

Comments on April 26, 2018 Planning Commission agenda items, received through April 25

Item 8, Donelson Transit-Oriented Redevelopment Plan

From: Benton Smothers [mailto:bsmothers@holladayprop.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 4:19 PM

To: Planning Commissioners

Cc: Allen Arender; Leeman, Bob (Planning); Buechler, Jessica (Planning); Syracuse, Jeff (Council Member)

Subject: Planning Commission - Agenda Item 2018M-001OT-001 (Donelson TOD Plan)

Planning Commission:

As representatives for the ownership of Donelson Plaza, located within the proposed Donelson TOD boundary, we would like to voice our support for the substitute ordinance on this week's meeting agenda.

We've been working with both CM Syracuse and MDHA to offer our thoughts on the TOD plan, and we believe this plan will go a long way to guide and support private development efforts in the area, particularly as it relates to the use of tax increment financing to build workforce housing and public infrastructure to support multimodal transportation.

We also believe that both CM Syracuse and MDHA created a very transparent and welcoming process for public review and comment in their numerous public meetings over the last few months, and the general public feedback seemed to be positive after learning more about the plan specifics during those meetings.

We hope that you will agree with us and vote to approve this ordinance.

Sincerely,

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From: Ingrid McIntyre [mailto:ingrid.mcintyre@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 1:45 PM

To: Planning Commissioners

Subject: Please DEFER the Donelson Transit-Oriented Redevelopment Plan

Dear Commissioners,

As a supporter of Welcome Home! The Movement for Affordable Housing and a lifelong advocate for LOW INCOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING, I am writing to ask you to **defer the Donelson Transit Oriented Development District Plan**. It is critical that the plan include ALL of the recommendations from former Mayor Barry's Task Force on Transit and Affordable Housing.

The Task Force has created these recommendations for keeping housing affordable in transit areas. Please defer the vote on the Donelson TODD until ALL of these recommendations are included. Because the Donelson TODD will serve as template for the 18 TODDs to follow that will be developed in Metro Nashville, it is critical to take the time to get the first one right.

I am NOT against transit, but I AM for **HOUSING FIRST**. We have needed it, been advocating for it for YEARS.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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"This is the true joy of life, the being used up for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations." George Bernard Shaw

From: Floyd Shechter [mailto:floyd@smart-space.com]

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