1	OWENSBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
2	SEPTEMBER 14, 2017
3	The Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
4	met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday,
5	September 14, 2017, at City Hall, Commission Chambers,
6	Owensboro, Kentucky, and the proceedings were as
7	follows:
8	MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Boswell, Chairman Steve Frey, Vice Chairman
9	Larry Moore, Secretary Brian Howard, Director
10	Terra Knight, Attorney Irvin Rogers
11	Beverly McEnroe Manuel Ball
12	Fred Reeves
13	Angela Hardaway
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15	CHAIRMAN: I would like to call the September
16	14, 2017 Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting to
17	order. We always start our meeting with a prayer and
18	pledge. Commissioner Beverly McEnroe will lead us
19	tonight. Please join us.
20	(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.)
21	CHAIRMAN: I would like to welcome everyone to
22	our meeting tonight. We appreciate the large crowd.
23	Hopefully your folks will have some things to say to
24	help us on our decision making.
25	I saw Judge Executive Al Mattingly here. We

thank you for attending tonight. I don't think I

- 2 missed anybody else.
- 3 Before we get started, I wanted to just lay
- 4 some ground rules down before the meeting,
- 5 housekeeping type things. If you wish to speak, we
- 6 ask that you please approach to podium, speak clearly,
- 7 state your name and be sworn in. It's very important
- 8 that our commissioners hear all the information so we
- 9 can make good informed decisions on the information
- 10 that we hear. Please direct all your questions to the
- 11 chair. If there are multiple speakers at the podium,
- 12 please direct those questions and answers to the Chair
- as well. Be respect and positive to others that
- 14 speak. Allow them time to be able to speak as well.
- 15 Also, if you would, please refrain from
- 16 talking whenever a speaker is up there so we're able
- 17 to hear and Lynnette is able to make sure she records
- 18 everything being said.
- 19 Also, we ask that you please stay on topic and
- 20 on tract so that we are able to get through all of the
- information that's being presented.
- Commissioners, you were given the minutes of
- 23 the last meeting, the August 10, 2017 meeting. I hope
- 24 you all have had a chance to look at those. Are there
- any questions or comments or changes to those minutes?

- 2 CHAIRMAN: There being none the chair is ready
- 3 for a motion.
- 4 MR. BALL: Motion to approve the minutes.
- 5 CHAIRMAN: Motion to approve by Commissioner
- 6 Ball. Is there a second?
- 7 MR. MOORE: Second.
- 8 CHAIRMAN: Second by Mr. Moore. Any
- 9 discussion or questions about the motion or the
- 10 second?
- 11 (NO RESPONSE)
- 12 CHAIRMAN: There being none the Chair is ready
- for a vote. All those in favor raise of approval
- 14 raise your right hand.
- 15 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
- 16 CHAIRMAN: The minutes are approved.
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- 18 PUBLIC HEARING
- 19 ITEM 3
- 20 Consider revisions to the Goals and Objectives of the Comprehensive Plan for Owensboro, Whitesville and
- 21 Daviess County, Kentucky
- MS. KNIGHT: Please state your name for the
- 23 record.
- MR. HILL: Mike Hill.
- 25 (MIKE HILL SWORN BY ATTORNEY)

1	MR. HILL: KRS 100 requires our Community
2	Comprehensive Plan to be reviewed and updated every
3	five years. That's the process we're undergoing this
4	year.
5	Our current Goals and Objective element of the
6	Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Planning
7	Commission in September of 2012, and then by the three
8	legislative bodies in November and December of 2012.
9	The remaining elements of the Comprehensive Plan were
10	approved in February of 2013.
11	At tonight's meeting the only portion of the
12	Comprehensive Plan we're considering is the Goals and
13	Objective section, which is Chapter 1 of the
14	Comprehensive Plan document.
15	The commissions recommendations after tonight
16	will then be forwarded to the three legislative
17	bodies, Owensboro, Whitesville and Daviess County for
18	their consideration. Then once they're adopted by the
19	legislative bodies, the Goals and Objectives, that
20	will give Staff guidance to update the remainder of
21	the Comprehensive Plan document which we plan to bring
22	back to you, the Planning Commission, for
23	consideration probably early next year.
24	Our OMPC Staff has spent a lot of time over
25	the last couple of months soliciting feedback from the

1 community. We've talked to elected officials, various

- 2 utility agencies, other governmental departments and
- 3 citizens to try to get feedback from them on ideas for
- 4 improving the Goals and Objection section of our
- 5 Comprehensive Plan.
- 6 We had an ad published in the
- 7 Messenger-Inquirer last month to publicize records.
- 8 We had a citizen input meeting last month also to get
- 9 feedback. We've met with elected officials and we've
- just had some random comments from some other
- individuals in the community that we've compiled
- 12 together and created our proposals that we're putting
- 13 before you tonight.
- 14 I'm just going to summarize the revisions that
- 15 you have.
- 16 The Staff Report packet, the first page of the
- 17 Staff Report proceedings, 17 pages, are the Goals and
- Objectives. Within it the red text are the changes
- 19 that are proposed.
- 20 So within the changes, within the Economy &
- 21 Employment section we've added language to promote
- tourism and technology industries; language to promote
- 23 multi-modal economic development opportunities,
- language regarding keeping local regulations and
- 25 policies the least burdensome as reasonably possible.

1	Within the Land Use element of the Goals and
2	Objective we've rephrased some language regarding
3	annexation of properties. We've added language
4	encouraging in-fill development. We've added language
5	regarding conflicts between historic preservation and
6	local, state and federal regulations. We've added a
7	reference regarding review of rural community
8	boundaries. We've added language making new rural
9	residential residents aware of impacts of living in
10	agricultural areas.
11	Within our Transportation section we've added
12	a statement encouraging commercial and industrial use
13	of the airport.
14	Within the Community Facilities section we've
15	added a statement regarding the coordination of
16	intergovernmental emergency services. We've added a
17	statement encouraging shared-use public facilities.
18	We've added a statement concerning that our local
19	telecommunications regulations are updated to keep up
20	with changing technology. We've removed an
21	unnecessary statement regarding the Daviess County
22	Landfill.
23	Within our Environment section of the Goals
24	and Objective we've added a statement encouraging the
25	use of alternative energy sources.

1	So with the adoption of the Goals and
2	Objectives the remaining elements of the Comprehensive
3	Plan will then be completed by Staff.
4	STAFF RECOMMENDATION
5	Planning Staff recommends adoption of the
6	proposed Goals and Objective as attached based on the
7	following findings:
8	1. Public and official input indicates that
9	the currently adopted Goals and Objectives are still
10	valid and will continue to work well to guide in
11	future decision making and should be adopted with
12	changes and revisions that have been included during
13	review;
14	2. Revisions of Economic objectives to
15	promote our tourism and technology industries, to
16	promote multi-modal economic development opportunities
17	will promote enhanced competition in a changing
18	environment of rapid technological changes and
19	out-sourcing of jobs and opportunities;
20	3. Revision of Land Use objectives to
21	encourage appropriate annexation of properties, to
22	encourage in-fill development, to resolve historic
23	preservation/regulation conflicts, to educate rural
24	residential residents of impacts and importance of
25	agricultural activities will discourage urban sprawl

- 1 and reduce demand for services provided outside of
- 2 existing or reasonably extended infrastructure;
- 3 4. Addition of a Transportation objective to

- 4 promote commercial and industrial use of the airport
- 5 will broaden the appeal of our community for existing
- 6 local businesses and industry and also for those
- 7 wishing to relocate here;
- 8 5. Revisions to Community Facilities
- 9 objectives to promote coordinated intergovernmental
- 10 emergency service efforts, to encourage shared-use
- 11 public facilities, to ensure local telecommunications
- 12 regulations can accommodate rapidly changing
- 13 technology will provide for well-organized and
- 14 cost-effective public facility and services within our
- 15 community; and,
- 16 6. Addition of an Environment objective to
- 17 encourage the use of alternative energy sources will
- 18 help to preserve existing natural features and
- 19 resources and will encourage sound environmental
- 20 design and best management practices.
- 21 Staff request that this report be entered into
- the record as Exhibit A.
- 23 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Mill.
- 24 Do any of the commissioners have any questions
- 25 concerning this Comprehensive Plan Goals and

- 1 Objectives review?
- 2 (NO RESPONSE)
- 3 CHAIRMAN: There being none does anyone in the
- 4 audience have any questions concerning or comments
- 5 concerning this particular Goals and Objectives
- 6 review?
- 7 JUDGE MATTINGLY: Yes.
- 8 MS. KNIGHT: Judge Executive, you're sworn.
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 JUDGE MATTINGLY: Mr. Chairman, thank you for
- 11 the opportunity to comment on what has been and
- 12 continues to be a long process for our community.
- Just a couple of comments. Under 4.4.5,
- "Continue exploring new ways to encourage and
- incentivize in-fill," I think if you look at 4.9.5,
- 16 "Strive to resolve conflicts to preservation efforts
- 17 presented by local, state and federal regulation," if
- 18 we can figure a way to do that, that's going to go a
- 19 long way in getting developers to come back and
- 20 in-fill those spaces within the city as opposed to
- 21 going out in the county and developing new lands. We
- 22 all know sometimes in order to comply with state and
- federal regulations, it's cheaper to buy a farm,
- 24 extend our services out to that farm and develop it.
- 25 I really like those two.

