1	OWENSBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION									
2	JULY 10, 2008									
3	The Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission									
4	met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July									
5	10, 2008, at City Hall, Commission Chambers,									
6	Owensboro, Kentucky, and the proceedings were as									
7	follows:									
8	MEMBERS PRESENT: Drew Kirkland, Chairman									
9	Judy Dixon, Vice Chairman David Appleby, Secretary Gary Noffsinger, Director									
10	Madison Silvert, Attorney Tim Miller									
11	Jimmy Gilles									
12	Wally Taylor Keith Evans									
13	Martin Hayden Rita Moorman									
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15	CHAIRMAN: I would like to welcome everybody									
16	to our July 10th meetings of the Owensboro									
17	Metropolitan Planning & Zoning Commission.									
18	Will you please rise. Our invocation and									
19	pledge of allegiance will be given by Mr. Tim									
20	Miller.									
21	(INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.)									
22	CHAIRMAN: This being our first meeting after									
23	the 4th of July a thought just occurred to me I									
24	remembered back from my days in American history.									
25	Of the 56 signers of the American Declaration									

of Independence, 9 of those men lost their lives in 1 2 the war. Eight of those men their wives were tortured and lost their lives in the war. Twelve of them had 3 4 their houses completely destroyed and burned to the 5 ground. Seventeen of the members that signed the 6 Declaration of Independence lost everything they had. 7 One of the members lost 13 children and his wife, 8 disappeared in a raid by the British and were never 9 found.

10 As we embark upon the things that we face in 11 life, we think of those guys that put their life, their family, their fortune on the line and gave us 12 13 the freedoms that we have today. Not one of them 14 recanted their position, changed their position, 15 decided to get more information or look back. Thank God for those men that gave us what we have today. 16 A little flashback. I was thinking about 17 18 American history. Now we'll go on. Let's consider the minutes 19 of the June 12th meeting. Are there any corrections, 20 21 additions? 22 (NO RESPONSE) 23 CHAIRMAN: If not the chair is ready for a 24 motion.

25 MS. DIXON: Move to approve.

1	CHAIRMAN: Motion for approval by Ms. Dixon.											
2	MR. TAYLOR: Second.											
3	CHAIRMAN: Second by Mr. Taylor. All in favor											
4	raise your right hand.											
5	(ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.) CHAIRMAN: Motion carries unanimously.											
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7	Next item.											
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9	PUBLIC HEARING											
10	ITEM 2											
11	Consider text amendment to Article 3 of the Owensboro Metropolitan Zoning Ordinance to permit an increased											
12	height of walls and fences in residential side and rear yards adjoining streets.											
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14	MR. SILVERT: State your name, please.											
15	MS. STONE: Becky Stone.											
16	(BECKY STONE SWORN BY ATTORNEY.)											
17	MS. STONE: This text amendment has been											
18	prepared in order to clarify the heights of fences in											
19	residential zones and to be consistent with the											
20	Kentucky Building Code for pool enclosures.											
21	What we are proposing currently fences cannot											
22	exceed a three foot height in front yards. The											
23	definition in the current ordnance of front yard also											
24	includes side yards and rear yards where they adjoin											
25	streets. So we're making this change so that the side											

yard and rear yard where they adjoin streets can be
 four feet in height, which is consistent with the
 enclosure height requirement in the Kentucky Building
 Code.

5 The Planning Staff recommends the approval of 6 the Zoning Text Amendment based upon the following 7 Findings of Fact:

8 1. The current zoning ordinance requirement 9 of a maximum front yard height of three feet for 10 fences and walls has created unintended consequences 11 as applied to side and rear street yards;

The proposed text amendment will allow
 reasonable heights in street side and rear yards for
 the purpose of residential privacy and enclosures for
 swimming pools and outdoor spaces;

The proposed text amendment will ensure
 consistency and interpretation of allowable fence and
 wall heights in residential zones for corner lots,
 double frontage lots and interior lots; and,

4. The number of variances requested and
issued by the OMBA identifies the need to change the
ordinance for practical application and fenced in wall
heights consistent with the adopted building codes
within the community.

25 MS. STONE: We'd like to enter the Staff

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       Report as Exhibit A.
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               If anybody has any questions, I'll be glad to
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       answer them.
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               CHAIRMAN: Does anybody in the audience have
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       any questions?
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               (NO RESPONSE)
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               CHAIRMAN: Does anybody on the commission have
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               (NO RESPONSE)
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               CHAIRMAN: If not the chair is ready for a
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      motion.
               MR. MILLER: Motion to approve based on Staff
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       recommendations and Findings of Fact 1 through 4.
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               CHAIRMAN: Motion for approval by Mr. Miller.
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               MR. APPLEBY: Second.
               CHAIRMAN: Second by Mr. Appleby. All in
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       favor raise your right hand.
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               (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
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               CHAIRMAN: Motion carries unanimously.
               Next item, please.
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       ITEM 3
       Consider text amendments to Article 8 of the Owensboro
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       Metropolitan Zoning Ordinance to permit allowing
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       limited retail uses as a conditional use in A-U Urban
       Agriculture zones.
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               MS. STONE: This text amendment is before you
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1 as a request from the Daviess County Fiscal Court.

2 Currently the zoning ordinance allows limited 3 retail uses within an A-R zone with the conditional 4 use permit, but does not permit that within an A-U 5 one.

6 This text amendment would amend the ordinance 7 to allow conditionally permitted limited retail uses 8 within the A-U zone.

