

Urban Government Center online comment submissions

The public comments in this document were collected from April 12 to June 9. They are in response to Louisville Metro Government's Solicitation of Interest for the redevelopment of the Urban Government Center. Five proposals by development teams named Lifestyle Communities, The Marian Group, Steve Smith, Underhill and Weyland answered the Solicitation of Interest.

- 1. The proposals look great, but what we do not need is a plan with a lot of parking lots. We need more walking/biking infrastructure in this city. Anything that adds more green space, mixed use residential/retail is a win. The Lifestyle Communities proposal has the right idea, hiding the parking garages and adding in retail on the ground floor, and flats above. The Marion Group proposal is the worst, there's more parking than anything else. However, I feel that the Steve Smith proposal has the best of both worlds, enough green, enough parking to satisfy everyone, and enough retail/mixed use buildings.
- 2. Lifestyle Communities seems to have the best proposal.
- 3. First, as someone who lives just a couple blocks from this site, I am very happy with all of these proposals. I trust that Louisville Forward is looking into market demand for housing, apartments and hotels at the particular rates being offered, as well as the developers' ability to finance their grand plans. I would fear development that falls short of goals or sits unoccupied. However, I strongly support a mixed-use development. My top choice is the proposal of Underhill Associates. My husband and I are about to have our first child, so the addition of child care, as well as an organic grocery store, green space and dining, to this proposal is appealing. I also like Steve Smith's vision for integrating this development with the neighboring Paristown Pointe development and inclusion of the arts community.
- 4. There were so many positives about each proposal. I find that I am most drawn to the proposal by Steve Smith. It includes residential living, retail space and the arts. The nearby businesses of Louisville Stoneware and The Cafe will and should be incorporated. It blends in with the historic area but doesn't look boring. (The Marian, while exciting on paper, does not work well with the historic surroundings.) The important topic of neighborhood safety is addressed through The Salon. I believe this proposal is the right fit for our community. Being at the crossroads of several historic areas requires that it is designed for many purposes. It must celebrate the history of our city while addressing the needs of modern living. (That includes allotting space for nonprofit groups.) I'm excited to see this happen.

- 5. A public library has the ability to fulfill many of the criteria listed in these proposals. As a member of the community, a supporter of the Louisville Free Public Library, and an advocate for education and workforce development, I would be in favor of a proposal that includes adequate space for a branch of the Louisville Free Public Library.
- 6. The former Urban Government Center would be an excellent location for a branch of the Public Library. The building is a great location for serving a large and diverse segment of the Louisville community and allow for expanded programming.
- 7. I hope that whichever plan is selected will contain space for a new Shelby Branch Library. Their space in the Mid-City Mall is inadequate. I frequently attend events at other libraries and am so impressed with both the Southwest and Fairdale branches. I hope something like these two can be done at the former Urban Government Center site.
- 8. In the summaries I have seen in newspapers, only the Underhill plan seems to indicate an interest in a public library branch. Most proposals are just more apartments, condos and shops. Underhill also would provide much needed student and senior housing, day care services, and a grocery. These would improve the quality of life in our community much more than just adding more apartments, condos, and restaurants. I urge the Mayor and Council to accept the Underhill proposal.
- 9. At first I was overwhelmed with the urban density of the proposals. I guess I really did not comprehend how big a property it is. I live a block away from UGC on Vine Street. I was first against tearing down the hospital but once I saw what it could be, the hospital might need to go. I just hope some of the material can be reused in other projects. I like Steve Smith's bold design and since he owns a lot of property around the UGC, I think he can get the job done. I liked the Marian Group's large walk way that they proposed. LC's urban buildings looked pretty cool. I liked Underhill's grocery store idea but not the idea of reusing the hospital for senior living. Weyland's idea of recreating the city block design instead of a super block is interesting. It could work out real well. I am hoping on what ever is done, it can integrate well the Steve Smith's plans for Paristown.
- 10. I believe the space should be used for the building of a new library for the Highlands neighborhood.
- 11. I thought the proposals were very interesting, but I thought a gigantic proposal was overlooked. I strongly urge the relocation of the Highlands branch Library be added to the list. Louisville has a terrific Library system and here is an opportunity to expand upon that treasure. Please consider a library branch for Paristown Pointe.
- 12. Of the proposed projects under consideration, I favor Marian Development Group and Weyland Ventures. The mixed use, especially multi-generational (Weyland), green space and use of tax credits for financing are positives plus they both are local, and have proven to be responsible, reliable and reputable. One thing I would like to see added to each of their plans is library space that could accommodate a potential relocation of the Highlands Shelby Park branch. A library would be a perfect complement to both the inter-generational approach proposed by Weyland and the potential Family Scholar House proposed by Marian. The artist component of Louisville Stoneware would also be a good fit in the community, but the description of their proposed project lacks the specificity that I find in the other two.