1	On 4.15.6, "Increase new rural residential
2	residents' awareness of the impacts of common
3	agricultural purposes," I can tell you that probably
4	is the single most complaint that Daviess County
5	Fiscal Court gets, because there's a tension between
6	residential and farming practices. They don't like it
7	when you spread pig poop or cow manure or chicken
8	litter out in your fields, but that's a common
9	practice that's been going on for years and years and
10	I don't know how you resolve that issue. I don't know
11	how you inform those folks who buy into rural
12	subdivisions that that's going to continue and there's
13	really not anything that Fiscal Court can do. There's
14	really not anything that you folks on the Planning and
15	Zoning Commission can do.
16	Lastly, I would ask that you turn your
17	attention to what used to be 6.10.4, "Encourage use of
18	the Daviess County Landfill." While it is true that a
19	case has gone all the way up to Kentucky Supreme Court
20	that says that waste generated within the confines of
21	Daviess County must be taken to that landfill, it
22	doesn't necessarily mean that commercial waste or
23	industrial waste would have to be taken there.
24	I think that we need to continue to encourage
25	all sectors, residential waste as well as commercial

1 and industrial waste, so I would encourage you to

- 2 reconsider taking that out.
- 3 Thank you for the ability to comment on this.
- 4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Judge.
- Just a side bar comment too.
- I think this is really a Comprehensive Plan
- 7 that's been adopted by our government bodies for quite
- 8 some time and this is essentially a review of that to
- 9 try to update it to today essentially, and the changes
- 10 that have happened over the last few years. This is
- 11 my understanding.
- 12 Yes, please. Step forward and state your
- name.
- 14 MS. KNIGHT: Please state your name for the
- 15 record.
- MR. O'BRYAN: My name is Jerry O'Bryan.
- 17 (JERRY O'BRYAN SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)
- MR. O'BRYAN: I don't normally start talking,
- 19 and I apologize. I apologize because I got behind and
- 20 I didn't get a written recommendation to the board
- 21 there before they could submit this thing. When I
- 22 called yesterday and talked to Mr. Hill there, he said
- that I might come up here and say a few words.
- 24 I also want to say that if I offend anybody
- 25 here tonight, that's not the way I operate. I do want

1 you to know that I appreciate the job you folks do,

- 2 and all the public servants.
- 3 I really appreciate Al Mattingly standing up
- 4 and saying what he just said because it relates
- 5 exactly to what I'm saying; although, his last comment
- on the ag problem, which I don't know how you can fix
- 7 it. May I can pull out a couple of suggestions.
- 8 I operate a grain and livestock operation in
- 9 West Daviess County. We have about 120 employees. We
- 10 have about a \$4 million a year payroll. I'm not
- telling you that to make you think that I think I'm
- 12 important, because I'm just a fracture of what
- agricultural is in this county. I don't think that
- 14 agricultural is getting as much protection by the
- 15 Planning and Zoning and implemented through Fiscal
- 16 Court as what it probably deserves.
- 17 I wrote a lot things down here and all of this
- is kind of random, but if I don't read it I'll really
- 19 get confused.
- 20 I think that agricultural is the most
- 21 important industry in Daviess County; not just in the
- county, but in the state and also in the nation. I
- 23 can go on with a lot of numbers there about what it
- does in terms of the national debt, the exchange of
- trade without agricultural we would be in big trouble.

1 A lot of people don't realize, because a lot of people

- 2 know what I'm getting ready to say and some people
- 3 don't because they don't think about it.
- 4 Most people don't realize why we have such a
- 5 standard of living in this country, and one of the
- 6 number one reasons is agricultural and the most
- 7 efficient agricultural in the world. As compared to
- 8 other industrialized countries, we are nearly 20
- 9 percent less in food cost than these other countries.
- 10 Now, if all of you just think real quick, if
- we went in and jerked out 20 percent of your disposal
- income out of your pocket, disposable, not pre-tax but
- disposable income, many of us would not live as high
- as what we do today in terms of cars and houses and
- vacations. So we really, really need to respect
- 16 agricultural. And why is agricultural so productive
- is because of the ag land. That's what we've got to
- 18 talk about, protecting.
- The minds of the country starts in the grass
- 20 roots. So we've got to have some strong leadership to
- 21 protect. This is where it starts. This sounds like a
- 22 -- I'm not going to say that.
- 23 Agricultural is suffering in Daviess County.
- 24 Housing development in the ag community is inhibiting
- 25 all aspects of agriculture, grain, vegetable and

livestock production. Most people would think it's a 1 2 ridiculous idea to build a house in the middle of the 3 Owensboro Riverport, but it's no more ridiculous than 4 building a house in the middle of an agricultural 5 industrial park. 6 The point I'm trying to make is agricultural 7 is the most important industry in the country and why we should make concerted efforts to protect it. The 8 9 fact that there are more complaint cost to regulatory agencies from residents in Daviess County about 10 11 agricultural practices than any other county in the 12 state points to deficiency in the zoning laws. Allowing people to build houses in agricultural 13 14 industrial area is as ludicrous as building a chicken 15 house on Griffith Avenue. People move into the 16 agricultural areas with no knowledge or understanding 17 of agricultural and then are appalled and grossly 18 intolerant to agricultural things that happens around 19 They then call and complain to the different them. 20 agencies and these different agencies, government 21 agencies, have to respond, EPA, the Division of Water and so on. This ends up causing a lot of time for the 22 23 agency employees and the farmers that have been complained about. For the most part the agency 24

employees are respectful and understanding to the

farmers, but occasionally encounter agency employee 1 2 can and often do force stringent and ridiculous 3 interpretations to the regulations. Displays the final burden on the farmer. Some of these people who 4 build or buy a house in an agricultural communities 5 6 are blind-sided by the agricultural practices that 7 happen around them, along with the increase of cost of 8 living in the county versus the metropolitan area. 9 These people need to be protected from themselves. 10 The existing laws in the county allow for one 11 to buy an acre and build a house anywhere. This makes 12 it possible for real estate agents to section off the road frontage from farms. When someone wants to buy 13 14 just one acre, he or she can pay a hugely greater 15 dollar amount than the farmer can afford to pay for 16 agricultural purposes. 17 If the zoning laws were enacted that required 18 to purchase, and this is just an example of what can 19 be done. If the zoning law were enacted that required 20 the purchase of a minimum of ten acres for the 21 construction of new home and agricultural areas in Daviess County, the farmer could be more competitive 22 in bidding for that land with the home builder, 23 against the home builders. The ten acre requirement 24 25 would give farmers the ability to sell or give lots to

- their children or anyone else they wanted to sell to.
- 2 Also, the person buying property will achieve
- 3 farm status which would open the door for them to
- 4 participate in agricultural programs.
- 5 For example, around Lexington, Kentucky people
- 6 are now required to purchase a minimum of 40 acres to
- 7 build a house. In 1999 Fayette County elected
- 8 officials decided to change the minimum of subdividing
- 9 plots from 10 acres to 40 acres. They decided that 10
- 10 acre lots would destroy too much of the county's
- 11 farmland.
- 12 In many counties in Iowa there is a 640 acre
- minimum acreage requirement for home construction, if
- 14 you want to know how far you could go.
- As a side note, I do not have another
- 16 matter -- this is the side note.
- I have not read your plan for Daviess County
- and the City of Owensboro. I'm going to assume your
- 19 emphasis is for economic development. I will tell you
- 20 if you don't address our runaway electric costs, your
- 21 chance of attracting industry in this area is a
- thousand to one.
- 23 In 2009, we were paying 6 cents a kilowatt for
- electricity, and today we're paying 12 1/2.
- 25 CHAIRMAN: Mr. O'Bryan, I think maybe that's a

little off the topic of what we're talking about here.

- 2 MR. O'BRYAN: I thought it might be. That's
- 3 all I have to say.
- 4 CHAIRMAN: We want to hear what you have to
- 5 say.
- 6 MR. O'BRYAN: -- you're going to run out a lot
- 7 that's already here. That's why some of them located
- 8 here.
- 9 CHAIRMAN: I think you're talking in terms of
- things, if I'm hearing this correctly, and Mr. Howard
- 11 maybe can add to it. It sounds like some of the
- things you're talking about or referring to are
- 13 associated to our zoning ordinances rather than our
- 14 Comprehensive Plan necessarily. Would that be a fair
- 15 statement?
- MR. O'BRYAN: I know nothing about how you all
- operate. I don't know where I need to be.
- 18 CHAIRMAN: You mentioned something about
- 19 suggestions and I didn't know if you've mentioned
- 20 those suggestions yet or you were talking about --
- MR. O'BRYAN: I gave that ten acres is a
- 22 suggestion. I will tell you Pete Goodman, the head of
- 23 the Division of Water in Frankfort, said he would be
- 24 glad to come down here and talk to you anyone that
- wanted to talk about this. He wasn't going to tell

anybody what they should do. He would just tell them

- what people in the other counties in the state that
- 3 have less problems have done it. That's really all
- 4 I've got to say.
- 5 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- 6 MR. O'BRYAN: Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRMAN: Is there anyone else that would
- 8 like to speak concerning these Goals and Objectives?
- 9 (NO RESPONSE)
- 10 CHAIRMAN: There being none the Chair is ready
- 11 for a motion.
- 12 Mr. Frey.
- MR. FREY: I'll make a motion to approve.
- 14 CHAIRMAN: A motion to approve by Mr. Frey.
- 15 MR. HOWARD: Could I may interject real quick,
- 16 please?
- 17 CHAIRMAN: Yes, please.
- 18 MR. HOWARD: Judge Mattingly requested that
- 19 6.10.4 be kept in as part of the Goals and Objectives.
- 20 We have it shown as being removed. I believe the
- information, when Mike was gathering information
- 22 that -- I think we understood that that wasn't an
- issue anymore, but as Judge Mattingly as explained
- tonight, we really need to keep it in there, I think.
- MR. FREY: So in turn we are making a motion

- 1 to approve these finalized; is that true?
- 2 MR. HOWARD: Yes.
- 3 MR. FREY: Then I will withdraw my motion
- 4 made.
- 5 MS. KNIGHT: Or you can amend your motion to
- 6 approve --
- 7 MR. HOWARD: Keeping 6.10.4.
- 8 MR. FREY: Let me get to it so I make the
- 9 correction.
- 10 I would like to amend and add back in 6.10.4.
- 11 MR. HOWARD: Perfect. Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRMAN: So you're making a motion for the
- 13 approval of the Goals and Objectives and adding back
- 14 in the 6.10.4?
- MR. FREY: Yes.
- 16 CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made to add that
- in. Do I hear a second?
- 18 MR. BALL: Second.
- 19 CHAIRMAN: Second by Mr. Ball. Is there any
- 20 motion about the motion and the second?
- 21 (NO RESPONSE)
- 22 CHAIRMAN: There being none then the Chair is
- 23 ready for a vote. All those in favor raise your right
- hand.
- 25 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)

1	CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.
2	MR. HOWARD: Under Zoning Changes I will note
3	that all items under Zoning Changes tonight will
4	become final 21 days after the meeting unless an
5	appeal is filed. If an appeal is filed, we will
6	forward the record of this meeting along with all
7	other applicable materials to the appropriate
8	legislative body for them to take final action.
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10	GENERAL BUSINESS
11	ZONING CHANGES
12	ITEM 4
13	2401-2501 Blocks Barron Drive, 81.7 acres Consider zoning change: From B-4 General Business,
14	R-1C Single-Family Residential & R-3MF Multi-Family Residential to R-1C Single Family Residential
15	Applicant: Deer Valley Subdivision, LLC; James C. Ellis Estate
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17	CHAIRMAN: I think Mr. Ball has to recuse
18	himself.
19	MR. BALL: Yes. I need to recuse myself
20	actually from Items 4, 4A and 4B.
21	(MR. BALL LEAVES ROOM AT THIS TIME.)
22	MS. KNIGHT: Please state your name for the
23	record.
24	MS. EVANS: Melissa Evans.