9 If you've read your Staff Report, you will see 10 from the Staff Report that there are bases in the 11 comprehensive plan to recommend denial and we have proposed some findings in that event. However, there 12 13 are reasons in the comprehensive plan that the text 14 amendment may be approved also and the Staff would 15 recommend your approval based on the request from Daviess County Fiscal Court with the following 16 findings of fact: 17

The A-U Urban Agriculture zone is
 designated by the Owensboro Metropolitan Zoning
 Ordinance as a zone that is located in areas
 appropriate for conversion to urban development within
 the Urban Service Area and identified Rural
 Communities;
 The Comprehensive Plan states that

25 development policies for Rural Communities should

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generally follow the development policies for the
 Urban Service Area;

3 3. The Comprehensive Plan contains an adopted goal to "Avoid the introduction of urban activities that would have a detrimental effect on residential activity, but allow some mixture of appropriate nonresidential uses";

8 4. Allowing conditionally permitted limited 9 retail uses within an AU Urban Agriculture zone would 10 promote the development of limited retail sales in 11 Rural Communities and the Urban Service Area while 12 providing protection to residential and agricultural 13 uses in these areas by limiting the intensity of the 14 allowable commercial activity; and,

15 5. The addition of a provision to conditionally permit limited retail sales in the AU 16 zone will accommodate a less intense array of retail 17 uses within the Rural Communities and the Urban 18 19 Service Area, while still providing for a property 20 owners' right to rezone to the more urban zone of B-4 21 General Business if the criteria of the Comprehensive 22 Plan can be met.

23 We'd like to enter this Staff Report as24 Exhibit B.

25 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions?

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              CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions from the
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      commission?
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              CHAIRMAN: If not the chair is ready for a
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      motion.
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              MR. APPLEBY: Motion for approval based on the
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      Staff's Findings of Fact 1 through 5.
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              CHAIRMAN: Motion for approval by Mr. Appleby.
              MR. GILLES: Second.
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              CHAIRMAN: Second by Mr. Gilles. All in favor
      raise your right hand.
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              (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
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              CHAIRMAN: Motion carries unanimously.
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                      ZONING CHANGES
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      ITEM 4
      Portion of 3275 Highland Pointe Drive, 2.387 acres
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      Consider zoning change: From B-4 General Business to
      I-1 Light Industrial
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      Applicant: Triple H&B Investments, LLC; Highland
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      Pointe Holdings, LLC
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              CHAIRMAN: Mr. Noffsinger, I need to remove
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      myself from this vote and turn the gavel over to Ms.
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      Dixon.
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              MR. NOFFSINGER: Mr. Howard, would you please
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1 state the appeal procedure.

2 MR. HOWARD: Sure. 3 MR. SILVERT: State your name, please. 4 MR. HOWARD: Brian Howard. 5 (BRIAN HOWARD SWORN BY ATTORNEY.) 6 MR. HOWARD: As a note, all four rezonings 7 that will follow will become final based upon Planning 8 Commission's recommendation 21 days from the meeting 9 date, unless an appeal is filed. The appeal forms are on the back table. They're available on our website 10 and available in the office. If an appeal is filed, 11 then it will be forwarded to the appropriate 12 13 legislative body whether the city commission or 14 Daviess County Fiscal Court for final hearing. So with that I'll read the Staff's 15 Recommendation. 16 PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS 17 18 Staff recommends approval because the proposal 19 is in compliance with the community's adopted Comprehensive Plan. The condition and findings of 20 21 fact that support this recommendation include the 22 following: 23 CONDITIONS A final development plan submitted and 24 25 approved prior to the issuance of building permits.

1 FINDINGS OF FACT

2 1. The subject property is located in a Business Plan Area, where light industrial uses are 3 4 appropriate in limited locations; 5 2. The subject property will be used as an 6 Atmos Energy facility that will be nonresidential in 7 nature. 8 3. The proposed rezoning is a logical 9 expansion of existing I-1 Light Industrial zoning located immediately east of the subject property; and, 10 4. The I-1 Light Industrial expansion should 11 not significantly increase the extent of the 12 industrial uses that are located in the vicinity and 13 14 outside of Industrial Parks and should not overburden 15 the capacity of roadways and other necessary urban services that are available in the affected area. 16 MR. HOWARD: I would like to enter the Staff 17 18 Report into the record as Exhibit C. 19 MS. DIXON: Does anyone in the audience have any questions or any concerns? 20 21 (NO RESPONSE) 22 MS. DIXON: Anyone on the commission have 23 questions? 24 (NO RESPONSE) MS. DIXON: If not the chair is ready for a 25

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               MR. APPLEBY: Motion to approve based on Staff
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       Recommendations with one condition and Findings of
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       Fact 1 through 4.
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               MR. MILLER: Second.
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               CHAIRMAN: Motion by Mr. Appleby. Second by
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       Mr. Miller. Any questions on the motion?
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               (NO RESPONSE)
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               MS. DIXON: All in favor of the motion raise
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       your right hand.
               (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
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               MS. DIXON: Motion carries.
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      RELATED ITEMS:
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       ITEM 4A
       Highland Pointe, 82.157 acres
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       Consider approval of amended major subdivision
       preliminary plan.
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       Applicant: Highland Pointe Holdings, LLC
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               MR. NOFFSINGER: Madam Chairman, this
       application has been reviewed by the Planning Staff
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       and Engineering Staff. It's found to be in order.
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       Its use is found to be consistent with the adopted
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       comprehensive plan and the rezoning you just
       considered as well as the zoning ordinance and
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1 question or a concern to express? 2 (NO RESPONSE) MS. DIXON: Any questions by any of the 3 4 commissioners? 5 (NO RESPONSE) 6 CHAIRMAN: Hearing none the chair is ready for 7 a motion. 8 MR. APPLEBY: Motion for approval. 9 MR. TAYLOR: Second. MS. DIXON: Motion by Mr. Appleby. Second by 10 11 Mr. Taylor. Any questions on the motion? (NO RESPONSE) 12 CHAIRMAN: All in favor of the motion raise 13 14 your right hand. 15 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.) CHAIRMAN: Motion carries. 16 17 ITEM 5 18 9401-9707 Blocks Highway 951, 5001-5101 Blocks Free Silver Road, 65.535 acres 19 Consider zoning change: From A-U Urban Agriculture and EX-1 Coal Mining to A-U Urban Agriculture Applicant: Teresa Louise Millay Estate 20 21 PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS 22 Staff recommends approval because the proposal 23 is in compliance with the community's adopted Comprehensive Plan. The findings of fact that support 24 this recommendation include the following: 25