- 13. I am writing in support of dedicating space in the Urban Government Center site for public library expansion. Strong libraries are vital for maintaining strong communities. The library provides many important programs for citizens of all ages. Louisville is way behind cities of similar size in the amount of space allotted for libraries and the number of books available per capita.
- 14. The Underhill proposal seems to contain the largest number of public goods, including the library and housing for seniors. Developers want to put in maximum numbers of high end housing units, but the city should try to retain a diversity of uses, including significant low cost housing, and genuine public goods that serve more than the immediate residents (such as a library with an auditorium). It is hard to tell where lower cost housing fits into the plans overall, though it is presumably attached to tax credits or other subsidies. The emphasis on single family homes in the fifth option listed, Weyland, seems misguided and backwards looking for an area that keeps open a different set of space options. Whether a grocery store or collection of shops under one roof would be best for the Underhill plan would relate partly to the number of new residents. The ideas of a multi-boutique collection of artists-- how well is the Mellwood Arts Center doing? Some amount of the space might also be let revert to a green pocket with native trees. There should be plans for trees to be planted in all developments, given Louisville's ranking as low in green canopy. My own preference would be for repurposing existing structures if they have even relatively little architectural merit. It clearly takes creativity for the developers to build in the massive contingency of not knowing whether buildings can be gut-rehabbed, but the existing buildings allow for a similar scale of building to be envisioned. Space for public transit and bicycle use should be encouraged.
- 15. I am pleased that the library is looking at options for relocating its Highlands- Shelby Park branch. This certainly needs to happen. I am a frequent user of the library and find the Mid City Mall location very off putting. It is depressing to go there. However I do not see the Barret Avenue location as a preferable option. It is too close to the main library for starters and not at all centrally located for the patrons. Barret Ave itself is not appealing. The cost of rehab for turning the site into a library would be astronomical. In my opinion the library patrons in this area should have a building that is as upscale and appropriate as the new libraries in other parts of the city and the existing St Matthews and Crescent Hill facilities.
- 16. I am very much in favor of the redevelopment plans, in particular the proposal by Underhill Associates because it includes plans for a library. All of the plans contemplate building a new community whole cloth. A library goes a long way toward attracting people to the area and encouraging them to hang around. I am in favor of a proposal that includes adequate space for a branch of the Louisville Free Public Library.
- 17. Strongly support location of a library in this location. The current branch off Bardstown Road is inadequate for the residential needs of that area.
- 18. I would very much like to see a new branch of the Louisville Free Public Library at the Urban Government Center site.
- 19. The proposals all look interesting and would require more knowledge than I have about which would best serve our community. However, I think the most important criterion

for any adopted development serve the quality of life in the community buy including a new, especially designed Shelby Park-Highlands library. The current site of the Shelby-Highlands library in the Mid-City Mall is entirely unhealthy, inadequate, and problematic. The library smells of mold and dirt. The mall attracts drug addicts and sellers and drunks who can easily make a stop there. It is not designed to accommodate the variety of programs that should be provided by a public library. It does not belong to the city but is leased space, and so any refurbishing is limited. Maintenance of the quality of life in this area of town is important to the whole city. A modern, stand-alone library that belongs to the city and has space outside for activities would be a great addition to the all of the surrounding neighborhoods including Germantown, Butchertown, NuLu, Shelby Park and all the Highlands neighborhoods.

20. We have a great need for more housing density and more affordable housing in the heart of the city. With the general affluence of the Original Highlands and the terrific plans for development in Paristown, this site is certain to become a popular place to live. Please weigh heavily the importance of our needier citizens and make sure that the winning proposal is a truly mixed-use space. I am encouraged by the Marian Group's proposal for providing housing for the elderly and designating space for the Family Scholar House, but the devil is truly in the details.

The comments from this point on were submitted after the meeting on April 17 when development teams presented their proposals to the public.