(MELISSA EVANS SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)

- 1 PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION
- 2 The Planning Staff recommends approval subject
- 3 to the conditions and findings of fact that follow:
- 4 CONDITIONS:
- 5 1. Access to Barron Drive shall be limited to
- 6 a single access point as shown on the Final
- 7 Development Plan/Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat.
- 8 2. No individual lots shall have access to
- 9 Barron Drive.
- 10 3. Installation of a left turn lane on Barron
- 11 Drive onto the development.
- 12 FINDINGS OF FACT
- 1. Staff recommends approval because the
- 14 proposal is in compliance with the community's adopted
- 15 Comprehensive Plan;
- 16 2. The subject property is located in an
- 17 Urban Residential Plan Area where Urban Low-Density
- Residential uses are appropriate in limited locations;
- 19 3. The proposal complies with the criteria
- for urban residential development;
- 21 4. With access to Barron Drive limited to a
- 22 single access point and the installation of a left
- 23 turn lane from Barron Drive into the development the
- 24 proposal should not overburden the capacity of
- 25 roadways and other necessary urban services that

- 1 available in the affected area; and
- 2 5. Sanitary sewer service is available to be
- 3 extended to the subject property.
- 4 MS. EVANS: We would like to enter the Staff
- 5 Report into the record as Exhibit B.
- 6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ms. Evans.
- 7 Is there any questions or comments by the
- 8 commissioners?
- 9 Mr. Reeves.
- 10 MR. REEVES: Well, I'm waiting for --
- 11 CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry.
- MS. KNIGHT: Mr. Kamuf, you're sworn as an
- 13 attorney. Thank you.
- 14 MR. KAMUF: I represent Deer Valley
- 15 Subdivision which is part of the Jagoe Development
- 16 Company. The area is known as the Bluegrass Commons.
- We'll be discussing three issues tonight and some of
- 18 it might overlap.
- 19 First of all, we have the rezoning and the
- 20 rezoning is from multi-family commercial, which is a
- 21 downgrade to single-family residential. Then we have
- the variance, and also we have approval of the
- development plan.
- Number One, previously the representatives of
- Deer Valley, which is Jagoe and them, Bill Jagoe,

- 1 Scott Jagoe, and Jason Baker with Bryant Engineering
- 2 met with the neighbors. All the adjoining neighbors
- 3 on Middleground were notified. Approximately 33
- 4 neighbors attended this meeting. As stated
- 5 previously, the purpose of the meeting was to address
- 6 the concerns of the people in the subdivision.
- 7 After the meeting, the representatives of Deer
- 8 Valley, the Jagoes, we took all the comments and took
- 9 questions and tried to design this subdivision around
- 10 their concerns. We feel that there will be a negative
- 11 affect on the existing draining issues and bottom
- 12 line, we're not necessarily fixing any problems, but
- we're not adding to any of their problems.
- 14 Now, Scott Jagoe is here to give his opinion
- 15 and we also -- the issue probably that you'll want to
- hear from will be drainage, and we have Jason Baker
- from Bryant Engineering. We're here to answer any of
- 18 the question that you all might have.
- 19 I think before the questions you might want to
- 20 hear some of the drainage issues as prepared by Jason
- 21 Baker.
- MS. KNIGHT: Please state your name for the
- 23 record.
- MR. BAKER: Jason Baker.
- 25 (JASON BAKER SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)

1	MR. BAKER: As Charlie mentioned, I
2	participated in the neighborhood meeting that was
3	conducted. At that meeting the primary issue was
4	drainage issues related to existing drainage issues
5	that are within the adjacent subdivisions.
6	Felt it was good to go ahead and present kind
7	of what our design approach was on that, which might
8	ease some of the neighbors concerns up front and
9	hopefully help our discussion here.
10	Our design approach was based on three key
11	concepts; to eliminate the possibility of impacting
12	existing flooding issues of the adjacent property.
13	First thing we did, we researched the flooding
14	problems that occurred there for many years. From
15	that research found that the area experiences flooding
16	within the streets and overflow of these areas rely on
17	three existing stub streets that stub off Middleground
18	into the subject property.
19	The first concept that we did to address that
20	is, our intent is to maintain those flow paths. We
21	are extending those stub streets. The water that
22	comes down those stub streets will still go where it
23	does today.
24	Secondly, drainage from the project itself is
25	designed to divert water away from the subdivision

through two new proposed retention basins that are 1 2 essentially located within the subdivision. The 3 proposed design diverts just over 12 acres of water 4 that currently drains towards the subdivision and it diverts that inward and away from the subdivision 5 6 itself. 7 In addition, the proposed design provides 8 additional drainage infrastructure in key areas that doesn't existed today that will allow water along 9 those properties to convey water more efficiently. 10 11 Thirdly, construction of excess storage volume within the project will add to the total amount of 12 storm water storage within the watershed. Again, the 13 14 addition of the proposed basins adds a considerable 15 amount more than is required by ordinance to this 16 watershed. As Charlie mentioned, unfortunately there's 17 18 not a whole lot we can do as an adjacent property owner to affect change in the existing subdivision; 19 20 however, we have done everything possible to ensure 21 that the proposed development does not have negative impacts on an already existing problem. 22 23 So we believe the design approach will prevent 24 the proposed development from having any impact on the

existing flooding in this subdivision.

1 Like I said, I'll be glad to answer any

- 2 questions anybody might have.
- 3 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jagoe, would you like to say
- 4 anything on behalf of the application?
- 5 MS. KNIGHT: Please state your name for the
- 6 record?
- 7 MR. JAGOE: Scott Jagoe.
- 8 (SCOTT JAGOE SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)
- 9 MR. JAGOE: At the meeting there was a further
- 10 comment from one of the residents that are adjacent to
- 11 us that, I believe, during the construction of the
- detention basin, that there was four inches or so that
- inundated Middleground with more, I guess, retention
- of their storm issue or water retention. Flooded
- those streets, maybe higher. We spoke with the past
- 16 city engineer this morning to get more facts about
- 17 that. It was requested as, would we do the same
- thing, and the answer will be, no. As we're
- developing a community that's going to be phrased,
- 20 from Barron Drive back towards the existing
- 21 neighborhoods that are there now, we would keep those
- 22 channel-ways open. I think they got caught in a
- 23 perfect storm. It is something that could have been
- litigated. I just wanted to get that on record as
- 25 well.

- 1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Jagoe.
- 2 Do any of the commissioners have any questions
- of either Mr. Jagoe, or Mr. Baker, or Mr. Kamuf?
- 4 Mr. Reeves.
- 5 MR. REEVES: This is for Mr. Kamuf, I assume.
- 6 Will any of the units that are being proposed
- 7 be constructed be rental units?
- MR. KAMUF: I can't answer that.
- 9 MR. JAGOE: I'll answer it.
- 10 Our intent is to sell everything. Once we
- 11 sell that property there's no restriction. Probably
- 12 like the resident that you live in now or the
- 13 residence that you live in now, if you want to rent it
- 14 down the road you can.
- 15 MR. REEVES: So there won't be any covenants
- that would prevent that in the future; is that what
- 17 you're saying?
- 18 MR. JAGOE: There's no covenants that prevent
- 19 it. There is a portion of the property that is
- 20 multi-family. We're going to do those as a townhome.
- 21 Not a condominial regime. Then we will put those up
- for sale. Whether or not a family member, an heir or
- 23 somebody just decides that they want it as an
- investment or so forth, we would do that, but there's
- 25 no restriction for rental.