1 FINDINGS OF FACT:

2 1. The subject property is located in a Rural 3 Community Plan Area where agricultural/forestry uses 4 are appropriate in general locations; 5 2. All strip-mining activity has been 6 completed and all disturbed areas have been reclaimed 7 as open grasslands and woodlands; and, 8 3. The Owensboro Metropolitan Zoning 9 Ordinance Article 12a.31 requires that property shall revert to its original zoning classification after 10 11 mining. MR. HOWARD: We would like to enter the Staff 12 13 Report into the record as Exhibit D. 14 CHAIRMAN: Ms. Dixon has returned the gavel to 15 me and I will ask if there are any questions in the 16 audience? 17 (NO RESPONSE) 18 CHAIRMAN: Does anybody on the commission have any questions? 19 20 (NO RESPONSE) 21 CHAIRMAN: If not the chair is ready for a 22 motion. MR. HAYDEN: I make a motion to approve with 23 Staff Recommendations and Findings of Fact 1 through 24 25 3.

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               CHAIRMAN: We have a motion for approval by
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       Mr. Hayden.
               MS. DIXON: Second.
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               CHAIRMAN: We've got a second by Ms. Dixon.
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       All in favor raise your right hand.
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               (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
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               CHAIRMAN: Motion carries unanimously.
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       ITEM 6
       1313 Moseley Street, 0.794 acres
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       Consider zoning change: From I-1 Light Industrial to
       B-5 Business/Industrial
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       Applicant: Robert Higdon
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       PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION
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       following:
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       CONDITIONS
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               1. All pavement within the road right-of-way
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       shall be removed and the grass strip between the curb
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       and sidewalk shall be replaced;
               2. Curb cuts cannot be located closer than 50
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       feet to the property line at the intersection of
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       Moseley Street and East 14th Street.
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1 3. Vehicular use area screening shall be installed when adjoining road right-of-way to include 2 a three foot element and one tree every 40 linear 3 4 feet; and, 5 4. All vehicular use areas must be paved and 6 traffic shall circulate on-site with no backing into 7 the street permitted. FINDINGS OF FACT 8 9 1. The subject property is located within a Business/Industrial Plan Area, where general business 10 11 and light industrial uses are appropriate in general locations; 12 2. The subject property lies within an 13 14 existing area of mixed industrial and commercial land 15 uses; 3. The Comprehensive Plan provides for the 16 17 continuance of mixed uses area; and, 18 4. The proposed land use for the subject property is in compliance with the criteria for a 19 20 Business/Industrial Plan Area and a B-5 21 Business/Industrial zoning classification. 22 MR. HOWARD: We would like to enter the Staff 23 Report into the record as Exhibit E. CHAIRMAN: Does anybody from the audience have 24 25 a question?

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               CHAIRMAN: Does anybody on the commission have
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               CHAIRMAN: If not the chair is ready for a
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      motion.
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               Ms. Dixon: Move for approval based upon
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       Planning Staff Recommendations, Conditions 1 through 4
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       and Findings of Fact 1, 2, 3 and 4.
               CHAIRMAN: We've got a motion for approval by
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      Ms. Dixon.
               MR. HAYDEN: Second.
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               CHAIRMAN: Second by Mr. Hayden. All in favor
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       raise your right hand.
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               (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
               CHAIRMAN: Motion carries unanimously.
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               Next item, please.
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       ITEM 7
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       2601 Old Henderson Road, 2740 McFarland Avenue, 1.232
       acres
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       Consider zoning change: From I-1 Light Industrial and
       R-4DT Inner-City Residential to I-1 Light Industrial
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       Applicant: Unique Granite & Marble Shop; Rick Thomas
       Custom Builders, Inc.
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       PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
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               Staff recommends approval because the proposal
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       is in compliance with the community's adopted
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1 Comprehensive Plan. The condition and findings of 2 fact that support this recommendation include the 3 following: 4 CONDITIONS 5 Install and maintain appropriate outdoor 6 storage screening, including a six foot tall element 7 and on tree every 40 linear feet. FINDINGS OF FACT 8 9 1. The subject property is partially located in a Business Plan Area, where light industrial uses 10 11 are appropriate in limited locations and partially located in a Central Residential Plan Area, where 12 13 light industrial uses are appropriate in very-limited 14 locations; 15 2. The subject property is currently used for a granite and marble business with outdoor storage 16 which is nonresidential in nature; 17 18 3. The proposed rezoning is a logical expansion of existing I-1 Light Industrial zoning 19 located immediately south and east of the subject 20 21 property; and, 22 4. The I-1 Light Industrial expansion should 23 not significantly increase the extent of the industrial uses that are located in the vicinity and 24 outside of Industrial Parks and should not overburden 25