- 21. I read all of the proposals and went to public meeting to listen to their comments. I came out not liking any of them. Each one had good elements, for example Underhill with the public library. In essence they were all too busy and tried to cram in so many items in one space. The proposals do not adequately address the number one need in the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government 2015 2019 Consolidated Plan which is affordable housing. The plans do not increase the supply of affordable housing to decrease the high incidence of housing cost burden in these areas. I think all the developers need the sit down, talk together with leaders of Develop Louisville to combine the good elements in each plan and consolidate them into another plan to present to the public.
- 22. I am a homeowner in the neighborhood near the proposed development. I attended the open meeting on April 17 at the library and heard all of the proposals. I liked the Marian Group and Underhill proposals the best. They both include ideas that would enhance the existing neighborhood and not transform it into something completely different.
- 23. I absolutely loved the layout and idea behind Marian. My biggest complaint was that I would have like to have seen more apartments available, the area could use these as outside of renting a house there are not many great apartments available nearby. I discourage a hotel as well; I know it can bring in revenue but the neighborhood is such a friendly, walk your dog talk to your neighbor type of area that I feel that outside of a very small hotel, a hotel would detract from that. The Lifestyles proposal would probably be my favorite at this point; I feel they put together a strong plan and proposal that would benefit the neighborhood greatly. I feel like the layout is a bit brick heavy

- and would love to see a little more greenery in their plan. The Paristown proposal I feel really connects with the neighborhood but I feel like the Atlantis like structure doesn't fit in with the area. I also don't like that the centerpiece of the design is a structure which will host business offices in one building and a hotel in the other.
- 24. I would like to promote the proposal that the Louisville Free Public Library develop this site relocation of the Highlands Shelby Park Branch. The current branch is robust but a) lacks visibility in the community due to being an interior tenant at the Mid-City Mall, b) lacks room for expansion, which is crucial since it has a continuously growing collection that is restrained by space considerations, c) lacks the amenities for public interaction that light from natural sources and space to congregate help foster, and d) lacks some physical access to residents who live in the Smoketown/Shelby Park area who might not have reliable transportation; this would move the branch to a more centrally located for those communities while still maintaining proximity to Germantown/Highlands areas.
- 25. Even though I live in the south end, I have visited the Highlands Shelby Park branch. I know firsthand how that branch could benefit from more space and a better layout. I fervently hope that you will allocate space in the redevelopment plan for a public library. A library fulfills many of the criteria that I'm sure the city is looking to address. As a resident of Louisville and a visitor to many of the Metro's libraries, I'm in favor of a proposal that includes adequate space for a branch of the Louisville Free Public Library.
- 26. I really enjoyed the Paristown LLC proposal by Steve Smith! I thought it sounded like the most practical and well-thought-out proposal of the whole group. I could tell they were really committed to improving the neighborhood and surrounding area. Based on their connection with Louisville Stoneware, I know that they have experience working with the neighborhood, and I believe they are the natural choice for redeveloping the Urban Government Center. Louisville is in need of an arts and culture district. There are few areas around town that support the arts, but there is not yet a centralized location for these people to call their own. I think Lifestyle Communities from Columbus is at a huge disadvantage because they do not know the area. I would be worried that they would focus more on the development itself than the surrounding neighborhood. I did not think the Underhill Associates group did a great job with their presentation. They seemed a bit unprepared and their plan did not seem to be as well thought out as the others. I would fear that they would be splitting their resources and time between the new development and their current establishments. As for the Weyland Ventures group, I didn't feel there was anything special about their proposal. It seemed as though it would just be another modern development similar to those they have already completed. Overall, the Paristown LLC/Steve Smith proposal stood out amongst the others. I believe it has true potential for creating a fresh, new environment in a neighborhood that has been so long forgotten.
- 27. I believe this site would be best used as a location for a library. This would be best for the neighborhood and Metro as well. I have voted in every election since 1976.
- 28. Out of all of the proposals for the Urban Government Center redevelopment, I liked Steve Smith's the best. In talking to a few of my friends who live in the area, it seems as though he has been very involved in making sure that the neighborhood residents get what they want. The other developers have not been as proactive in gathering feedback