- 1 MR. REEVES: When you look at this plot, Mr.
- 2 Jagoe, have you kind of decided where those units
- 3 might be generally this plot or not?
- 4 MR. JAGOE: That's already been determined.
- 5 They are on the -- if I get my direction correct.
- 6 MR. REEVES: That's helpful. I should have
- 7 looked there myself.
- 8 MR. JAGOE: Barron Drive is here. It's this
- 9 area. Through the entrance, Monroe Avenue come
- 10 through and extends back towards Carter Road. Those
- 11 are all single-family. I'm not sure if any
- multi-family in existing residential, and the answer
- 13 is, no.
- 14 MR. REEVES: That answers my question, Mr.
- 15 Chairman.
- 16 Thank you very much.
- 17 MR. JAGOE: Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRMAN: Do any of the other commissioners
- 19 have any questions of Mr. Jagoe, or Mr. Baker, or
- 20 Mr. Kamuf?
- 21 (NO RESPONSE)
- 22 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jagoe, I do have a couple of
- 23 questions.
- 24 In looking at, and maybe Mr. Kamuf can answer
- 25 this. At looking at the site development plan, I know

- 1 there was a mention made that there would be one
- 2 entrance from Barron Drive, but essentially there's
- 3 actually going to be four other entrances from
- 4 Middleground; is that correct?
- 5 MR. KAMUF: I think that's correct.
- 6 MR. JAGOE: No. There's two.
- 7 CHAIRMAN: Those would be Johnstown Place and
- 8 Count Turf Drive I assume.
- 9 MR. JAGOE: Chippewa is an extension of
- 10 Ottawa. I think it's up on the screen now. I don't
- 11 know if you have that exhibit in front of you, Mr.
- 12 Chairman. There's two on Middleground, and then
- there's two over here where Ottawa will come through
- 14 and Chippewa.
- 15 Currently there's a center stub street that
- 16 comes off of Middleground and it basically dies into
- 17 the ditch that will stay existing. So that particular
- 18 stub will not be extended.
- 19 CHAIRMAN: So in essence if you start
- development on Barron, you'll be working toward
- 21 Middleground over a period of time. Those streets,
- the streets being opened up, it will be guite a while
- 23 before that will occur; is that correct, the site?
- 24 MR. JAGOE: Before the streets would be opened
- up, we would still do site work up front. There would

1 be some utility extension that would be required up

- front to be able to get those streets out.
- 3 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. That's all the
- 4 questions that I have.
- 5 Any of the other commissioners have any other
- 6 questions?
- 7 (NO RESPONSE)
- 8 CHAIRMAN: Is there anyone in the audience
- 9 that would have a question or would like to make a
- 10 comment?
- 11 MS. KNIGHT: State your name for the record.
- MR. STEWART: John Stewart, Sr.
- 13 (JOHN STEWART, SR. SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)
- MR. STEWART: I live on Chant Court. My
- property is the last one on the north side of the
- 16 Ellis Estate. In other words, I live where Ottawa
- 17 comes into the Ellis Estate. My property is one house
- 18 below that.
- 19 We have a problem with the ditch going from
- 20 Chant Court, all the families on Chant Court have a
- 21 ditch coming out to Carter Road. When the last
- 22 property owners tried to get in to build in there,
- they raised the bank of the fill there by my house up
- to about 6 or 7 feet. I want to know if the ditch
- 25 coming from Scherm Road down the east end of the field

will go into this retention pond or will it come onto

- 2 us?
- 3 CHAIRMAN: Please direct your questions to the
- 4 Chair.
- 5 Mr. Baker.
- 6 MR. BAKER: Make sure I understand the
- 7 question.
- 8 So Chippewa is here, the back lot line of
- 9 Chippewa is here, Ellis Estate property here. You're
- 10 talking about this ditch; is that correct?
- 11 MR. STEWART: Our property is, that lot -- I
- can't read. 845 I believe there on the very end.
- MR. BAKER: So you're up here, you're right
- 14 here?
- MR. STEWART: No. I'm right here. Right
- here, Chant Court. There's a ditch that goes all the
- 17 way down through here. It always still stays full,
- not full of water, but when it rains it doesn't drain.
- 19 It drains out but leaves water in the bottom. It's a
- 20 mosquito trap.
- 21 CHAIRMAN: Please stay back at the microphone
- 22 so we can hear. Thank you.
- MR. STEWART: The ditch doesn't drain
- 24 properly. There's a mosquito trap right down, it's in
- where the two ditches converge. They've tried to trim

- this ditch along the north end or the east end. It
- would be along Chippewa there. Now there's 6 foot
- 3 trees, all kinds of bushes, everything in there, and
- 4 it doesn't drain. Supposed to drain into the
- 5 retention pond on Barron Drive. It drains, but it
- 6 takes about a week after a big rain to drain. Like I
- 7 say, there's mud down at the bottom of that all the
- 8 time. When they come out to mow, they usually wait
- 9 until after a day of rain to bring a tractor with a
- 10 mower on and they can't get back there because the
- 11 tractor and the mower both get hung up. I mow behind
- my fence and my neighbor with a riding mower just to
- 13 keep the grass down, but there at the corner it's just
- grown up to -- I've tried once to control that, but I
- 15 got tired of trying to control it. I've called City
- 16 Action. I've called OMU. I've called RWRA. Nobody
- wants to do anything about it.
- 18 CHAIRMAN: If I'm understanding you, is your
- 19 question what they're going to do, how will it affect
- the drainage on your property?
- 21 MR. STEWART: Right.
- 22 CHAIRMAN: Are you able to answer at this time
- 23 that question?
- 24 MR. BAKER: As far as what we're planning to
- do to that ditch, we have no plans to impact that

ditch; again, positively or negatively. The only

- thing that we would be doing is constructing culverts
- 3 at Ottawa Drive and Reno Way, which is, I'm not sure
- 4 people in the neighborhood are aware what the name of
- 5 those are. I know Ottawa is a named street, but Reno
- 6 is not. It's an existing stub street south of Ottawa.
- 7 That is the only proposed improvements or impact that
- 8 we plan on having in those areas.
- 9 MR. FREY: Jason, is it fair to say though
- 10 you're going to be building a lot there so obviously
- it's not going to be a mosquito trap because there's
- going to be a lot there, true?
- 13 MR. BAKER: Yes. Backing up to his lot there
- will be one and a half of these new lots here.
- 15 MR. FREY: That homeowner is going to want
- 16 everything graded properly. So it should help his
- 17 problem I would hope.
- 18 MR. BAKER: You do have some restriction of,
- 19 you know, these type of ditches are jurisdictional and
- there's certain things you can and can't do. Quite
- 21 frankly, both of our design is to design around those
- sort of features because they're kind of held sacred
- in the water quality world and Division of Water and
- things like that. As it stands, there is no plans to
- do anything in that area.

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CHAIRMAN: But you will be doing some grade

2 work and some site work there which --3 MR. BAKER: We will be doing site work and 4 grade work within the development. We will not be doing site work and grade work within that ditch. 5 6 MR. STEWART: I have another question, sir. 7 CHAIRMAN: Yes. 8 MR. STEWART: It mentions fencing in here. 9 That end of the property that ends on Chant Court, in 10 other words, along Ottawa Drive there, is there going 11 to be a fence between Chant Court on Thoroughbred 12 Acres and the new subdivision? 13 MR. JAGOE: Currently there are a couple of 14 places along Middleground that holds water also, the 15 grass ditch that the city is mowing, and there's a 16 couple of low spots. Those we would come through, 17 level those out. That area is not holding water 18 because it's in the backyard. Actually all of that 19 property along Middleground where the city put the 20 ditch in and they've been mowing will be part of the backyards for this new community. There's a 50 foot 21 22 easement for that ditch. It will be a utility and 23 drainage easement. We will restrict any fencing going in there. We will not restrict any fencing in the 24 25 backyards up to that easement. So in essence there is

1 going to be a grass strip down through there. Our

- 2 intent is basically from where -- I can't think of
- 3 what the name of the stub street is, where this ditch
- 4 is, the existing ditch with the large trees that's the
- 5 center of the property, that we don't disturb that at
- 6 all. Other than a few areas that are holding water
- 7 that we would level those out and regrass it and no
- 8 structures should go in there other than a ditch
- 9 utility.
- 10 MR. STEWART: I have a chain-link fence around
- 11 my property there. Like I say, there's a high bank on
- 12 the Ellis Estate that comes down and it goes up to my
- fence. I have a fence on my property. It's been
- 14 there since I've been there. I was just wondering if
- 15 there was going to a fence on the backside of these
- lots to separate our community?
- 17 MR. JAGOE: It would be up to resident that
- would purchase the home site whether or not they would
- 19 put a fence up or not. We're not putting up any type
- of a buffer or a fence that goes all the way down
- 21 through there. Again, our property and your property
- will adjoin each other. If somebody does, they can't
- 23 -- we're going to restrict them from putting a fence
- 24 up against yours or on the property line. That fence
- would be pulled back 50 foot from the property line.

1 MR. STEWART: That answers my question. Thank

- 2 you.
- 3 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Stewart.
- 4 Is there anyone else in the audience that
- 5 would like to step forward with questions or comments
- 6 concerning this development?
- 7 Yes, please.
- 8 MS. KNIGHT: Please state your name for the
- 9 record.
- MR. HEMPEN: Tony Hempen.
- 11 (TONY HEMPEN SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)
- MR. HEMPEN: Just a few questions.
- 13 Is this going to be adding to drainage into
- 14 that retention pond? That's one question. Because
- 15 the neighborhood I live in it floods pretty bad. I
- 16 guess you might call it upstream, up Scherm Road.
- You have the big rainstorm in '97 and some
- 18 houses did get flooded up that way up near Scherm
- 19 Road. The city spent a lot of money putting out
- 20 drainage culvert or retention pond, and it has helped
- 21 a lot. Don't get me wrong. It's helped a lot, but
- 22 even with that there's been times when I know houses
- 23 came within a foot of flooding since then. My main
- 24 concern is we don't needed added going into that
- 25 retention ponds or the ditch that retention ponds

drains into or it's going to back upstream and flood

- 2 neighborhood in Royal Drive area.
- 3 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hempen, what is your address?
- 4 MR. HEMPEN: 2817 Royal Drive.
- 5 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- 6 MR. HEMPEN: In fact, in '97 my house had six
- 7 inches of water in it from the flood. Again, I want
- 8 to be sure.
- 9 Like they have these retention lakes, and I
- 10 understand. That's great. But say we have a big
- 11 rainstorm. Where does the excess water to those lakes
- go? If it goes in the same ditch or where the
- retention pond drains into, it's going to back up and
- somebody is going to get flooded.
- 15 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Baker, are you able to address
- 16 that question?
- 17 MR. BAKER: Yes, sir.
- 18 As I mentioned before, the overall concept
- 19 has, -- I think this shows it best. You see this area
- 20 right here. That is around 3.6 acres. This area
- 21 right here that I'm going around right there, that's 9
- 22 acres. That area that I just kind of traced around
- 23 here is area that naturally is going to these outer
- 24 ditches that we're talking about. That now is going
- 25 into these internal basins.