1 the capacity of roadways and other necessary urban 2 services that are available in the affected area. MR. HOWARD: We would like to enter the Staff 3 4 Report into the record as Exhibit F. 5 CHAIRMAN: Does anybody in the audience have 6 any questions? 7 MR. SILVERT: State your name, please. 8 MR. CLARK: My name is Tony Clark. 9 (TONY CLARK SWORN BY ATTORNEY.) 10 MR. CLARK: Tonight I'm here as an adjoining 11 property owner. I own immediately east of this particular property and have owned it for probably 20 12 13 years. 14 I have four duplexes right on that side of the 15 street. The numbers go backwards. You're rezoning request is 2740, but at 2732, 2726, 2720 and 2714. In 16 17 addition slightly west and across the street I also 18 own 2747. I want to clarify something too. The 19 property is owned by CTC Investments, LLC. and I am the managing member of that particular organization 20 21 who owns title to that. 22 I called Rick yesterday, Rick Thomas. First 23 of all a couple of weeks ago I did receive in the mail the notice. I set it aside because I like Rick 24 25 Thomas, and this makes it tough. I don't want to do

anything to impede progress in the City of Owensboro,
 Kentucky. God knows we need to go forwards and not
 backwards.

4 Having 33 years experience in Owensboro, 5 Kentucky in real estate, I have watched property by 6 virtue of encroaching and something change and what it 7 does to the adjoining property. Having owned these 8 for many years, they came from McEroy & Partners is 9 where it originally came from, McEroy & Partners. I 10 happen to own it for many years. Spent a lot of money 11 maintaining these four duplexes. On today's market value of about 75,000 on these specific four 12 13 individually.

Both to the left and both to the right of the property the present zoning is RR-4DT. I'm confident you all have a copy of that. If you don't, I can show you a copy of the present use both to the east and both to the west of the properties that we presently manage and own.

For years the property to the east has always been mowed and maintained, well taken care of. The property to the west has just gradually encroached from the I-1 industrial off of McFarland Road continually forward to McFarland.

25 Again, I've never said anything even though

that I knew that the violation exist on that R-4DT 1 2 lot. 3 Do you all have a copy of that? 4 MR. APPLEBY: We've got it. 5 MR. CLARK: You can see where the line 6 presently is that shows the light industrial an then 7 the front of it. Item Number 24 on that plat if 8 you're looking at it, on the plat right there. 9 Well, that line has been, you know, obviously been used for some time. I went back this morning to 10 11 take a good look, just to take a look myself. Quite honestly I didn't realize that it was there, 12 13 encroaching toward the fence, etcetera. 14 Again, I called Rick and I talked to Rick 15 yesterday about my concerns. Again, after 33 years of experience, when I 16 17 look at the property as the zoning changes into an unfavorable zoning, it has both positive and negative 18 19 effects. Positive effects on the property because of 20 the I-1 zoning, the limited amount of property 21 available. 22 On a multi-family, on four nice duplexes, all 23 brick, generate a fair amount of money, which is an

24 income stream to the investment organization just like 25 what Rick's is to his organization. It will devalue

1 the property. Has anybody taken a look, Planning & Zoning, 2 3 have you all been to specifically look and visit the 4 site? 5 CHAIRMAN: Yes. 6 MR. CLARK: Drew has. Got it. I'm asking you 7 to --8 CHAIRMAN: Have you completed? Because now 9 you've made a statement that it will depreciate the 10 value of the property. MR. CLARK: Just based upon 33 years of 11 experience. 12 CHAIRMAN: That's a statement that I assume 13 14 that you're making. 15 MR. CLARK: That's correct. CHAIRMAN: We as a commission, you know, many 16 17 people come before us and they make statements as 18 such. Obviously with your 33 years of experience, I assume you know that no verbal appraisal cannot be 19 20 entered without factual contents. 21 MR. CLARK: Correct. 22 CHAIRMAN: In today's housing market, and 23 especially in today's rental market, to make a 24 statement of such that any movement in that direction 25 to depreciate property values is something, you know,

if you're going to make that statement before this
 board, we need to know what is the basis, other than
 your 33 years of experience.

4 MR. CLARK: As I look around through town, 5 whether it's Crabtree Avenue or if it's Sweeny Street 6 or Leitchfield Road, as you watch, again, I'm in favor 7 of progress so please understand me. I definitely 8 want that to happen. From a Progressive situation, 9 but not at the cost of next-door.

When you look at the properties that I have seen, as they go up against Sweeny or whatever and suddenly you've got property and then all of a sudden adjoining property owners are buying. They may have a shot-gun house for 20,000, but before it's over they -- it's just by virtue of the nature of the adjoining.

Again, in my residential area, you know, I would not want that beside my home. That multi-family is a home. They do generate good dollars. They generate real good dollars.

21 CHAIRMAN: I hate to keep coming back to my 22 same question, but I believe I will. What evidence do 23 you have of your statement that it will depreciate the 24 value of the property next door?

25 MR. CLARK: The value in rental property is

purely based upon basically one thing. That's income 1 2 that is produced. The ability to produce the income 3 based upon the desirability of the tenant who wants to 4 live in a descent safe neighborhood free of rodents, 5 trash. These units are good units. They're nice 6 units. The visualization that I can see is that in A) 7 not being able to rent or to lower the rent. As you 8 lower the rent, you're devaluing the property just 9 based upon the lowering of the rent.

10 Again, if you did go look and if you did look 11 and decide, the various stacks of stone and the granite that are right up against it, I didn't realize 12 13 it was that much there. Again, I have managers who 14 manage the property for me. I'm not there on a 15 day-to-day basis to look at that. Upon looking at it today, I have to be honest and tell you I do not think 16 17 that it's been properly used based upon the zoning up to this point. Sorry to speak against the zoning. 18

19 CHAIRMAN: Excuse me. Once again, does this
20 mean, in my understanding if the property devalues,
21 then the only way that a true rent equation would work
22 means that the rent would go down?