- from the neighbors. I think the city and neighborhood could benefit from the arts and culture district that is laid out in Steve's plan. I think his connection with Louisville Stoneware will aid in the development's success. Overall, I thought Steve's plan was different and refreshing. We don't need another NuLu or Germantown, etc. We need something that will be unique and draw people to the area.
- 29. I did not get to attend the meeting the other night, but I read through the plans thoroughly. All of the plans have some similar ideas. The one that stood out to me was the plan presented by Steve Smith. I used to live in the Paristown area, and I am not far from it now. Since I can remember, it has always been a forgotten area of town. All of the plans talk of revitalizing the area, but I believe Steve Smith's plan will be the most successful. There are so many new and unique aspects of the plan that will really add a lot to the city of Louisville. As for the other groups, I feel like the Marian Group mainly focused on their previous projects in other areas of the state, and not enough on their plans for the Urban Government Center. They were a little vague. With the Underhill group, I really worry about that the redevelopment will be another flop like Westport Village. They seem to have experience with redevelopment projects, but this makes me worry about where they will get the funding and if they will be able to support having something else on their plate. As for the Weyland Group, I am worried about their partnership with the Norton Commons developer. Norton Commons is a completely different concept and idea, and I think a similar development would not fit in or be successful in the Paristown area. I honestly kind of wrote off the Lifestyle Communities group. Their proposal was extremely brief compared to the others and their plan did not seem cohesive. I was a little lost when reading it. As a native Louisvillian and active supporter of the neighborhood, I urge the committee to take each plan in to careful consideration. I think that Steve Smith's plan has the most to offer.
- 30. I was impressed by all proposals and excited that all teams would devote so much time, energy, and effort into revitalizing an area of town that is so culturally important to our city. But, the proposal that I believe best encompasses the goals the Paristown neighborhood while masterfully integrating the concepts of life, art, and economics is the submission created by Steve Smith. After reading through his proposal I found a sincere dedication to preserving the cultural heritage of Paristown (an extremely important facet during today's mindset of historic forgetfulness). This coupled with forward thinking economic engines in the forms of class A office space and smaller shops create an area that promises financial fortitude with a nod to the past. He seems like someone who has a truer emotional investment in "place" than some of the other entries. Has my vote 100%.
- 31. I have lived in various locations around Louisville throughout my life. I was born and raised here and have seen the city flourish over the past 70 years. It is truly a new city when compared to what it was like back in my childhood days. As a teacher for the Jefferson County Public School system, I am passionate about improving our city's education system. In recent developments around the city, I have not seen anyone do much to incorporate children's education. I believe the Urban Government Center redevelopment is a perfect opportunity to make a push for education. Especially in the area, which is near West Louisville, education is all the more important and in need of

improvement. For this reason, I was most impressed by Steve Smith's plan and presentation. I loved the portion where he discusses how Paristown will be a "Place to Learn, Create and Play." None of the other plans have a real cohesive plan to improve education in the region. The Marian Group's plan mentions a connection to the Family Scholar House, but this is not something that will directly impact the education of the children in the area. The Underhill Group also mentioned "youth engagement," but does not provide a plan for offering any education to the children. Steve Smith directly mentions a partnership with JCPS in his plan. I think this is genius! JCPS needs a partner who is interested in the city's future and success. The children of Jefferson County are the future of our city, and if we do not put their education first, we are not setting ourselves up for longevity and success in the years to come.

- 32. As a resident that lives in very close proximity to this development (less than 100 yards) I want to say that the majority of the proposals look like soon to be failed projects. The way in which most of the developers approached the site, which in their defense they were responding to public input, is much more reminiscent of a suburban style super development site then a tasteful urban infill project. I will attempt to put some points to this. The Paristown Point development model is failed from day one because of the unnecessary office space it creates. I believe that including small professional suits, or a shared office space (regus model), or some co-working space would fit the texture of the neighborhood. The reality is that our CBD Class A office space vacancy rate can't support this product. The retail components of the site should fit the texture of what is already there. That being retail at the hard corners (E. Breckinridge & Barret, Vine & Barret) and along Barrett Ave. and limited retail along Vine. Most of the proposals attempt to draw people into the site, as opposed to making the site fit naturally into the neighborhood. (My opinion and experience is that this does not work). I would have liked to seen more discussion of making E. Breckinridge 2-way west of Barret. If not 2way at least some traffic calming measures such as a protected bike lane and parking on both sides of the street. While I believe that multi-family is needed, and townhomes could be made to fit the neighborhood, I would like to see some single family detached homes (with accessory dwelling units if feasibly) as that is the basic fabric of the neighborhood. Love the idea of a library and public park on the site. But this should not be on the back of the developer. The city should control this process. I understand that your hands are tied as a government entity, but would like to see much more discussion of what a successful development would look like (not the typical public feedback of buzzwords) but would we as a city like to see this as a distinct development site separate from the context of the neighborhood, or would we like to see this as a seamless transition back into what the site was originally developed as.
- 33. After going through all of the plans that the groups submitted for the Urban Development Center redevelopment, I am most in favor of the plan presented by Louisville Stoneware's owner Steve Smith. Honestly, it seemed like the most thought out and detailed plan of the group. I loved the incorporation of the name and history of the neighborhood. History of places in Louisville can easily be lost when they are redeveloped, but I believe Steve Smith will preserve the neighborhood's past. I also believe Steve has a great understanding of the city, more specifically the neighborhood.