- 1 The question he asked is are we having impact
- on the Scherm ditch basin. The answer is, no. We're
- 3 required per normal basin design to mitigate the
- 4 impact of the development. So we look at reducing the
- 5 runoff down to below pre-existing conditions.
- 6 We're looking at that at a point at the basin.
- 7 That's the design used. In addition to that, these
- 8 basins are designed with a lot of excess storage
- 9 volume, 23.2 excess acre feed storage are being
- 10 provide here, which is, again, above and beyond the
- 11 requirement. The answer should not, it will not have
- 12 an impact on the Scherm ditch basin, should not have
- any impact at all on that.
- 14 CHAIRMAN: Would that have any impact on his
- 15 address? I think that's maybe what his concern is.
- MR. BAKER: Explain to me where you're at
- 17 again.
- 18 MR. HEMPEN: I live up Royal Drive which is up
- 19 Scherm Road. If this backs up due to runoff from the
- development, it's going to fill this ditch up, and
- 21 whoever is upstream, me and my neighbors, we're going
- to be swimming.
- 23 MR. BAKER: What I said I think does kind of
- answer the question. The water from this subject
- 25 property here, the property we're looking at, is all

1 getting to this basin now. In the future, it will be

- 2 getting there at a much slower rate and portions of
- 3 that water will be held in these basins by design. We
- 4 are having, we should be having a positive impact.
- 5 The overall size of this watershed I'm not sure this
- 6 development will make a noticeable difference in the
- 7 Scherm basin, as far as positive impact, but I'm
- 8 certain it won't make any negative impact. I don't
- 9 think it will be noticeably -- I don't think it will
- 10 have a negative impact at all.
- 11 CHAIRMAN: Does that answer your question,
- 12 Mr. Hempen?
- MR. HEMPEN: Yes. I do have one other
- 14 question.
- This development is, about 80 percent of it is
- 16 floodplain. Is there any plans on elevating it out of
- the floodplain so we don't pay flood insurance? If it
- is, that could have an affect on ratings also.
- 19 MR. BAKER: As part of the Scherm ditch basin
- 20 construction project, the City of Owensboro took dirt
- 21 from the Scherm ditch basin and placed it on this
- 22 entire site. The site was raised above base level
- elevation as part of that process and that was
- 24 certainly permitted through normal channels. They did
- 25 not go through the process of remapping the floodplain

in this particular area. We will be doing that as

- 2 part of future effort. Basically want it to be
- 3 reflective of the actual final design so that the maps
- 4 are accurate. We will be look to do that after
- 5 construction.
- 6 CHAIRMAN: Did I read somewhere that that was
- 7 actually raised above the 100 year floodplain?
- 8 MR. BAKER: That is correct.
- 9 CHAIRMAN: That's what I thought I read.
- MR. HEMPEN: So there will be no elevation of
- 11 existing ground?
- 12 MR. BAKER: So his question was, will there be
- any elevation of the existing ground?
- 14 We will be reshaping what's out there, but
- 15 there will be no additional dirt brought in to raise
- 16 beyond that. Everything is already at or above base
- flood so there will be no reason to. So we will
- 18 basically be reshaping. There are some hills and
- 19 stuff out there. It will be reshaped. It will be
- 20 flatter, as the most general way of saying it.
- 21 CHAIRMAN: Does that answer your question?
- MR. HEMPEN: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- MR. STEWART: Can I ask another question?
- 25 CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Stewart.

1 MR. STEWART: You talk about floodplain. I

- 2 pay flood insurance on my property. The Ellis
- 3 property is up above mine. Will that have anything to
- 4 do with the floodplain that I'm in?
- 5 MR. BAKER: No. The elevation of this
- 6 property would not have any impact on flood insurance
- for your property. It's based on just a map, and what
- 8 is below the documented elevation. So any areas that
- 9 are below that documented elevation would be
- 10 considered in the floodplain. Like I say, currently
- 11 this property is already above based flood. The only
- thing that has not been done is updated the map.
- 13 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- 14 MR. STEWART: See, the water that comes down
- 15 around the corner on Middleground backs up into Chant
- 16 Court. Not all the way to my house. I'm all the way
- to the end of the property, but it fills Middleground
- 18 at the intersection of Chant Court and Middleground.
- 19 It doesn't stay very long, but still for the people on
- 20 Chant Court and Middleground, there in that area the
- 21 street is under water. So will this impact or stop
- the flooding on Middleground or won't have anything to
- do with it?
- 24 MR. BAKER: No. Our design actually does not
- 25 put any additional water on those upstream areas. We

- 1 unfortunately can't do much to help alleviate that.
- 2 In looking at this problem after we went to the
- 3 neighborhood meeting, we actually had several
- 4 discussions with a lot of people. I believe most of
- 5 the issues that exist over in the existing subdivision
- 6 are related to the storm system sizes being too small.
- 7 So what happens in a major storm event the water will
- 8 accumulate once the pipes are over or -- once there's
- 9 more water than the pipe can take, then the water kind
- of starts flowing over top through the streets.
- 11 As I mentioned, the relief point for that is
- 12 the stub street on Middleground. Our intention is to
- 13 leave those relief points in place for that reason, so
- 14 that we're not having any impact on that. Again, it's
- 15 unfortunate we can't make it better. We certainly
- 16 would have tried, but we're certainly not making it
- any worse and we are maintaining those, all those
- 18 relief points that exist today.
- 19 So it's a bad situation, but we can't really
- 20 do anything as being a downstream property to really
- 21 impact it.
- 22 CHAIRMAN: So you're not adding to what is
- 23 already occurring there?
- 24 MR. BAKER: No, sir. In fact, we are making
- some reductions, but again, I can't say it will make

- 1 much of an impact.
- 2 MR. STEWART: Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Stewart.
- 4 Anyone else that would like to make a comment
- or have a question from the audience?
- 6 Yes, please step forward.
- 7 MS. KNIGHT: Please state your name for the
- 8 record.
- 9 MR. DECKER: Richard Decker.
- 10 (RICHARD DECKER SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)
- MR. DECKER: I live at 2508 Middleground
- Drive, which is the northwest corner to the adjacent
- 13 property there. My concerns are, I live down in here,
- in this corner right here. When the basin was
- 15 constructed here, here is a little history lesson, all
- 16 this dirt was taken out of the basin and, of course,
- 17 raised to level of this field. So when that was done,
- 18 that created a much higher elevation and the
- 19 contractor didn't account for that extra water that
- was going to run off that field. So that wound up
- 21 flooding all of this. We had a rain event, a couple
- of events, it flood all of this area in Thoroughbred
- 23 Acres. It wound up flooding backyards streets and
- some houses at that time. There was a couple of
- designs, redesigns on the ditching. Finally the city

got involved and said, let's fix this. So when they

- fixed this, the easement, 20 foot drainage easement
- 3 along this area right here. They widen and
- 4 reconstructed those ditches down there to retain this
- 5 water that would come out of that field. Now that
- 6 that water runs down this way and goes down Barron
- 7 Drive and it works right now.
- 8 I guess my concern would be, looking from the
- 9 plans with these basins here, that's going to help a
- 10 lot, and it looks like they're grading this where it's
- going to take some of the sheet flow off of our
- 12 property. They're going to pave this 2 foot ditch
- that runs between the new development and existing
- 14 Thoroughbred Acres.
- 15 So right now the City mows that. The property
- owners maintain it, and it works right now, like I
- said. So when they pave this ditch, within that 20
- foot easement, it would be nice to know that that's
- 19 going to be maintained and I guess keep it from being
- 20 restricted and obstructed down the road.
- 21 As you all know, what happens in a
- 22 subdivision, people put up a fence and they look at
- 23 their backyard and they say, you know, that's too low
- 24 back there. I'm going to bring in some dirt to fill
- 25 that in. That's happened in Thoroughbred Acres. It

1 happens on Mayfair. I know it's happened on Mayfair.

- What happens is they don't understand they're
- 3 disrupting the whole drainage situation. I'm looking,
- 4 you guys look at the future. I'm looking at the
- 5 future. What I would like to see is, can we get this
- 6 specified that that ditch needs to be left alone and
- 7 not obstructed, restricted in any way so that it can
- 8 be got back in there and maintained in case there is a
- 9 problem? That is my main concern with all of this.
- 10 The whole neighborhood is concerned with that.
- 11 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Maybe Mr. Jagoe or
- 12 Mr. Baker will be able to address that.
- 13 MR. BAKER: So the area he's describing here,
- 14 we recognize, again, after the neighborhood meeting,
- 15 that this area was an area that was really flat and
- 16 needed some attention. So when you put in a paved
- ditch, a lot of people think that's just to convey the
- 18 water. In this particular case, the ditch is so flat.
- 19 The main reason for this ditch is to be able to
- 20 restore that flowline and maintain that flowline
- 21 long-term. So, in other words, it silts up because
- 22 it's so flat. It can easily be excavated back and
- 23 restore that original flowline. That's the main
- intent for us having put that in there.
- 25 So as far as, Jagoe has general restrictions