23 MR. CLARK: Correct.

24 CHAIRMAN: Have you had to lower your rent in
25 this area on any of these properties?

1 MR. CLARK: You know, I really have not been 2 able to increase the rent. I have not been able to 3 increase it.

The issue I have concerned now is -- for Rick, I have no problem with Rick per se to do what he wants to do. He said he wanted to build a building there to contain it. I have a problem in the sale of that property. Once the zoning is done and the zoning is taken care of, that zoning is permanent for perpetuate.

11 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clark, I hate to go back to 12 this again. In today's economy and today's market, if 13 I am to assume all of these properties are full; is 14 that correct? It's an assumption I'm making.

MR. CLARK: They continually -- again, on that particular spot there's eight units. Generally there's just one turning all the time. So that gives you about, what, a 75 percent occupancy.

19 CHAIRMAN: Which is excellent. I know the job 20 you do. I've known you for years. I know the way you 21 keep your property. I know the way you manage your 22 business. I know your upkeep and everything else.

23 The thing this board is faced with, as you
24 realize, we've got contiguous property that is running
25 one beside the other. If one party cannot show, you

1 know, you can make a statement of such about
2 decreasing value and property value, but if there's
3 nothing that we've got to go on, if you've got
4 problems with what he's doing as far as his possible
5 screening and things that we can definitely enforce
6 upon him that will clean up this area, which is within
7 our power to do.

8 I can't take a rash statement the property did going to go heck in a hand basket, we're going to have 9 to devalue property. We're going to have vacant 10 11 properties. We're not going to be able to rent them. 12 If this has not occurred over the past some time, it's 13 tough to use that statement. But if you've got 14 specific instances where things that need to be 15 sheered up, cleaned up, then we can obviously deal 16 with those.

MR. CLARK: I believe in time I could bringthat to you. I cannot do it tonight.

19 The issue, you know, through the years here as 20 I look back and I've had on the Kamuf property to the 21 west, whenever South Central Bank wanted to rezone, we 22 had to sign off on that and we did sign off of it. It 23 was a good thing. The bank is a good thing.

The industrial zoning on it, when you look at parcel 115 or Number 37 on that map, what's the zoning 1 of that one?

2 MR. NOFFSINGER: Mr. Chairman, I believe 3 Mr. Clark is referring to a map that you do not have. 4 The map you have is different. That's why you're not 5 going to be able to find those numbers. 6 CHAIRMAN: We've got a five. 7 MR. APPLEBY: You've got street address. 8 CHAIRMAN: Which is 2732 McFarland. We've got 9 have 4 which is 2505 Old Henderson Road. We have a 1 10 which is 2725. MR. CLARK: What I'm referring to the property 11 that's immediately west of the subject property 12 13 requesting rezoning. 14 CHAIRMAN: Which would be Number 7, 2725. 15 MR. CLARK: Well, my numbers aren't matching with those numbers. 16 17 CHAIRMAN: Those are street addresses. 18 MR. CLARK: There's no street address on what 19 I have. Parcel Number 1. 20 21 MR. APPLEBY: It's commercial, B-4. 22 MR. CLARK: Correct. B-4 there to that. Then 23 you've got R-4DT to the north and you have that also 24 to the east. CHAIRMAN: If you've completed your 25

statements, what I would like to do is why don't we 1 2 bring the applicant before us. Is Mr. Thomas here? MR. THOMAS: Yes, sir. 3 4 CHAIRMAN: Why don't we bring Mr. Thomas 5 before us and let's see if some of these concerns and 6 situations, which are things that are very important 7 to you and to us as a commission, and see if we can 8 address those. 9 MR. CLARK: Thank you. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Thomas. 10 11 MR. SILVERT: State your name, please. MR. JACOBS: Marty Jacobs. 12 13 MR. SILVERT: Mr. Jacobs, I recognize the oath 14 you took as an attorney. 15 CHAIRMAN: We better swear in Mr. Thomas. MR. THOMAS: Rick Thomas. 16 (RICK THOMAS SWORN BY ATTORNEY.) 17 18 MR. JACOBS: Mr. Chairman, with your permission, I'd like to distribute a color coded plat 19 20 which I think better sets forth what the zoning is in 21 the area. 22 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Jacobs. While 23 you're doing that, Mr. Thomas, would you mind taking the stand there and address a few questions. 24 25 Do I need to restate concerns or would you

just like to address the concerns yourself? Did you 1 2 hear Mr. Jones (sic)? MR. THOMAS: Yes, I did. 3 4 CHAIRMAN: Would you like to just take those 5 or would you like me to categorize them? 6 MR. THOMAS: He had mentioned the value of the 7 property going down. Like I say, I don't understand 8 that. I don't see where that would change at all. 9 We've had the same use that it's been used for 20 years or more. It's all been fenced in one unit for a 10 11 long time. I've been in that area around 13 years and it's been fenced in a lot longer than that in one unit 12 13 with all the same use. 14 Mr. Chairman, what other concerns? 15 CHAIRMAN: He was saying about the possible upkeep being questionable. The pieces of granite that 16 are laying around, but that obviously is the business 17 18 that you're in. 19 MR. THOMAS: Yes. We do have stone around, pallets of stone, rack of stone. They are all within 20 21 the fence line and we do have a screen on the fence. 22 It's 88 percent blockage on the screen. 23 The outside, we had trouble with neighbor cars 24 parking between the fence and the street so we keep 25 all of that killed down to where there's not any

