

**AGENDA
URBAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
ZONING ITEMS PUBLIC HEARING**

May 26, 2016

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting will be called to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 2nd Floor LFUCG Government Center, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the April 14, 2016 and May 12, 2016, meeting will be considered at this time.
- III. **POSTPONEMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS** – Requests for postponement and withdrawal will be considered at this time.
- IV. **LAND SUBDIVISION ITEMS** - The Subdivision Committee met on Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was attended by Commission members: Frank Penn, Karen Mundy, Mike Owens, Will Berkley and Carolyn Plumlee. Committee members in attendance were: Hillard Newman, Division of Engineering; and Casey Kaucher, Division of Traffic Engineering. Staff members in attendance were: Bill Sallee; Tom Martin; Cheryl Gallt; Denice Bullock; Kelly Hunter; Dave Jarman; Debbie Woods; Captain Greg Lengal, Division of Fire & Emergency Services; and Tracy Jones and Andrea Brown, Department of Law. The Committee made recommendations on plans as noted.
- V. **ZONING ITEMS** - The Zoning Committee met on Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. to review zoning map amendments and Zoning Ordinance text amendments. The meeting was attended by Commission members Mike Cravens, David Drake, Carolyn Richardson, and Bill Wilson. The Committee members reviewed applications and made recommendations as noted.

A. ABBREVIATED PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS

The staff will call for objectors to determine which petitions are eligible for abbreviated hearings.

The procedure for these hearings is as follows:

- Staff Reports (30 minute maximum)
- Petitioner's report(s) (30 minute maximum)
- Citizen Comments
 - (a) proponents (10 minute maximum OR 3 minutes each)
 - (b) objectors (30 minute maximum) (3 minutes each)
- Rebuttal & Closing Statements
 - (a) petitioner's comments (5 minute maximum)
 - (b) citizen objectors (5 minute maximum)
 - (c) staff comments (5 minute maximum)
 - (d) Hearing closed and Commission votes on zone change petition and related plan(s)

B. FULL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ZONE MAP AMENDMENTS – Following abbreviated hearings, the remaining petitions will be considered.

The procedure for these hearings is as follows:

- Staff Reports (30 minute maximum)
- Petitioner's report(s) (30 minute maximum)
- Citizen Comments
 - (a) proponents (10 minute maximum OR 3 minutes each)
 - (b) objectors (30 minute maximum) (3 minutes each)
- Rebuttal & Closing Statements
 - (a) petitioner's comments (5 minute maximum)
 - (b) citizen objectors (5 minute maximum)
 - (c) staff comments (5 minute maximum)
- Hearing closed and Commission votes on zone change petition and related plan(s)

Note: Requests for additional time, stating the basis for the request, must be submitted to the staff no later than two days prior to the hearing. The Chair will announce its decision at the outset of the hearing.

1. LAIL INTERESTS, LLLP, ZONING MAP AMENDMENT & LAIL PROPERTY ZONING DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- a. **MAR 2016-7: LAIL INTERESTS, LLLP (6/5/16)*** – petition for a zone map amendment from an Agricultural Rural (A-R) zone to a Light Industrial (I-1) zone, for 3.20 net (6.98 gross) acres, for property located at 1551 Greendale Road.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND PROPOSED USE

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cessful, accessible neighborhoods, and preserving the unique Bluegrass landscape that has made Lexington-Fayette County the Horse Capital of the World. In addition, the Plan encourages a mix of uses, housing types and/or residential densities; development in a compatible, compact and contiguous manner; support of infill and redevelopment opportunities; and provision of land for a diverse workforce.

The petitioner proposes a Light Industrial (I-1) zone in order to develop a "construction yard," which will consist of a small office and outdoor storage of construction materials. The site is currently occupied by a single-family residence and two accessory structures, but the structures are not occupied.

The Zoning Committee Recommended: **Approval**, for the reasons provided by staff.

