area comprises the Clifton and Crescent Hill neighborhoods in the northeast portion of the Urban Services District. The planning process began in May 2022 and continued through August 2023. The goal of the process was to engage the residents of the study area and proactively articulate a vision for the future. Primary topics of discussion were pedestrian and bicycle safety, maintaining the Clifton Local Preservation District, prioritizing affordable housing, supporting local businesses, and improving green spaces.

Committee Member Barber asked for clarification about the tree canopy recommendations. Rachel Casey said the tree canopy recommendation deal more with trees that are located in right-of-way, not on private property.

Committee Member Clare asked how this plan lines up with the community's long range public transportation plans. Casey stated there are recommendations to improve sidewalks and general access to bus stops, as well as streamlining the transit system in the area.

Committee Member Cheek asked for clarification about the housing vacancy information in the plan. Casey said they had to work with the data that was available to make it fit best to the plan boundary since the data that is out there tends to align with census blocks and tracts.

Mike O'Leary, President of the Clifton Community Council, addressed the committee. O'Leary asked if former Mayor Fischer could be added in the acknowledgements at the beginning of the plan since he was in office when the planning effort started. O'Leary said the plan does not downgrade the Clifton design guidelines and the Council fully supports the plan.

Bill Lieshoff addressed the committee. Lieshoff echoed O'Leary's comments regarding the preservation district.

Rachel Casey said if the Committee believes the plan is ready for Planning Commission, that it will go to public hearing on November 16, 2023.

On a motion by Committee Member Cheek, and seconded by Committee Member Clare, the following resolution was adopted:

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**RESOLVED**, the Louisville Metro Planning Committee does hereby **RECOMMEND** 23-AREA-0003 go to public hearing before the Planning Commission.

**The vote was as follows:**

**YES: Committee Members Barber, Clare, Cheek, and Howard.**

**ABSENT: Committee Members Tomes and Kern**

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:42 p.m.

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**Chairman**

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**Director**