



City Council

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Packet Addendum #1

From: [tamar krantz](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: The Revitalization Commission Update and 2024 work plan -- request on parking locations.
Date: Monday, July 29, 2024 4:56:38 PM

Dear City Council Members,

Thanks for sharing the Revitalization Commission Update and 2024 work plan on your agenda.

LRC had lots of wonderful projects planned in 2023 and I hope that many of these are carried over into their new workplan. I am especially excited about the improvements to the Steinbaugh Pavilion area!

The 2023 work plan potential priority included "improving sports complex parking to provide additional downtown parking". I assume that this is being carried forward since the South Street underpass plans are moving along. Can you please maintain the sports complex parking footprint without encroaching upon open space? I understand that you and LRC are working hard to eliminate blight in the DELO area. Please look for blighted areas that can be repurposed for parking instead of open space.

Thanks,
Tamar Krantz

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From: [Ann](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Christopher Leh](#)
Subject: input for 7/30 discussion of fire hardening codes
Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 10:59:37 AM

Dear Mayor Leh and City Council Members:

I can't be at tonight's meeting, but I urge you to move forward with the recommendations from Mr. Zucarro and Mr. Root about fire hardening and WUI codes. I appreciate all the work that has gone into the excellent presentation and report that are included in tonight's packet.

I believe that requiring Home Hardening measures for the whole City is the minimum we should do now. We know that embers from the Marshall Fire penetrated well into the City, igniting unexpected areas. I spoke with several fire responders at a public meeting after the MF who said they were preparing themselves to **lose all of Louisville** if the wind had not died down that night. It's imperative we start to prepare the entire City for the potential of future wildfires, which continue to occur in our area.

I also believe the more extensive WUI requirements are critical, at least on the west side of town. Those of us in the MF area are watching with dismay as houses are being rebuilt with cedar fences, junipers, and other flammable landscaping. These materials are proven conductors of wildfire, especially in wind-driven situations. I know this will be a harder lift, so maybe it can be a staged policy implementation. It will have to be matched with funding to help residents from some grant or incentive. At the very least we should remove any requirement for wood fencing in any part of the City.

We should also pursue collaboration with Wildfire Partners and other relevant programs aggressively. Voluntary actions of homeowners, contractors, and landscapers can impact existing housing stock that is not coming through the code process. I know this will take staff time and resources, which I urge you to allocate.

It has been well documented that implementing fire-ready measures is beginning to attract the attention of insurers, which will be crucial to the economic vitality of our region in the future.

I have communicated previously with Council (see emails from 11/1/23 and 4/21/24 in the packet) on this topic. In those emails I was focused primarily on spec homes being built in the MF area. At the time some of us felt strongly that we were missing the opportunity to impact the 500+ new houses that would be rebuilt, and that targeting spec homes was perhaps the easiest and fastest way to capture a portion of that opportunity. Now that the area is mostly rebuilt or under construction and that opportunity is behind us, we should turn our attention to the whole City. These code changes will help ensure the safety and sustainability of our community.

I respectfully ask you to direct City staff to pursue these policy changes and provide adequate staff time and resources to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

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