The Staff Recommends: **Approval**, for the following reason(s):

1. A restricted Light Industrial (I-1) zone is appropriate, and the existing Agricultural Rural (A-R) is inappropriate for the subject location, for the following reasons:
 - a. The proposed rezoning of the subject property is compatible with the existing light industrial character of the immediate area, specifically land between the Norfolk Southern railroad to the west and the Georgetown Road corridor to the east, and between Spurr Road to the north and New Circle Road to the south.
 - b. From 1980 through 2007, the land use element of the Comprehensive Plan, specifically the land use map, has recommended light industrial future land use for the subject property. The proposal is in keeping with this historic recommendation for this location.
 - c. The property is adjacent to a very active railroad line that extends from the Tennessee state border to the Ohio River, and is bounded to the north by Spurr Road and to the east by Greendale Road. Because the site is bounded by right-of-way on all of its three sides, it is not able to be incorporated into any other surrounding development. Thus, the existing railroad serves as a strong land use buffer to the residential areas to the west.
 - d. The proposed light industrial use is a relatively low traffic generator for Greendale and Spurr Roads, which have received sporadic improvements since the area was brought into the Urban Service Area in 1980. Additional right-of-way or roadway improvements will facilitate truck traffic to and from this location.
 - e. The existing agricultural zoning is not appropriate because the site is no longer recommended for rural or agricultural protection; and the property is less than four acres in size, which is less than one-tenth the required lot size for the existing zone. These characteristics make the property undesirable for an agricultural use in the future.
2. This recommendation is made subject to the approval and certification of ZDP 2016-42: Lail Property, prior to forwarding a recommendation to the Urban County Council. This certification must be accomplished within two weeks of the Planning Commission's approval.
3. Under the provisions of Article 6-7 of the Zoning Ordinance, the following use restrictions are recommended via conditional zoning for the subject property:
PROHIBITED USES:
 - a. Establishments and lots for the display, rental, sale and repair of farm equipment, contractor equipment, automobiles, trucks, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, minibikes, motorcycles, bicycles, boats or supplies for such items.
 - b. Tire retreading or recapping.
 - c. Truck terminals and freight yards.
 - d. Automobile service stations.
 - e. Underground storage tanks for materials other than petroleum products.
 - f. Billboards, or advertising signs as defined in Article 17-3(b)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - g. Outdoor public address systems.
 - h. Grain drying, even when operated in a fully enclosed building.
 - i. The above-ground or below-ground storage for resale of any flammable or nonflammable gas or oxidizer in liquid or gaseous form, the storage of any empty container which contained any gas in any form, and the receiving of or dispensing of any gas in any form.
 - j. Concrete mixing and concrete products.
 - k. Commercial composting.
 - l. Helistops and heliports.
 - m. Mining of metallic and non-metallic minerals.

Prohibition of these uses in the I-1 zone is appropriate and necessary for the subject property for the following reasons:

1. The subject site is located near planned and existing residential uses.
2. The site lies within the confines of the Royal Spring Aquifer recharge area, which is defined as an environmentally sensitive area.
3. Light industrial zones have been similarly restricted in this immediate area by the Planning Commission in the past.

- b. ZDP 2016-42: LAIL PROPERTY (6/5/16)* - located at 1551 Greendale Road.

(EA Partners)

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The Subdivision Committee Recommended: **Postponement**. No tree inventory information has been submitted with this plan.

Should this plan be approved, the following requirements should be considered:

1. Provided the Urban County Council rezones the property I-1; otherwise, any Commission action of approval is null and void.
2. Urban County Engineer's acceptance of drainage, storm and sanitary sewers, and floodplain information.
3. Urban County Traffic Engineer's approval of parking, circulation, access, and street cross-sections.
4. Urban Forester's approval of tree inventory map.
5. Department of Environmental Quality's approval of environmentally sensitive areas.
6. Denote: No building permit shall be issued unless and until a final development plan is approved by the Planning Commission.
7. Denote: Review by the Royal Spring Aquifer Protection Committee shall be required at the time of Final Development Plan.
8. Dimension Spurr Road entrance shown on plan.
9. Provide exact road cross-section information from at least one location (denoting that location on plan).
10. Denote one-way vehicular circulation (with arrows) on drives.
11. Denote limits of outdoor storage uses on plan.
12. Identify non-buildable area associated with St. Claire Spring.
13. Discuss compliance with tree canopy requirement of Article 26.
14. Discuss possible improvements to Greendale and Spurr Roads.
15. Discuss connection to sanitary sewers.