Louisville Stoneware has been located in that area for many, many years. Since Steve has acquired ownership, I have seen it flourish. He has added a modern touch, while still preserving the essential historic aspects of the business. I believe that is an idea that he will use when redeveloping the Urban Government Center area. As the owner of a small business in Louisville, it seems as though Steve is the only one of the group that has a direct, hands-on understanding of what is like to live and work in the area. I know many of his employees at Louisville Stoneware, and they rave about his honest concern for their well-being. I was visiting the Cafe on Brent St the other day and asked my waitress what she thought of the nearby redevelopment. She mentioned that she hoped to see Steve, who frequents the restaurant often, spearheading the project because she knew he was truly passionate about seeing the project's success and making a difference in the city... and not just interested in cashing a paycheck. I hope the city looks behind the "name" and reputation of the more established development groups and gives a local business owner a chance.

- 34. I support Steve Smith's (Paristown LLC) plan!
- 35. I strongly support the Steve Smith plan.
- 36. Underhill's plan for senior housing and attempts to find a grocery store is the only compassionate plan offered. I support this plan.
- Lifestyle Communities—I like the style of the buildings giving a nod to the old hospital. I 37. like the idea of a hidden parking garage to give more area for green space. I think the density is good. On the people complaining about getting pushed out of the neighborhood, it is happening anyway. Young people are moving into Paristown and Germantown which drives up real estate prices regardless of what happens at the Urban Government Center. Marian Group—I like the large orange walkway that crosses the development. I like the size of the development. I like the parking arrangements. I like the new shotgun houses on Vine Street. As an added note, home owners in this area welcome this investment in our community. Steve Smith—I like its bold design. I like "The Edge" office design if it can be proven that there is that much demand for Class A office space in the area. Another developer hinted, at the Library, that it would take years to fill it up. I like the density of the design. I like the integration of the design with his other Louisville Stoneware project. I like the parking garage. Underhill—I like the Rainbow Blossom's grocery store. A statement made by a neighbor, "In an Insider Louisville's article" said that no one can afford this grocery store. This is still a small vocal group of renters that do not represent this neighborhood. Plenty of us home owners can afford Rainbow Blossoms. It sits next to the Original Highlands. That neighborhood has lots of buying power. This is the same group that feels that they are being pushed out of the neighborhood. They are. It is called progress. When they build the new Kentucky Center for the Arts stage, prices in the neighborhood will go up anyway. I do not like the reuse of the Police Building. It is an eyesore. It has no historic value at all. I do not like the reuse of the entire Hospital Building. I do not think Underhill can reuse that much space anyway. If they reuse all of these buildings, they will need a parking garage. Some people commented that this design is the least dense of all of the designs. If Underhill really filled all of these existing buildings, I do not think they could but what if, they will need a lot of parking due to density. This design is probably the

most urban design of all of the proposals. The reason there was such a huge parking lot around the buildings was because of the building's density. If Underhill could truthfully reuse all of these buildings, they will need a parking garage too. Just my two cents. Weyland—I like the idea of breaking the complex back down to a standard street grid. I think this might be a great idea. It can be built in sections. This was the only group suggesting a standard street grid. It is an idea that at least should be looked at. Someone commented, at the library, that they don't want Norton Commons. WHY NOT. It worked there. Norton Commons density is working and the place is attracting businesses and new people. If the city wants more density, then let's do it. It will increase the tax base.