1 for putting fences and easements, as Mr. Jagoe

- 2 previously mentioned, and that would be the case here
- 3 as well.
- 4 The homeowners there on these lots we're
- 5 talking about in this area, as well as I believe
- 6 there's drainage features all the way down through
- 7 here, there would be restriction of putting a fence in
- 8 there.
- 9 Again, we've addressed the sustainability of
- 10 the ditch by putting in a paved ditch, which we
- 11 believe was an improvement, and then also as far as
- the fences, they will be restricted from that area.
- Any type of structure; would include out-buildings,
- those sort of things as well.
- 15 CHAIRMAN: Mister, I'm sorry, I didn't get
- 16 your last name, does that address your question at
- 17 this point?
- 18 MR. DECKER: Yes, it does. I do have one
- 19 comment.
- Jason stated that the outflow would be
- 21 maintained like in all of these stub streets they
- 22 connect to. Right now the way -- the flooding was in
- that situation, we were getting lot of water out of
- this field that was coming down this stub street,
- which is now right in this area right here. Okay. So

we were getting a lot of water there. Right now we 1 2 had to come in and they put a curb at the end of that 3 stub. So we get zero water out of that field now 4 because that was just overwhelming that end of the subdivision. So I don't know how if they have looked 5 6 at that drainage hard enough to say that any of that 7 water is going to be coming out of this and going down 8 that sub to Middleground or if that's going to be 9 maintained like it is now. We have no water at all 10 coming out of that field. Do you understand that? 11 CHAIRMAN: Yes. 12 MR. BAKER: Obviously this area has some unique stuff going on, right. We are extending that 13 14 stub street. We were required to make that connection 15 per planning and engineering. This street will end up 16 being a high point. Water going back toward Barron 17 Drive will continue to flow the way it does today. 18 Water that is east of Johnstown going this way, it's 19 hard to imagine with what's out there right now 20 because there's actually a hill in the way. There 21 will be a -- the hill is going to be removed and there 22 will be a new drainage feature which will channel water through here. So water from the east side of 23 Johnstown place will in the future flow to the big 24 25 ditch in the middle of the property through a system

that is a combination of paved ditches, pipe and inlet

- 2 structures. So in the future, as of right now, these
- 3 properties right here cannot drain into our site
- 4 because our site sits higher than their property. In
- 5 the future, we will have a drainage feature on this
- 6 property that will allow water from these backyards to
- 7 actually come into that swell and then it will then
- 8 flow in this direction and out the main ditch through
- 9 the middle.
- 10 CHAIRMAN: So essentially what you're saying
- is that he is not seeing water now. When this
- develops out, he will not see?
- 13 MR. BAKER: Correct. What he is referring to
- is they put in a fix which involved adding a curb at
- 15 the end of the street, which is an objection at this
- 16 point. That will be taken out and the street
- 17 extended, but we are making a major change to the way
- 18 the water flows in that area and providing new
- infrastructure to channel water from this side of the
- 20 street all the way down to the little ditch and out.
- 21 So it's going a little bit different
- 22 direction. In the past, it went here and all the way
- around. Now it's going to go straight to the big
- 24 ditch and down.
- 25 CHAIRMAN: Does that address your question?

1 MR. DECKER: As Jason stated, this is some

- weird stuff going on here.
- What I was wondering also, the way this drains
- 4 now it comes down this way and goes to the Barron
- 5 Drive ditch. What I understand is going to happen is,
- I guess that is state maintained now, Barron Drive
- 7 ditch maybe; is that correct?
- 8 CHAIRMAN: Not sure.
- 9 MR. DECKER: I think Jason verified that. So
- 10 I think the plan is, is to get in and regrade the
- 11 ditch, clean it out so it flows better than it does
- 12 now, so this water can come where it is now and get
- 13 around that corner down Barron Drive like it should be
- 14 going. They're going to paved this 2 foot ditch that
- is presently there. It's just grass high behind the
- 16 property.
- 17 What I'm asking, I don't know how this is
- going to be phased, constructed or anything else, and
- 19 I'm not sure if they've got an idea either. I was
- 20 wondering if they could get that Barron Drive ditch
- 21 cleaned out would it be advantageous to us to go ahead
- 22 and get that ditch paved initially rather than waiting
- for more construction to happen? It's going to start
- 24 at Barren and work it's way back. Would that be
- something that we could go ahead and get done, to go

ahead and address that drainage and make it better 1 2 right now rather than waiting three or four years down 3 the road? Does that make sense? 4 MR. BAKER: As far as extending a paved ditch down Barron Drive, we extend a pave ditch over to the 5 6 state right-of-way. In addition, if you look at --7 again, this is important to mention. We have made a 8 major change to the drainage pattern in this area to 9 address the specific concerns being brought up. Right now this water all goes this direction. There's a 10 11 total of about six acres in this area that naturally is draining down this direction on down Barron. In 12 the future, that will be 2.5 acres. We're taking 3.6 13 14 acres off of that area that currently goes that way. 15 As far as building a paved ditch out here, that is state right-of-way. We're not just allowed to do 16 17 anything we want there. The ditch is flat. I 18 acknowledge that. The road is actually very flat as 19 it runs down through there. We believe that the 20 improvements we're making in this area and taking over 21 half -- taking over half of the water off of that 22 roadside ditch that is coming from our property and diverting from the other direction, we believe that is 23 24 going to have a far greater impact than would a paved 25 ditch. Again, we're not certain that the state would

- 1 even allow it.
- 2 CHAIRMAN: So essentially there's no way you
- 3 could guarantee what he's asking at this point in
- 4 time?
- 5 MR. BAKER: No. No. There would be no way we
- 6 could commit to that.
- 7 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- 8 MR. DECKER: As I look at the plans, I was
- 9 under the impression that existing ditch behind
- 10 Middleground right now was going to be paved 2 foot of
- original concrete; is that not correct?
- MR. BAKER: So this area from right here over
- 13 to and a little into the state right-of-way, basically
- 14 making a turn there, then from here back to about
- 15 right here will be a paved ditch. So this is flowing
- 16 this direction and flowing this direction. In the
- 17 future, water from here will flow this direction. It
- 18 will go underground into a pipe system about right
- 19 here and then it will continue underground and go into
- 20 the big ditch here. So, yes, we have a whole new
- 21 drainage feature that doesn't exist today along this
- 22 boundary line. That was primarily done to address a
- 23 known issue that we had and trying to do the best we
- 24 could to address everyone's concern.
- 25 CHAIRMAN: Does that answer your question

- 1 concerning that area?
- 2 MR. DECKER: This is going to be paved here
- 3 also; is that right?
- 4 CHAIRMAN: Use the microphone, please.
- 5 MR. DECKER: So this is going to be paved
- 6 also, from here to the ditch; is that what you said?
- 7 MR. BAKER: Yes, that is correct. It will be
- 8 paved from Johnstown Place out to the Barron Drive
- 9 right-of-way.
- 10 MR. DECKER: That's what I was asking. That
- 11 was my question, would it be advantageous for us to go
- 12 ahead and get that paved during the grading and
- 13 construction and get that over with rather than
- 14 waiting on some, who knows when they're going to get
- 15 that done?
- 16 CHAIRMAN: I don't know that the developer
- 17 would want to do that at this point. That would be up
- 18 to them.
- 19 MR. BAKER: Again, anything along Barron Drive
- 20 we don't own that property. We don't have a right to
- 21 do it. We don't know if they would allow it or not.
- 22 CHAIRMAN: There's no way to be able to do it
- 23 at this point?
- MR. BAKER: Right. No way.
- 25 CHAIRMAN: Richard, does that satisfy your

- 1 questions, presumably?
- 2 MR. DECKER: I think so. I'm not worried
- 3 about Barron Drive. I understand they can't do
- 4 anything about that. I was just asking about phase
- 5 construction on their property behind the Middleground
- 6 houses there, if they could, when they were going to
- 7 paved that ditch, I guess. That's my question.
- 8 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- 9 MR. BAKER: Again, that ditch construction
- 10 will happen early on in the process. They will be
- 11 phasing the project from Barron Drive in. This will
- 12 be a latter phase, though the dirt work and excavation
- in that area will be done up front. Again, I don't
- 14 have a construction schedule as to when this
- 15 particular feature will be built, but the drainage
- 16 patterns will either remain the same as they are today
- and not get any worse or we will be constructing the
- 18 feature that actually makes it better.
- 19 CHAIRMAN: I think essentially what we're
- 20 doing tonight with this particular application is
- 21 approving the rezoning.
- MR. BAKER: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRMAN: The property so this can move
- forward and it's rezoned as requested.
- MR. BAKER: Correct.

- 1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- 2 Is there anyone else in the audience that
- 3 would like to address a question or have a comment?
- 4 (NO RESPONSE)
- 5 CHAIRMAN: There being none are there any
- 6 commissioners that have any questions at this point?
- 7 (NO RESPONSE)
- 8 CHAIRMAN: The Chair is ready for a motion.
- 9 Mr. Reeves.
- 10 MR. REEVES: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve
- this application based on Staff's Findings of Fact 1
- through 5 and Conditions 1 through 3.
- MS. McENROE: Second.
- 14 CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made based by Mr.
- 15 Reeves for approval based on Conditions 1 through 3
- and Findings of Fact 1 through 5. Seconded by Ms.
- 17 McEnroe. Any discussion about the motion and the
- 18 second?
- 19 (NO RESPONSE)
- 20 CHAIRMAN: All those in favor raise your right
- 21 hand.
- 22 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE -
- 23 WITH MANUAL BALL RECUSING HIMSELF.)
- 24 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.
- Next item.

1 RELATED ITEM

2 ITEM 4A

3 2401-2501 Blocks Barron Drive, 81.7 acres Consider approval of a Variance in order to increase

4 the height of fences along all double frontage lots along Barron Drive from 4 feet tall to 6 feet tall.

5 Applicant: Deer Valley Subdivision, LLC; James C. Ellis Estate

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7 MS. EVANS: The lots seeking relief are all

8 double frontage lots within the proposed new

9 subdivision development. The zoning ordinance defines

10 double frontage lot of that lot as having frontage on

11 two parallel or approximately parallel streets. The

12 subdivision regulations prohibit those frontage lots

13 except where employed to prevent excessive vehicular

14 use access or to separate residential areas from areas

of conflicting land use or traffic use. There are

16 approximately 20 of the proposed 306 lot development

17 will have frontage on an interior street of the

18 proposed subdivision and along Barron Drive. The

19 frontage along Barron Drive will be the rear yard of

these affected lots.