2. **R. WALKER PROPERTIES, LLC, ZONING MAP AMENDMENT & AVON ACRES SUBDIVISION, LOT 2, ZONING DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

- a. MARV 2016-11: R. WALKER PROPERTIES, LLC (6/5/16)* – petition for a zone map amendment from an Agricultural Rural (A-R) zone to a Neighborhood Business (B-1) zone, for 0.59 net (0.67 gross) acre, for property located at 5569 Briar Hill Road. A dimensional variance has also been requested.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND PROPOSED USE

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The Rural Land Management Plan, an adopted element of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan, recommends 3.2 acres of Retail Land Use (Figure 3-9) for the Avon Rural Activity Center. The subject property is in that designated Rural Activity Center, and there is currently about 2.7 acres of land in Avon located in a Neighborhood Business (B-1) zone.

The petitioner proposes a Neighborhood Business (B-1) zone for the subject property in order to remove a non-conforming use from the existing Agricultural Rural (A-R) zone. This location has been used for a convenience store and as a restaurant in the past, with its associated off-street parking.

The Zoning Committee Recommended: **Approval**, for the reasons provided by staff.

The Staff Recommends: **Approval**, for the following reasons:

1. The requested zone change from an Agricultural Rural (A-R) zone to a Neighborhood Business (B-1) zone is in agreement with the 1999 Rural Land Management Plan, an adopted element of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan, for these reasons:
 - a. The Rural Land Management Plan recommends 3.2 acres of Retail future land use for the Avon Rural Activity Center. B-1 zoning for the subject property, even including an unusable floodplain area on the northern ½ of the site, would result in a total of about 3.3 acres of land in a Neighborhood Business (B-1) zone in this RAC, counting other existing B-1 zoned parcels.
 - b. The proposed B-1 zone can be utilized to implement the Plan's future land use recommendation for this Rural Activity Center. It is the only zone in this vicinity that permits a retail use.
 - c. The subject property is not served by typical urban services such as sanitary sewers, storm sewers, or curb/gutter/sidewalks; but it is generally in character with other properties in this Rural Activity Center, due to its age and limited commercial use in the past.
 - d. The 1988, 1996 and 2001 Comprehensive Plans have specifically recommended Retail Trade and Personal Services land use for the subject property in the past.

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2. This recommendation is made subject to approval and certification of ZDP 2016-44: Avon Acres Subdivision, Lot 2, prior to forwarding a recommendation to the Urban County Council. This certification must be accomplished within two weeks of the Planning Commission's approval.
3. Under the provisions of Article 6-7 of the Zoning Ordinance, the following use restrictions shall apply to the subject property:
 - a. Prohibited Uses:
 1. Drive-through facilities.
 2. The sale or provision of wine, beer or alcoholic beverages, other than by the drink.
 3. Live entertainment and/or dancing.
 4. Cocktail lounges, brew-pubs and nightclubs.
 5. Automobile service stations.
 6. Sale of firearms other than by federally licensed manufacturers, importers or dealers.
 8. Car washing establishments.
 9. Automobile and vehicle refueling stations.
 - b. Other Use Restrictions:
 1. Any outdoor lighting shall be shielded and directed away from any adjacent residential uses.
 2. Lighting attached to a pole or any structure shall be a maximum of twelve (12) feet in height.
 3. Any free-standing sign erected shall be a maximum of fifteen (15) feet in height, and shall be indirectly illuminated, if illuminated at all.

These use restrictions are appropriate and necessary for the subject property to ensure greater compliance with the 2013 Comprehensive Plan's requirements, and to prevent the possibility that uses at this location could disrupt activities on nearby residential and agricultural-rural properties in and near the Avon Rural Activity Center.

b. REQUESTED VARIANCES

Eliminate the zone-to-zone perimeter landscaping requirements.

The Staff Recommends: **Postponement of the requested landscaping variance**, for the following reasons:

1. The Landscape Review Committee is scheduled to meet on May 12, 2016, and may choose to make a substantive recommendation on the requested landscaping variances at that meeting.

c. ZDP 2016-44: AVON ACRES SUBDIVISION, LOT 2 (6/5/16)* - located at 5569 Briar Hill Road.