38. I would like to express my support for the Paristown LLC plan. I have read all of the material provided by the Louisville Metro Government on the website, watched the live stream video of the presentations and have also read the comments from those who attended the April 17th meeting. Without a doubt the Paristown LLC development stands out to me as the clear winner. Like one of commentators from the initial meeting, I want to stress the importance of Paristown LLC's history of working with the neighborhood. They have a great, established relationship with many of the residents in the neighborhood that I know through their small business in the area, Louisville Stoneware. This is vital to any redevelopment project. I absolutely love the idea to build shotgun houses on the property. This is something that will help preserve the history and closeness of the neighborhood. I noticed that one of the commentators mentioned that the plan was too dense... but I think it is just right! This area needs some major rejuvenation efforts in order to thrive in the future. I fear that if they cut back on their plan or if one of the simpler plans is selected we will be delaying progress in the area that has needed it so desperately for so long. I think the idea of the hotel will increase tourism in the area. There are several nice hotels downtown, but none closer to the area surrounding the Urban Government Center redevelopment area. A hotel in that area will hopefully encourage tourists and visitors to explore areas beyond downtown. This may even drive traffic to Germantown, Butchertown and the Highlands! The rooftop bar on the top of the hotel is the icing on the cake. I love the idea of the apartment complex that they pitched... and I totally agree with the comment about "no more millennial warehouses." I am a millennial myself, and although I think projects like the Germantown Mill Lofts are cool in theory, they are realistically a bit impractical. The walls are thin, the spaces are far too expensive and they are not ideal/attractive to the wider public. We want a mixed age and income group to populate the Paristown area, and I believe the housing units proposed by Paristown LLC will accomplish just that. The communal areas surrounding the apartment complexes will foster an even greater sense of community than currently exists in the neighborhood, in my opinion. One qualm that I originally had with their plan was their lack of attention toward preserving old buildings in the area. However, after looking at the layout of the area, I believe an attempt to preserve every single building or even the majority of the structures would severely limit any development group from revamping the area. These buildings have been dormant for a while and the area has not seen life in a long time. We need to wipe

- the slate clean and build something new, while still preserving the essence of the neighborhood.
- 39. I live half a mile from this development and my biggest concern is not letting this become an overpriced, soulless, bougie upper-middle class haven that excludes minorities and mixed income families. Most of these proposals look to be just that. The one to best prevent that looks to be The Marian Group proposal. It has a nice use of green space; I love the partnership with Family Scholar House and the inclusion of senior living. Can we please not turn this into another Norton Commons? Make it authentic and real.
- 40. Marian Group was too dense. Steve Smith seemed reasonable. I like the Underhill's the best.
- 41. There seems to be only one development firm who actually listened to residents and poured thru our hundreds of post-it-notes we left at all three charrettes. There seems to be only one developer who chose to preserve these beautiful buildings and structures and not only preserve green space but actually increase the percentage of green space. Only one developer has agreements in place to populate these great preserved structures with those who are underserved (the elderly) as well as those who are in need of a quiet, peaceful neighborhood (Bellarmine grad students at the old Police HQ building) and both these populations would make solid neighbors and active participants in community engagement, while stressing the transportation grid the least(less parking needed for seniors, etc. =Brilliant). The market rate housing, restaurants, children's facilities, day care and fresh market are simply a bonus. We did not ask for concrete plazas. We did not ask for 30,000 sf of "Class A" office space. We did not ask for a hotel, although one might be needed for the KCA/Goodwood/Stoneware development if the KCA truly intends on running 70+ dates per year in their 2,000 seat black box theater. Let the market choose where a small boutique hotel can go. It doesn't necessarily need to go here. There is only one developer who has consistently listened to neighborhood concerns and wishes, and only one who has a consistent preservation track record. It would behoove The City of Louisville to choose Underhill Associates to "complete this neighborhood." There would have been no need for any of this advance planning/charrettes/public input process, etc., if anyone else were chosen. It would simply have been all for show. I urge the City of Louisville to choose Underhill Associates for this project. They did their homework. They did their due diligence. They have the track record and the partners aligned to make this a 2-5 year project as opposed to a 5-15 year project. Underhill goes with Urban County Government Center like hand in glove. They are custom-made for this property. Thank you for attending to this project's advance planning needs with care. They have clearly taken the time to "problem solve" with attention to detail. Timing is everything. While other developers who have thrown their hats into the ring are wrestling with other large developments already under way, or in the planning stages (and at least one developer looks to be loaded for the foreseeable future), Underhill seems to be ready to break ground tomorrow. I personally know at least two of the other local developers and/or their team members, and while I wish success for all of them, they simply missed the boat here. They did not listen to citizen input. It appears

that with their grand schemes, they simply dreamed their own dreams over the acreage. Underhill listened. He met with the community. Again, timing is everything. The time is now, and clearly Underhill isn't doing a juggling act if they've done this much research and this extent of partnering (Bellarmine, HCM, Kindred, etc.). Thank you for attending to this project's advance planning needs with care. The job that Ms. Zawacki has performed thus far is nothing short of admirable.