growth up in that area. I'm not really sure what the 1 maintenance issues would be other than that. The 2 fence has some age to it, but the screen is new. Just 3 4 a couple of years old. 5 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jones (sic), would you like to 6 return and be specific. We've got him under oath and 7 we could get you to make your charges of what his 8 direct problems are. We're not going to go back and 9 forth. I'll come back to you. 10 MR. CLARK: Tony Clark. 11 CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry. MR. CLARK: Specifically -- can I ask a 12 13 question? 14 CHAIRMAN: Absolutely. 15 MR. CLARK: Is a multi-family home considered residential use? 16 17 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Noffsinger. MR. NOFFSINGER: Yes, sir, it is. 18 19 MR. CLARK: Thank you. Can you put a junk 20 yard next to a residential use? 21 MR. NOFFSINGER: If the property is zoned I-2 22 heavy industrial and a conditional use permit is 23 approved by the Board of Adjustment, you could place a junk yard next to a residential use, and provide the 24 25 Board of Adjustment approves a variance to allow you

to have the junk yard within 300 feet of a residential
 zone. I think I covered all of it.

MR. CLARK: I am as much concerned of the 3 4 future as I am the present. Your position is to look 5 out for the citizens of Daviess County. I do 6 understand. I applaud you for doing your job there. 7 The other side of the story, I've got to look out for the investments that we have. I ask the 8 9 question because I live at 1204 Wood Bridge Trail. I 10 wouldn't want the junk yard next to me and I really 11 don't want the industrial zoning with the piles and everything right next-door to me too. I speak 12 13 honestly, I like Rick Thomas or I would have already

14 some time ago taken action.

15MR. APPLEBY: I would like to hear from16Mr. Jacobs with regards to your zoning map.

17 MR. CLARK: I did not see the map.

18 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clark, I do apologize, but I19 think you got my slip. You know I know better.

20 MR. CLARK: You're fine.

21 MR. JACOBS: Folks, what I've done is I've 22 distributed a color coded plat which I think better 23 shows what the various mixed uses that are in this 24 area.

25 The property that's at issue consist of two

lots which have historically been used together. They
 are the ones that are shown across hatch on this plat.
 They're identified as Tract 1 and Tract 2.
 Now, Tract 1 has always been zoned I-1. Tract
 yhich faces on McFarland, is zoned R-4DT. This

property was owned by Imperil Construction Company
from 1973 to 1998. It's been owned by the current
owner since 1998.

9 It is also, if you go out there and look at 10 it, it is fenced in as if it were one unit. That 11 fence I understand has been there at least 20 or 25 12 years. For all practical purposes it has been used as 13 one lot for the same use over that very long period of 14 time.

15 The problem we have, of course, is the tract 16 that faces Old Henderson is I-1. The part on 17 McFarland R-4DT.

What Mr. Thomas intends to do is to have it 18 19 consolidated once the zoning change was approved. He 20 can then go in and build a storage building on the 21 back to house the various granite and other materials 22 that they work in the shop. He, of course, cannot get 23 a permit at this time to do that without the zoning change. So what he will end up doing is converting 24 25 mostly outside storage to insides storage, which

1 frankly should improve the looks in the area as to 2 what's going on right now. 3 Couple of the points --4 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jacobs, do you have any idea of 5 what the exterior of this new construction would be? 6 Maybe we should ask Mr. Thomas. 7 MR. JACOBS: I assume it will be a metal 8 building. 9 MR. THOMAS: It would be a white metal 10 building similar to the two buildings that's on the 11 lot now. 12 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. MR. JACOBS: Couple of things that Mr. Clark 13 14 said that I'd like to respond to specifically. 15 One is he talks about I-1 adjoining his four properties and how that's going to devalue them. If 16 you will look at the plat, there's already I-1 that 17 runs all the way along the back of those properties. 18 19 I think that's owned by Mr. Higdon that's there. 20 Also he makes kind of the same argument that, 21 well, I'm okay with it right now, but what's going 22 happen down the road. Well, that's the same question 23 that you can ask with any request for a rezoning, assuming that those future uses come within the 24 classification. 25

I think what we have to look at is what has
 happened in the past. This property has been used,
 was used by a construction company for 25 years. It's
 now used by this basically granite counter top maker
 for the last ten. I think that's all we can look at.
 We could speculate all day as to what a potential
 future use might be.

8 What we're essentially asking, to make it 9 pretty simple, if you look on the color coded plat 10 there. Tract 2, what is crossed in yellow would 11 become orange and join the other I-1 properties that 12 are in that area.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clark, their intentions really 13 14 are, in my estimation, are actually to improve the 15 property. One of your concerns about exterior storage would now in some period of time, we cannot put 16 17 parameters on the application, but it sounds like at some reasonably quick period of time it's going to be 18 19 going from exterior to interior storage. Which would in my estimation probably improve the whole situation 20 21 down there.

22 MR. APPLEBY: Tony, I understand your 23 concerns. The way I look at it you are already 24 adjoined by light industrial all the way across the 25 back of those lots to begin with.

1 MR. CLARK: On the back, that's correct. 2 MR. APPLEBY: Your concern is what happens when this frontage becomes I-1. By the same token 3 4 they could ask for it to be rezoned B-4 and a B-4 up 5 against that property, I don't know which is better, 6 which is worse. 7 MR. CLARK: B-4 is better. 8 MR. APPLEBY: Well, B-4 definitely is going to 9 be more traffic. Is traffic good for bad for 10 residential property? MR. CLARK: Traffic is good. It brings 11 12 tenants. 13 MR. APPLEBY: But it is a logical expansion of 14 an existing zone. 15 CHAIRMAN: Could I just for a second. That's correct. Logical expansion. Then 16 17 immediately to the east of the property then it would 18 be logical that also that R-4DT to the east, which comes to an end. There's nothing there. That would 19 20 make logical sense to rezone that also. 21 Mr. Jacobs made a statement a second ago that 22 it's been used for years. So zones really doesn't 23 matter? Because basically it's been used illegal for 24 years by having the outside -- the product is being 25 used. The product is industrial.