(EA Partners)

The Subdivision Committee Recommended: **Approval**, subject to the following conditions:

1. Provided the Urban County Council rezones the property B-1; otherwise, any Commission action of approval is null and void.
2. Urban County Engineer's acceptance of drainage, storm and sanitary sewers, and floodplain information.
3. Urban County Traffic Engineer's approval of parking, circulation, access, and street cross-sections.
4. Urban Forester's approval of tree inventory map.
5. Denote 25' floodplain setback on plan.
6. Reference current FEMA map on plan.
7. Denote floodplain elevation on plan.
8. Denote that this plan shall comply with Article 19 of the Zoning Ordinance.
9. Addition of pavement and gravel information between front of building and Briar Hill Road.
10. Addition of street cross-section for Briar Hill Road.
11. Resolve compliance with Article 18 and possible landscape variance.
12. Resolve plan status (preliminary vs. final).

3. **WHAYNE SUPPLY COMPANY ZONING MAP AMDENDMENT & WHAYNE SUPPLY ZONING DEVELOPEMENT PLAN**

- a. MAR 2016-15: WHAYNE SUPPLY COMPANY (7/3/16)*— petition for a zone map amendment from an Agricultural Urban (A-U) zone to a Light Industrial (I-1) zone, for 1.47 net (2.03 gross) acres, for property located at 2201 Georgetown Road.

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The petitioner proposes a Light Industrial (I-1) zone in order to develop a 1½-acre lot into a light industrial use, with associated off-street parking.

The Zoning Committee Recommended: **Approval**, for the reasons provided by the staff.

The Staff Recommends: **Approval**, for the following reasons:

1. The requested Light Industrial (I-1) zone is appropriate and the existing Agricultural Urban (A-U) zone is no longer appropriate for the subject property, for the following reasons:
 - a. The 2013 Plan's Theme C: "Creating Jobs and Prosperity" identifies the need to protect and provide readily available economic development land to meet the need for jobs. This A-U zone is not appropriate for job creation.
 - b. The proposed I-1 zone is better able to fulfill the goal of increasing opportunities for employment locations within the Urban County.
 - c. The west side of the Georgetown Road corridor is primarily industrial in nature, and a significant portion of the land between Georgetown Road and the Norfolk-Southern railroad line, between New Circle Road and Spurr Road, is prime "jobs land" that is either developed or is in the process of being developed; thus, demand does exist for light industrial zoning and land use in the immediate area.
 - d. The proposed Light Industrial (I-1) zone is appropriate and is compatible with the adjoining zoning and land uses.
 - e. The subject property has been recommended for Light Industrial land use for the past four decades.
2. This recommendation is made subject to the approval and certification of ZDP 2016-51: Whayne Supply, prior to forwarding a recommendation to the Urban County Council. This certification must be accomplished within two weeks of the Planning Commission's approval.
3. Under the provisions of Article 6-7 of the Zoning Ordinance, the following use restriction(s) should be put into effect for the subject property:
 - a. No lighting may be directed toward any adjacent property located in either an Agricultural or Residential zone.

This restriction is necessary to prevent any intrusion of light from this industrial site to non-industrial locations along US 25.

- b. ZDP 2016- 51: WHAYNE SUPPLY (7/3/16)* - located at 2201 Georgetown Road. **(Arnold Consultants)**

The Subdivision Committee Recommended: **Postponement**. There are questions regarding the proposed access to the subject site, and the possible incorporation of this development with the adjoining property.

Should this plan be approved, the following requirements should be considered:

1. Provided the Urban County Council rezones the property I-1; otherwise, any Commission action of approval is null and void.
2. Urban County Engineer's acceptance of drainage, storm and sanitary sewers, and floodplain information.
3. Urban County Traffic Engineer's approval of parking, circulation, access, and street cross-sections.
4. Urban Forester's approval of tree inventory map.
5. Department of Environmental Quality's approval of environmentally sensitive areas.
6. Denote: No building permit shall be issued unless and until a final development plan is approved by the Planning Commission.
7. Addition of building coverage and floor area site statistics, as required by Article 21-6(b)(13) of the Zoning Ordinance.
8. Addition of tree inventory and species information, as required by Article 26 of the Zoning Ordinance.
9. Addition of adjoining property owner's information on plan.
10. Denote existing and proposed (requested) zoning in site statistics.
11. Denote that protection measures for the Royal Spring Aquifer shall be determined at the time of the Final Development Plan.
12. Discuss expanding the plan to include the proposed and the approved adjoining development.
13. Discuss access to adjoining development per notes #11 and #12.