- 42. Loved the Underhill presentation. Thumbs down on Steve Smith presentation.
- 43. The Weyland proposal was my preferred plan. Mainly because it focuses on more Single Family Residents (SFR) with a focus on pedestrian facilities. The greatest neighborhoods in our city fulfill this same goal with things such as walking courts. Ultimately these neighborhoods make the automobile second to pedestrians. I realize that large apartment complexes have their place, however with the recent surge of those I believe the city's needs are met for the foreseeable future. What we need is development that encourages a different type of occupants; not additional single folks or empty nesters, but families. Families will improve our schools and invite different forms of business into the neighborhood. It would make for a more authentic community; one not built around bars/restaurants. Not that I have a problem with either those, but it shouldn't be the sole focus. I have seen a lot of requests for green space, and while I am a fan of existing parks, I believe large expanses of open area would be wasting an opportunity that many cities rarely see...12 contiguous acres for dense development...much like previous generations built in this city and the surrounding neighborhoods. I look forward to watching this project unfold and I hope we are able to capitalize on this great opportunity.
- 44. I thought the design by the Marian Group best for incorporating the multi housing needs and doing so with a great aesthetic. I would walk there, visit the shops, eat there if there's a vegetarian restaurant, and encourage people to live there. It's a beautiful design.
- 45. I'd like to see the proposal by the Marian Group move forward. It has the most rounded benefit to each of the neighboring agencies, businesses and families.
- 46. I believe that Underhill and Associates have used the best resources to find what would work for the building. They have reached out to local businesses that could benefit from being involved. 120 certified beds from Kindred that could move into the Govt. building, Assisted living care at Bellarmine that could move to the govt building as well and let Bellarmine expand, Bellarmine students in work programs that could live in the old police building, and HCM to add another daycare facility. My child attends HCM and they could use another facility. The synergies with Underhill and other businesses are a good partnership that works for the area.
- 47. The proposal that I like most for the Urban Government Center is the Underhill plan, provided it can be accomplished without any public health risk due to black mold. As a Paristown neighborhood resident, I am most concerned with keeping the homely atmosphere we have created intact, while enhancing the area with local retailers and living space. I specifically liked the Underhill plan because it retains historical architecture and green space while creating local business opportunities like the grocery store, at which my wife and I plan to do a lot of shopping.

48. I own a home directly abutting the UGC property on East Breckinridge St. I attended the April 17 meeting at the downtown library, but have not been able to attend follow-up meetings on the project due to work conflicts. I do not have strong preferences toward one developer over another based on the proposal PDFs published on the city website. My comments are general regarding a neighbor's preferences for the future of the site. I have no objections to any peaceful usage of the site; I am OK with residential, commercial, even industrial uses, as long as these uses do not present a nuisance or danger to the neighborhood. I am tolerant of additional residents in the area, provided they take care of their property, don't litter or abuse public space, and don't create noise problems. If this development can result in a site that is reasonably free of drugs, idle loitering/panhandling, crime to both persons and property, and litter, then I will be a happy neighbor. I'd prefer that any residential development include at least a simple majority of market-rate units, and not be overly proportioned with public-assistance housing. I'd also prefer that any development at least include the possibility for mixeduse first-floor retail/commercial/restaurant. Many neighbors are worried about property tax increases for neighboring properties. I am not unhappy with my tax rate at present, but I do wish to state that I'd prefer if tax dollars/grants are not used to line the pockets of developers for this project. Whether they are state, local, or federal dollars doesn't matter to me - that is other people's money and it shouldn't be spent on private developments. If this development makes economic sense, let the developer and future residents take the risk and reap the rewards. Our city and our society in general should back away from using tax rewards and punishments as a mechanism for shaping behaviors and outcomes. Regarding property tax increases or special schemes to protect neighbors from tax hikes - I don't mind paying more taxes if more services result. I'd be happy to pay higher taxes to see more police on the streets, more streets paved and swept, more transit options, etc. If taxes and property values rise in response to development, the level of service provided by government should also rise. Another concern is traffic enforcement. There is already a good amount of traffic on Breckinridge for the morning commute. I have no problem with traffic volumes, as all those people are just trying to get to work or school like anyone else. I have a problem with traffic violations (and parking violations) on this stretch of road that is essentially never enforced. If development gains yield a higher tax base and increased number of drivers, at least some of those gains should be reinvested in traffic control and enforcement. This means ticketing cars parked illegally and towing them when they block lanes at peak hours. This means ticketing drivers who speed through our residential neighborhood. This means ticketing drivers who text behind the wheel, and who drive carelessly in the bike lane. Let's not even get started on the motorcycle idiots. Regarding the architectural elements of the UGC development, I'd prefer that building designs stick to proven architectural elements of style and materials, and shy away from fad material choices or industrial chic. Brick buildings with rectangular profiles and regularly-spaced windows work for a lot of use cases, and they won't look dated in 40-50 years. Jutting angular designs, "creatively" placed asymmetrical windows, oversize windows and glass curtain walls won't fit in our traditional neighborhood. We should look to urban neighborhoods that have survived for decades or centuries for design cues. These might