1 CHAIRMAN: I think Mr. Jacobs made the 2 statement that it was used as a construction company 3 for years. Is that what you're referring to as the 4 illegal?

5 MR. CLARK: No. I'm just saying that if in 6 fact zoning matters, for the years that I've been 7 there or the years I've been there, what was grown in 8 the early years was nothing but grass was grown. Was 9 tall and always over the fence. In other words, did 10 not look good. I'm simply saying that if that's the 11 case, then the product of being used in an illegal 12 zoning, in an R4-DT for some time and apparently we've 13 turned our head from that. We've been doing that.

I guess the question I have for you, most zoning on industrial usually handles in areas that are not as nice of areas that you all like to live in. Including me.

This may not be the appropriate question. 18 But 19 if I was rezoning Goetz Drive tonight next to Sydney 20 Lane, the apartments over there and I was going to 21 bring it in, do you think, and you don't have to 22 answer it, but do you think that your feelings would 23 be the same or would you say, maybe the west side here is not as good, whatever, on that point? 24 25 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clark, I think that's totally

1 out of line. I think that's totally out of line. I 2 think this commission has a history of looking at each 3 individual, but we do not let any arbitrary statements 4 stand without being questioned and backed up with the 5 facts.

6 MR. CLARK: Again, the conversation is that it 7 appears to be all right, it appears to be all right.

8 Again, I guess where I'm thinking about it, 9 that be the case, the consideration for the adjoining 10 property owner in this particular case, which happens 11 to be us, I'm not so sure that you're giving the 12 proper consideration for the other. I'd ask you to 13 shun it tonight.

MR. JACOBS: We would like the board to consider it tonight. We don't know what Mr. Clark has in mind other than some delay. I think he's had certainly an opportunity to have his say and Staff has looked at it. We would like the board to act, if you're inclined to do so.

20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Jacobs.

21 Mr. Noffsinger.

MR. NOFFSINGER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
CHAIRMAN: Wait a minute, Mr. Noffsinger. I
have a question before you make your statement.

25 Mr. Clark made the statement that the place

was overgrown and there was problems in the past. Do 1 2 you have of record any complaints that were lodged 3 against this property or anything of record? MR. NOFFSINGER: No, sir, not to my 4 5 knowledge. 6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 7 MR. NOFFSINGER: Mr. Jacobs, a question in 8 terms of how you plan to develop the property. Do you 9 plan to have vehicular access to McFarland Avenue? 10 MR. JACOBS: No. 11 MR. NOFFSINGER: I understand you're proposing a building to the rear of the property. You're not 12 13 going to have any vehicular access to McFarland Avenue 14 and that's going to be totally screened and closed 15 off? MR. JACOBS: It will be screened as is 16 17 necessary. Depending on what is -- I know the 18 screening requirements as it regards being next to 19 residential as opposed to B-4. That would, of course, be different. We talked about it this afternoon. 20 21 Mr. Bryant is here and we've talked about the 22 consolidation plat. The plan is we are not asking for 23 access on McFarland. Traffic will come in on Old Henderson and come book out on Old Henderson Road. 24 MR. NOFFSINGER: The Reason I ask that 25

question is because it has to do with orientation of 1 2 the property and the development. If you're going to access off of Old Henderson Road and that becomes your 3 4 front door, that's where the industrial traffic will 5 be coming from and then no access to McFarland Avenue. 6 Therefore you are orienting that development toward 7 what appears to be a street that has more 8 industrial/nonresidential activities on it. 9 MR. JACOBS: Yes. 10 MR. NOFFSINGER: Thank you. 11 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clark, is there any specific screening or anything that you would --12 13 MR. CLARK: Rick and I have talked about that. 14 How close to the line, you know, will the building be? 15 What type of building will it be? Some other variables. 16 17 I speak openly against it. I own four duplexes. I do understand society and government. 18 19 The only comment I make is that I think you need to take a good look at all parties involved. Take a good 20 21 look at all parties involved. 22 Again, when there's benefit there's also --23 this is part of progress. When there's benefit to society, it's a detriment to the others. That's why 24 I'm here. 25

CHAIRMAN: Would you explain the detriment,
 please?

MR. CLARK: I explained it earlier. When an 3 4 industrial building comes right beside my apartment 5 building, suddenly the building is new and nice. It 6 looks good. Three years later, whatever happens to the industry, it goes down. For me to maintain my 7 8 buildings, you are right. I do maintain my buildings. 9 I'm not a slum landlord. I would live in anything 10 that we have anywhere in the city. Period. I feel that the negative effect, with the 11

proximity right beside, I don't have any problem behind it. I don't have any problem at all behind it, but I do have a problem on either side. Either east or west. As I think the negative reaction for the tenants peaceful and quiet enjoyment of their residential lifestyle will be altered.

18 CHAIRMAN: Does anybody else in the audience 19 have a question or comment?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 CHAIRMAN: Does anybody on the commission have
22 any questions or comments?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clark, please be seated.