21 In the vicinity of the development, Barron

22 Drive is classified as a major collector roadway. So

23 the lots that have frontage along Barron Drive and

24 also along the interior street are prohibited from the

25 approval of the zoning map amendment to have you

1 access along Barron Drive. So all of those lots that

- 2 we're referring to will only have access on an
- 3 interior street within the subdivision and no access
- 4 to Barron Drive.
- 5 Since the orientation of these lots has
- 6 already been determined by note, it is reasonable to
- 7 allow the height of a 6 foot fence in the rear yard of
- 8 each proposed home, which is comparable to a rear yard
- 9 fence height that fronts on only one street.
- 10 Granting this variance will not alter the
- 11 essential character of the general vicinity or cause a
- 12 safety or hazard or nuisance to the public since the
- orientation of the lots is determined by the final
- development plan/major subdivision plat, and the
- developer is establishing the variance prior to the
- development of the subdivision; therefore, it will be
- 17 in character with the neighborhood as well. Similar
- 18 variance requests have been approved in instances of
- double frontage lots in 2007 and January of 2017 and
- in September of 2017. With the variances addressed at
- 21 this stage, prior to the subdivision build out, the
- 22 intent of the residential development relative to rear
- yard fencing is established and numerous variance
- 24 requests will be avoided in the future.
- 25 Staff would recommend approval of the variance

1 request and we would like to enter the Staff Report

- 2 into the record as Exhibit C.
- 3 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ms. Evans.
- 4 Mr. Kamuf.
- 5 MR. KAMUF: This is just a simple case that
- 6 we've asked for an increase from 4 to 6 foot. As such
- 7 stated in the Staff Report, you all have strong
- 8 precedence for it. Last year you all approved several
- 9 of these. One was on Thruston-Dermont Road and Fields
- and it was an increase from 3 foot to 8 foot. We're
- 11 here to answer any questions that you have. Strong
- 12 precedence for this, as stated in the Staff Report.
- 13 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Kamuf.
- 14 Do any commissioners have any questions of the
- 15 applicant concerning this variance?
- 16 (NO RESPONSE)
- 17 CHAIRMAN: Anyone in the audience have a
- 18 question concerning this variance?
- 19 (NO RESPONSE)
- 20 CHAIRMAN: There being none the Chair is ready
- 21 for a motion.
- Mr. Reeves.
- 23 MR. REEVES: I will make this since these
- 24 typically come before the Board of Adjustment and
- 25 these folks may not be used to it.

1 Move to approve this request for a variance

- 2 based on the fact it will not adversely affect the
- 3 public health, safety or welfare; it will not alter
- 4 the essentially character of the general vicinity; it
- 5 will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public; and
- 6 it will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the
- 7 requirements of the zoning ordinance.
- 8 CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made by
- 9 Mr. Reeves to approve based on the Findings for
- 10 granting the Variance. Is there a second?
- MR. FREY: Second.
- 12 CHAIRMAN: Second by Mr. Frey. Any discussion
- about the motion or the second?
- 14 (NO RESPONSE)
- 15 CHAIRMAN: There being none the Chair is ready
- for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand.
- 17 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE -
- 18 WITH MANUAL BALL RECUSING HIMSELF.)
- 19 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.
- 20 ITEM 4B
- 21 Bluegrass Commons Subdivision, 81.7 acres Consider approval of a combined final development
- 22 plan/major subdivision preliminary plat.
- Applicant: Deer Valley Subdivision, LLC; James C.
- 23 Ellis Estate
- 24 MR. HOWARD: This plat has been reviewed by
- 25 the Planning Staff and Engineering Staff, both at the

- 1 city and county level engineers. It's also been
- 2 reviewed the State Transportation Cabinet as part of
- 3 the Traffic Impact Study and roadway improvements that
- 4 will be needed. It's found to be in order with the
- 5 rezoning that was approved just a few minutes ago.
- 6 It's in compliance with the requirements of the Zoning
- 7 Ordinance and the subdivision regulations and it is
- 8 ready for your consideration for approval.
- 9 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Howard.
- 10 Would the applicant like to speak concerning
- 11 this?
- MR. KAMUF: No, sir.
- 13 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- 14 Is there any question from the commissioners
- 15 concerning this application?
- 16 (NO RESPONSE)
- 17 CHAIRMAN: Is there any questions from the
- 18 audience concerning this application?
- 19 (NO RESPONSE)
- 20 CHAIRMAN: There being none the Chair is ready
- 21 for a motion.
- Mr. Rogers.
- 23 MR. ROGERS: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion for
- 24 approval.
- 25 CHAIRMAN: A motion has been by Mr. Rogers for

- 1 approval. Is there a second?
- 2 MS. McENROE: Second.
- 3 CHAIRMAN: Second by Ms. McEnroe. Any
- 4 discussion about the motion or the second?
- 5 (NO RESPONSE)
- 6 CHAIRMAN: The chair ready for a vote. All
- 7 those in favor raise your right hand.
- 8 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE -
- 9 WITH MANUEL BALL RECUSING HIMSELF.)
- 10 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.
- 11 MR. KAMUF: Mr. Chairman, may I put a copy of
- 12 the plat as an exhibit that we talked about, may I put
- a copy of that in the record just to preserve the
- 14 record?
- 15 CHAIRMAN: Yes.
- 16 ITEM 5
- 17 6300-6400 Blocks Highway 54, 71.368 acres Consider zoning change: From R-1A Single-Family
- 18 Residential & A-R Rural Agriculture to A-R Rural Agriculture
- 19 Applicant: Mary E. Bryant
- 20 PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION
- 21 The Planning Staff recommends approval subject
- 22 to the findings of fact that follow:
- 23 FINDINGS OF FACT:
- 1. Staff recommends approval because the
- 25 proposal is in compliance with the community's adopted

- 1 Comprehensive Plan;
- 2 2. The subject property is partially located
- in a Rural Maintenance Plan Area, where rural
- 4 large-lot residential uses are appropriate in limited
- 5 locations and partially located in a Rural Preference
- 6 Plan Area, where Rural Large-Lot Residential uses are
- 7 appropriate in general locations;
- 8 3. The subject property has frontage on three
- 9 public roads, Highway 54, Jack Hinton Road and Old
- 10 Highway 54;
- 11 4. The expansion of the existing A-R zone is
- not a significant increase of the zone in the vicinity
- 13 and it should not overburden the capacity of roadways
- 14 and other necessary urban services that are available
- in the affected area; and,
- 5. At 71.368 acres the tract is large enough
- 17 to ensure satisfactory operation of a conventional
- 18 septic system.
- 19 MS. EVANS: We would like to enter the Staff
- 20 Report into the record as Exhibit D.
- 21 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ms. Evans.
- Is there anyone here representing the
- 23 applicant?
- 24 Mr. Riney, would you like to say anything on
- 25 his behalf?

- 1 MR. RINEY: No, sir.
- 2 CHAIRMAN: Is there any questions from the
- 3 commissioners for this application?
- 4 (NO RESPONSE)
- 5 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or comments
- from the audience concerning this application?
- 7 (NO RESPONSE)
- 8 CHAIRMAN: Then the Chair is ready for a
- 9 motion.
- Mr. Rogers.
- 11 MR. ROGERS: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion for
- 12 approval based on Planning Staff's Recommendation and
- 13 Findings of Fact 1 through 5.
- 14 CHAIRMAN: A motion has made by Mr. Rogers for
- 15 approval based on Findings of Fact 1 through 5 and
- 16 recommendation. Is there a second?
- MR. MOORE: Second.
- 18 CHAIRMAN: Second by Mr. Moore. Any
- 19 discussion about the motion or the second?
- 20 (NO RESPONSE)
- 21 CHAIRMAN: Chair is ready for a vote. All
- those in favor raise your right hand.
- 23 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
- 24 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.
- 25 ITEM 6

1 1801 Highway 1207, 44.23 acres Consider zoning change: From EX-1 Coal Mining to A-R

- 2 Rural Agriculture
- Applicant: Ronald E. Long

- 4 PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION
- 5 The Planning Staff recommends approval subject
- 6 to the findings of fact that follow:
- 7 FINDINGS OF FACT
- 8 1. Staff recommends approval because the
- 9 proposal is in compliance with the community's adopted
- 10 Comprehensive Plan;
- 11 2. The subject property is located in a Rural
- 12 Maintenance Plan Area where rural farm residential
- land uses are appropriate in general locations;
- 3. The subject property is a single tract of
- 15 44.23 acres;
- 16 4. The subject property has access to Highway
- 17 1207;
- 18 5. Mining activity ceased approximately 15
- 19 years ago on the property and it is ready to revert
- 20 back to its original zoning classification; and
- 21 6. The Owensboro Metropolitan Zoning
- Ordinance Article 12a.31 requires that property shall
- 23 revert to its original zoning classification after
- 24 mining.
- 25 MS. EVANS: We would like to enter the Staff

- 1 Report into the record as Exhibit E.
- 2 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ms. Evans.
- 3 Is there anyone here representing the
- 4 applicant?
- 5 APPLICANT REP: Yes. We have no comments.
- 6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- 7 Do any commissioners have any questions
- 8 concerning this application?
- 9 Mr. Reeves.
- 10 MR. REEVES: I just have one question for Mr.
- 11 Howard for my own knowledge.
- 12 Typically how long does mining have to cease
- 13 before we routinely put this back to agriculture or is
- 14 that dependent upon the property owner asking for
- 15 that?
- MR. HOWARD: It depends on a couple of things.
- One is how quickly is the property reclaimed once the
- 18 mining is complete. Then after that it's up to either
- 19 the mining company that did the mining initially to
- 20 bring that back to request it or revert or up to the
- 21 individual property owner. So it's really dependent
- 22 upon them. There's no set time that KRS mandates it,
- it has to be back within X number of days or months or
- 24 years.
- MR. REEVES: The other question, based on

- 1 something you said.
- 2 So does the miner or the mine owner determine
- 3 when mining has ceased, and if so does the state
- 4 require them to do the reclamation within a certain
- 5 period of time? You may not know that.
- 6 MR. HOWARD: I don't know. I know that they
- 7 have to post bond and do other things and preserve the
- 8 soil and do all that as part of the reclamation, but I
- 9 don't know if the state requires that that be done
- 10 within a certain time frame.
- MR. REEVES: But a bond would ensure that it
- would be reclaimed?
- MR. HOWARD: Yes.
- MR. REEVES: Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Reeves.
- 16 Any other commissioners have any questions
- 17 concerning this?
- 18 (NO RESPONSE)
- 19 CHAIRMAN: There being none the Chair is ready
- 20 for a motion.
- 21 Mr. Ball.
- MR. BALL: I'd like to make a motion for
- 23 approval based on Planning Staff Recommendations and
- Findings of Fact 1 through 6.
- 25 CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made by Mr. Ball

- 1 for approval based on Findings of Fact 1 through 6.
- 2 Do we have a second?
- 3 MR. FREY: Second.
- 4 CHAIRMAN: Second by Mr. Frey. Any discussion
- 5 about the motion or the second?
- 6 (NO RESPONSE)
- 7 CHAIRMAN: There being none the Chair is ready
- 8 for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand.
- 9 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
- 10 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.
- 11 MINOR SUBDIVISION PLATS
- 12 ITEM 7
- 13 12412, 12450 Vertrees Road, 10.159 acres Consider approval of a minor subdivision plat.
- 14 Applicant: Jackie Deno
- 15 MR. HOWARD: This plat comes before you as an
- 16 exception to the 3 to 1 requirement. They have a
- 17 little over 10 acres right now and are proposing to
- split the property into a 5.7 and a 4.4 acre parcel.
- 19 The 4.4 acre parcel exceeds the 3 to 1 requirement.
- 20 They have put a note on the plat that would state that
- 21 no further subdivision will take place without meeting
- the requirements of the subdivision regulations. So
- with it being such a large parcel and they're not
- 24 really trying to maximum anything, we would recommend
- 25 that you consider it for approval.