C. FULL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

1. ZOTA 2016-1: AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 7, 23, AND 26 FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS – petition for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Articles 7, 23, and 26 to strengthen oversight by the Urban County Board of Adjustment for the protection of environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) within the community.

INITIATED BY: Urban County Planning Commission

PROPOSED TEXT: *COPIES OF TEXT ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST*

The Zoning Committee Recommended: **Referral** to the full Commission.

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The Staff Recommends: **Approval**, for the following reasons:

1. The proposed text amendment will help to guide the Board of Adjustment in their review of conditional use permit applications, specifically for properties that may be environmentally sensitive and could be impacted by a future land use, and will strengthen the Board's oversight of our environmentally sensitive land in Fayette County.
 2. The 2013 Comprehensive Plan's Goals and Objectives related to protection of environmentally sensitive land are advanced by implementing the proposed text amendments. If approved, the Board of Adjustment will be able to assist in promoting the protection of natural features and landscapes prior to development (Theme A, Goal #3c. and Theme B, Goal #3a.); reducing the community's carbon footprint (Theme B, Goal #1); encouraging environmentally sustainable uses of natural resources (Theme B, Goal #1b.); and protecting and enhancing the natural, cultural, historic, and environmental resources of the Rural Service Area and rural farmland (Theme E, Goal #2b.).
 3. The proposed text amendment will correct outdated references to the Land Subdivision Regulations as it relates to environmentally sensitive areas and geologic hazard areas.
2. ZOTA 2016-2: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 23A-5 TO ALLOW SCHOOLS FOR ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION IN THE EAR-1 ZONE – petition for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to allow schools for academic instruction as a principal use in the Expansion Area Residential-1 (EAR-1) zone.

REQUESTED BY: Christian Academy of the Bluegrass, Inc.

PROPOSED TEXT: (Note: Text underlined is an addition, and text ~~stricken through~~ is a deletion to the current Zoning Ordinance.)

ARTICLE 23A – EXPANSION AREAS ZONING CATEGORIES AND RESTRICTIONS

23A-5 EXPANSION AREA RESIDENTIAL 1 (EAR-1) ZONE

23A-5(b)Principal Uses

1. Single family, two-family, multi-family, and town house dwellings.
2. Community Residences.
3. Golf Courses and common open spaces.
4. Churches and Sunday schools, with or without associated child care, in locations where the Comprehensive Plan recommends semi-public uses.
5. Schools for academic instruction.

The Zoning Committee Recommended: **Referral** to the full Commission.

The Staff Recommends: **Approval of the Staff Alternative Text**, for the following reasons:

1. The proposed text amendment to the Expansion Area Residential 1 (EAR-1) zone is a timely revision to update the ordinance to be consistent with the 2013 Comprehensive Plan which no longer recommends" semi-public" land uses.
2. The amendment will also permit more flexibility and will encourage dual and efficient use of church properties, when they are in close proximity to larger collector/boulevard or arterial streets, as designated by the Expansion Area Master Plan.
3. By allowing schools for academic instruction as an accessory use to a church on the same property, the proposed text amendment would allow for a church or other religious assembly use to efficiently utilize their facilities throughout the week without increasing any burden on the public infrastructure directly adjacent to a collector street, which will promote a safe and a more desirable development.

VI. COMMISSION ITEMS

- A. PFR 2016-1: UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND WUKY 91.3 FM – a public facility review of the University of Kentucky's occupancy of property at 2640 Spurr Road as the broadcasting facility for its public radio station and the School of Music's recording facility.