25 Mr. Jacobs.

1 MR. JACOBS: We have nothing further at this 2 time, Mr. Chairman. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Thomas, please 3 4 be seated. Thank you very much. 5 I think we've heard both sides of this issue. 6 As we on the commission realize, there's certain 7 findings of facts and certain rules in and order that 8 we have to follow. With that being said, the chair is 9 ready for a motion. 10 MR. HAYDEN: I make a motion we accept the Staff Recommendations with the Conditions and Findings 11 of Fact 1 through 4. 12 13 CHAIRMAN: We have a motion for approval by 14 Mr. Hayden. 15 MR. EVANS: Second. CHAIRMAN: We've got a second by Mr. Evans. 16 17 All in favor raise your right hand. 18 (BOARD MEMBERS TIM MILLER, JIM GILLES, DAVE 19 APPLEBY, DREW KIRKLAND, JUDY DIXON, WALLY TAYLOR, KEITH EVANS AND MARTIN HAYDEN RESPONDED AYE.) 20 21 CHAIRMAN: All opposed. 22 (NO RESPONSE) CHAIRMAN: We have eight for and we had one 23 abstain. 24 25 Next item, please.

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2	MINOR SUBDIVISIONS								
3	ITEM 8								
4	6080 Jack Hinton Road, 7061 Highway 54, 6.820 acres Consider approval of minor subdivision plat.								
5	Applicant: Kenneth R. & Rebecca B. Onstott								
6	MR. HOWARD: This plat comes before you this								
7	evening because it is in violation of the three to one								
8	ratio. It greatly exceeds that. The long skinny lot								
9	was created by the Planning Commission plat approval								
10	in June of last year. At which time the Planning								
11	Staff recommended denial of the plat due to the								
12	creation of the long skinny double frontage lot.								
13	Based upon the current configuration with the								
14	excess length to width ratio, Staff still can't make a								
15	positive recommendation on the plat. It comes before								
16	you as an exception and for your consideration.								
17	CHAIRMAN: Do we have any questions or anybody								
18	representing the applicant?								
19	APPLICANT REP: Yes.								
20	CHAIRMAN: Anybody from the commission?								
21	(NO RESPONSE)								
22	CHAIRMAN: If not the chair is ready for a								
23	motion.								
24	MR. APPLEBY: Does this improve the situation								
25	or make it worse? I don't see that it makes it any								

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worse. It actually makes the two lots closer in
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       compliance, doesn't it?
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               MR. NOFFSINGER: I think you answered your own
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       question, Mr. Appleby.
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               MR. APPLEBY: Motion for approval.
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               CHAIRMAN: Mr. Appleby, this has been pretty
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       much your specialty, Mr. Appleby.
               We have a motion for approval by Mr. Appleby.
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               MR. HAYDEN: Second.
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               CHAIRMAN: We've got a second by Mr. Hayden.
       All in favor raise your right hand.
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               (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
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               CHAIRMAN: Motion carries unanimously.
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       ITEM 9
       5380 Lee Rudy Road, 3.838 acres
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       Consider approval of minor subdivision plat.
       Applicant: Joe L. Rudy, Jr., et al.
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               MR. NOFFSINGER: Mr. Chairman, this plat comes
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       before you tonight because it does create a lot that
       will exceed the three to one depth to width ratio if
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       you expand its size. It's not creating an additional
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               CHAIRMAN: Somebody representing the
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       applicant?
               APPLICANT REP: Yes.
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       the applicant?
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               (NO RESPONSE)
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               CHAIRMAN: If not the chair is ready for a
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               MS. DIXON: Move to approve.
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               CHAIRMAN: Motion for approval by Ms. Dixon.
               MS. MOORMAN: Second.
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               CHAIRMAN: Second by Ms. Moorman. All in
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       favor raise your right hand.
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               (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.)
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               CHAIRMAN: Motion carries unanimously.
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       ITEM 10
       6194 Old Highway 54, 4700 Philpot Heights, 13.526
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       acres
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       Consider approval of minor subdivision plat.
       Applicant: Jackie W. & Susan Floyd
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               MR. NOFFSINGER: Mr. Chairman, this plat comes
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       before you. It does take an existing lot of record
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       and makes it larger. However, when you enlarge the
       lot it exceeds the three to one depth to width ratio.
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       However, we're not creating any additional tracts and
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1 it basically doesn't make the situation any worse or 2 really any better, but it was when the plat was approved there were lots today and it will be two lots 3 4 tomorrow. So with that we would grant approval. 5 CHAIRMAN: Any questions from anybody in the 6 audience? 7 (NO RESPONSE) 8 CHAIRMAN: Commission? 9 (NO RESPONSE) CHAIRMAN: If not the chair is ready for a 10 11 motion. MS. DIXON: Move to approve. 12 13 CHAIRMAN: Motion for approval by Ms. Dixon. 14 MR. HAYDEN: Second. 15 CHAIRMAN: Second by Mr. Hayden. All in favor raise your right hand. 16 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT RESPONDED AYE.) 17 18 CHAIRMAN: Motion carries unanimously. I believe we have one final motion. 19 MS. DIXON: Move to adjourn. 20 21 CHAIRMAN: Motion for adjournment by Ms. 22 Dixon. 23 MS. MOORMAN: Second. CHAIRMAN: Second by Ms. Moorman. All in 24 favor raise your right hand. 25

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I, LYNNETTE KOLLER FUCHS, Notary Public in and 3 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 electronically recorded and was thereafter, by me, 12 13 accurately and correctly transcribed into the 14 foregoing 45 typewritten pages; and that no signature 15 was requested to the foregoing transcript. WITNESS my hand and notary seal on this the 16 17 30th day of July, 2008. 18 19 LYNNETTE KOLLER FUCHS 20 OHIO VALLEY REPORTING SERVICES 202 WEST THIRD STREET, SUITE 12 21 OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY 42303 22 COMMISSION EXPIRES: DECEMBER 19, 2010 23 COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY 24 25