- 1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Howard.
- 2 Is anyone here representing the applicant?
- 3 MS. DENO: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRMAN: Would you like to say anything on
- 5 their behalf?
- 6 MS. DENO: Yes.
- 7 MS. KNIGHT: Please state your name for the
- 8 record.
- 9 MS. DENO: Jackie Deno.
- 10 (JACKIE DENO SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)
- MS. DENO: On here I just wanted to, on the
- 12 address here, 12412, my address is 12416. I just
- wanted to clarify that. I didn't know if maybe it was
- 14 just a typo.
- MR. HOWARD: It is, yes.
- MR. DENO: Then it's Vertrees Road. It's
- 17 V-e-r-t-r-e-e-s instead of Vertress.
- MS. EVANS: Another typo. That's all.
- 19 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. We appreciate
- 20 those clarifications.
- 21 MR. DENO: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRMAN: Do the commissioners have any
- 23 questions concerning this application?
- 24 (NO RESPONSE)
- 25 CHAIRMAN: Anyone else in the audience like to

1 speak or have a question on this application?

- 2 (NO RESPONSE)
- 3 CHAIRMAN: There being none the Chair is ready
- 4 for a motion.
- 5 Mr. Moore.
- 6 MR. MOORE: Move for approval.
- 7 CHAIRMAN: Move for approval by Mr. Moore. Is
- 8 there a second?
- 9 MS. McENROE: Second.
- 10 CHAIRMAN: Second by Ms. McEnroe. Any
- 11 discussion about the motion and the second?
- 12 (NO RESPONSE)
- 13 CHAIRMAN: There being none the Chair is ready
- for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand.
- 15 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
- 16 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.
- 17 ITEM 8
- 18 3820 West Fifth Street Road, 13.368 acres Consider approval of a minor subdivision plat.
- 19 Applicant: Earl's Lane Properties, LLC
- 20 MR. HOWARD: This plat comes before you
- 21 requesting the creation of a 0.229 acre parcel that's
- 22 land-lock. That property will be used by RWRA for
- 23 infrastructure and there are notations on the plat
- 24 that state this is non-buildable lot other than
- anything that may be required by RWRA to install the

- 1 needed infrastructure on that property. We typically
- don't create a land-lock parcel unless it's an
- 3 instance like this where it's for a utility or a
- 4 public purpose. So we would recommend that you
- 5 consider it for approval.
- 6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Howard.
- 7 Is anyone here representing the applicant?
- 8 APPLICANT REP: Yes, sir.
- 9 CHAIRMAN: Would you like to say anything on
- 10 it's behalf?
- 11 APPLICANT REP: No, sir. I'm here for
- 12 questions.
- 13 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- 14 Is there any commissioners that have any
- 15 questions concerning this application?
- 16 (NO RESPONSE)
- 17 CHAIRMAN: Anyone else in the audience have
- 18 questions concerning this application?
- 19 (NO RESPONSE)
- 20 CHAIRMAN: There being none the Chair is ready
- 21 for a motion.
- 22 Mr. Ball.
- MR. BALL: Motion to approve.
- 24 CHAIRMAN: Motion to approve by Mr. Ball. Is
- 25 there a second?

- 1 MR. FREY: Second.
- 2 CHAIRMAN: Second by Mr. Frey. Any discussion
- 3 or questions about the motion or the second?
- 4 (NO RESPONSE)
- 5 CHAIRMAN: There being none all those in favor
- 6 raise your right hand.
- 7 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
- 8 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.
- 9 Before we get into the consideration of the
- 10 approval of the financial statements, I would be
- 11 premiss if I didn't mention to Mr. O'Bryan they I
- wanted to let you know I wasn't trying to cut you
- 13 short earlier. Some of the questions that you had I
- 14 think more seemed to be associated to what's actually
- in our current ordinance. So I would encourage you to
- 16 maybe talk with Mr. Howard or Mr. Hill or the folks at
- 17 Planning and Zoning associated to some of those things
- 18 that you brought up about lot sizes and some of the
- 19 restrictions and things that are already in place.
- 20 They would probably better serve to help you work
- 21 through some of those questions or some of those
- issues.
- 23 If you have a question, please approach the
- 24 podium. State your name and be sworn in.
- MR. HIGDON: My name is Robert Higdon.

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- MR. HIGDON: You know, facts and facts. I
- 3 just want to know about a parking down here on Fourth
- 4 Street across from Gipe Automotive. What's the
- 5 purpose of that parking lot that's just been paved?
- 6 MR. HOWARD: I'm not sure what parking lot
- 7 you're talking about.
- 8 MR. HIGDON: Well, it's on the north side of
- 9 Fourth Street there across from Gipe Automotive.
- 10 MR. HOWARD: I don't know. It looks like
- 11 Ms. Evans may know.
- MS. EVANS: It's a city developed parking lot.
- 13 I think the property is still owned by Gipe
- 14 Automotive, as far as the plat and the site plan
- that's been approved, but it's where the city is. Not
- anything that we have anything to do with.
- MR. HIGDON: What I want to know is why there
- isn't any curbs, gutters or shrubbery out there? You
- 19 know, we all have got to do it. Why don't the city
- 20 have to?
- 21 MR. HOWARD: Again, I'm not familiar with what
- lot you're talking about.
- 23 MR. HIGDON: They didn't have to get a permit?
- 24 MR. HOWARD: Was it an existing lot or is it a
- 25 new parking lot?

1 MR. HIGDON: It's a paved parking lot now. It

- was gravel.
- 3 MR. HOWARD: We can look into it. I don't
- 4 know. I don't have an answer for you off the top of
- 5 my head. I'm not familiar with it necessarily, but
- 6 they would be required to put in anything, you know,
- 7 the landscaping and curbing and all that stuff too.
- 8 They done got it finished to the blacktop that's the
- 9 reason I wanted to know why.
- 10 MR. HOWARD: I'll tell you, we'll look at it.
- We can contact the city engineer's office and if it's
- a city project then they should be aware of what it
- is. We can certainly look at it.
- 14 MR. HIGDON: Your Mr. Warren don't recall the
- 15 permit that you issued to do it?
- MR. HOWARD: Mr. Warren is not in here right
- 17 now so I don't know.
- MR. HIGDON: That was my question.
- 19 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- 20
- 21 NEW BUSINESS
- 22 ITEM 9
- 23 Consider approval of July 2017 financial statements
- 24 CHAIRMAN: Let's consider the financial
- 25 statements that was presented to everyone. Presumably

1 everyone has had a chance to look through them. Are

- there any questions on comments about the financial
- 3 statement?
- 4 (NO RESPONSE)
- 5 CHAIRMAN: There being none the Chair is ready
- 6 for a motion.
- 7 Mr. Moore.
- 8 MR. MOORE: Move for approval, please.
- 9 CHAIRMAN: A motion has been made by Mr. Moore
- 10 for approval. Is there a second?
- MS. McENROE: Second.
- 12 CHAIRMAN: Second by Ms. McEnroe. Any
- discussion about the motion to approve or the second?
- (NO RESPONSE)
- 15 CHAIRMAN: There being none the Chair is ready
- for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand.
- 17 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
- 18 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries.
- 19 ITEM 10
- 20 Comments by the Chairman
- 21 CHAIRMAN: I would like to make a couple of
- 22 comments. One concerning Melissa Evans being selected
- as a member of the Leadership Owensboro Class of 2018.
- I think that's a great accomplishment and I'm sure
- you'll do an excellent job on that. So we certainly

1 appreciate you being there representing the Planning

- 2 Commission and doing a lot of good work there. Thank
- 3 you.
- 4 The only other thing I want to mention is
- 5 concerning the Goals and Objectives tonight. I know
- 6 the Planning Commission has worked hard on this. They
- 7 have kept the commissioners appraised of everything
- 8 that's going on. Asked for recommendation and have
- 9 public meetings. Wanted to commend them on working,
- doing the hard work and trying to move our community
- 11 forward.
- 12 ITEM 11
- 13 Comments by the Planning Commissioners
- 14 CHAIRMAN: Any comments by the Planning
- 15 Commissioners?
- 16 (NO RESPONSE)
- 17 ITEM 12
- 18 Comments by the Director
- MR. HOWARD: No, sir.
- 20 CHAIRMAN: The most important motion is the
- 21 last one.
- MR. BALL: Motion to adjourn.
- MS. McENROE: Second.
- 24 CHAIRMAN: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Ball. All
- 25 those in favor raise your right hand.

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2	)SS: REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE COUNTY OF DAVIESS )
3	I, LYNNETTE KOLLER FUCHS, Notary Public in and
4	for the State of Kentucky at Large, do hereby certify
5	that the foregoing Owensboro Metropolitan Planning
6	Commission meeting was held at the time and place as
7	stated in the caption to the foregoing proceedings;
8	that each person commenting on issues under discussion
9	were duly sworn before testifying; that the Board
10	members present were as stated in the caption; that
11	said proceedings were taken by me in stenotype and
12	electronically recorded and was thereafter, by me,
13	accurately and correctly transcribed into the
14	foregoing 75 typewritten pages; and that no signature
15	was requested to the foregoing transcript.
16	WITNESS my hand and notary seal on this the
17	2nd day of October, 2017.
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