VII. STAFF ITEMS – The staff will report at the meeting.

- A. APA AUDIO CONFERENCE – "2015 Planning Law Review," to be held in the Division of Planning (Phoenix Building) conference room on Wednesday, June 29, from 4:00 till 5:30 p.m., good for 1.5 training credits. Please let Planning know by the close of business (5:00) Tuesday, June 28, if you plan to attend.

B. Zoning Enforcement Activity Report

A total of 61 new zoning compliance complaints were handled in April. When combined with the 38 unresolved cases carried over from March, a total of 99 cases were investigated. Just two of the new cases were determined to not involve any valid zoning compliance concerns. A total of 61 cases were resolved, meaning that necessary actions were taken by a property

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owner or occupant to fix a zoning compliance problem. During April 42 conditional uses were inspected, and all were determined to be in substantial compliance.

Nearly 50% of the new cases in April related to illegal signage and sight triangle issues. A sight triangle is the unobstructed window of sight that has to be maintained at street intersections to maintain adequate driver visibility for safety purposes. Common obstructions, especially during spring, are overgrown bushes and tree limbs. While in most cases it is an easy fix, property owners are often slow to respond to requests for vegetation to be trimmed. Since this is a serious public safety issue staff is very diligent and persistent in efforts to get these properties into compliance quickly.

Recurring problems with landscaping and roofing businesses operating out of residential areas continued throughout April. Neighborhoods can be adversely impacted by these activities due to the type and number of business vehicles involved, equipment and materials storage, and having a particular location serve as a staging area, with employees reporting for work, etc. Documenting the employee aspect of these situations is especially challenging, and often requires extended hours of surveillance by staff in unmarked vehicles.

B. Long Range Planning Activity Report

Winburn and Russell Cave Neighborhoods Small Area Plan – Staff and consultants hosted an advisory committee meeting and provided draft recommendations in advance of the final public input meeting on May 9th.

Greenspace Commission – Staff and the Commission went on a field trip to visit three locations in Lexington in order to take a closer look at different types of greenspace and how they can be incorporated into the Open Space Regulations.

Rural Land Management Plan – Staff and the RLMP board met to discuss the upcoming update to the Rural Land Management Plan. They reviewed the goals, objectives, and recommendations made in the 1996 RLMP.

Oxford Circle Feasibility Study – Staff and consultants presented the findings from the Oxford Circle Redevelopment Feasibility Study to the Council Planning and Public Safety Committee.

Gehl's Public Spaces Study – Staff attended a Knight Foundation sponsored training and presentation from Gehl Architects who had conducted a study on Lexington's downtown public spaces. The study, funded by a Knight Foundation grant, assessed and made suggestions for how to capitalize on Lexington's public spaces, their amenities, their flaws, as well as their connection to each other.

University of Kentucky – Staff made a presentation to UK's Martin School of Public Policy and Administration about the history and outcomes of planning in Lexington. The seminar of visiting Korean professional is led by Dr. Doo-Oak Kim, Director of the International Public Policy and Management Institute at the Martin School.

General Work Activities – Using GIS, and Census data, staff created maps and data sets for the Urban County Council, other LFUCG Departments, and agencies and officials outside the government. Staff also attended LFUCG-sponsored trainings and Webinars.

- VIII. AUDIENCE ITEMS** – Citizens may bring a planning related matter before the Commission at this time for general discussion or future action. Items that will NOT be heard are those requiring the Commission's formal action, such as zoning items for early re-hearing, map or text amendments; subdivision or development plans, etc. These last mentioned items must be filed in advance of this meeting in conformance with the adopted filing schedule.

IX. MEETING DATES FOR May, 2016

Subdivision Committee, Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Planning Division Office (101 East Vine Street).....	June 2, 2016
Zoning Committee, Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Planning Division Office (101 East Vine Street).....	June 2, 2016
Subdivision and ND-1 Items Public Meeting, Thursday, 1:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Council Chambers.....	June 9, 2016
Technical Committee, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., Planning Division Office (101 East Vine Street).....	June 29, 2016
Zoning Items Public Hearing, Thursday, 1:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Council Chambers.....	June 23, 2016
Unofficial Work Session, Thursday, 1:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Council Chambers.....	June 30, 2016

X. ADJOURNMENT

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