- be US East Coast or western European cities. An architectural designs need not be bold, visionary, or innovative, especially if they have an architect's name branded on them. That's my \$0.02, plus about \$1.47 in change.
- 49. I like the Underhill proposal for the Urban Government Center because it best represents the aspirations that I have for my local neighborhood; residential living units, green/sustainable public space, and tasteful local retail. As an alternative, I also like the Marian Group's proposal because at least I know that their employees all live here locally and have the same interests in mind that our neighborhood does.
- 50. I strongly support the Underhill plan. I have lived on DeBarr St. for the past 38 years. I live one and a half blocks from the Urban Government Center site. I am very interested in what happens with this location. My preferences are: (1) Keep density and traffic as low as possible, (2) retain as much green/open space as possible (3) Improve quality of life in our neighborhood as much as possible (4) retain existing structures if possible. I strongly support the Underhill proposal because: (1) preserves historic structures (2) Has neighborhood accessible green space and more open space than the other proposals (3) Has a grocery store which our neighborhood would love to have (4) Will provide housing that is in character with the neighborhood (5) has lower density than all the other proposals.
- 51. After having looked at the five proposed plans for the properties on Barret Avenue, I am in support of the Underhill and Associates proposal. I have lived on DeBarr Street for almost twenty years and I have seen many changes in the area, but it has, for the most part, maintained its personality and charm and I would like to see it stay that way. The Underhill proposal incorporates green-space that would be accessible to all, a small grocery which the neighborhood needs, and it incorporates the original hospital structure with its lovely architectural style that is so compatible and complimentary to the neighborhood. I find the other plans to be too modern, too gaudy, and definitely too high-density.
- 52. Redevelopment of the site needs to FIRST consider the community and what it will bring to the prospective residents at the new site as well as adjacent neighborhoods, while enhancing the neighborhood's diversity, culture, and age groups. I for one would be interested in a senior housing apartment in that neighborhood, walkable to area restaurants, shopping, and gathering places, and green space. This should NOT be a site to promote developers' wishes to build hotels and high-end shopping areas that do nothing for the residents in the area. Underhill has the creative ideas of where to go with the property and is cognizant of the needs of area residents.
- 53. We choose the Underhill plan.
- 54. With the other massive developments already completed or underway, what this neighborhood needs is a people-friendly, healthy, and green development, which in my opinion is fulfilled by the Underhill project. The architecture compliments both the older homes and the modern facilities being built. It will enhance the lifestyles of residents, provide senior care, child care, a small grocery, and even a restaurant. We have been living through great, but meddlesome construction projects, and it would be wonderful to have such a community-building development.

- 55. Would recommend the Underhill proposal. Do not want more apartments and would like to keep our neighborhood as a small quiet community with lots of green spaces.
- 56. I am writing with public comment about the proposals for redevelopment at the Urban Government Center in my neighborhood, Paristown Pointe. My wife and I are homeowners living just one block away. We've been active in neighborhood improvement over the last 7 years, including helping plant and maintain some of the canopy trees we hope will be preserved on the site, and helping maintain the community orchard and garden at 850 Vine St., which we hope will be removed from the development project completely so that the neighbors and not developers can retain control over that vital community asset. Along with many of my neighbors, I would like to convey two main points: 1. We believe strongly that the Paristown Pointe Community Orchard and Garden should be removed entirely from the redevelopment project. We do NOT need anyone to "invest in" or "improve" that parcel. We need developers to leave it alone. The only way to ensure that would be to keep it PUBLIC. We want Louisville Metro to retain ownership of the parcel at 850 Vine St. and permit it to remain as a community orchard and garden for the neighborhood (as we have been verbally promised repeatedly, but need in writing). 2. We unequivocally feel that the Underhill proposal is the most well-thought out and best suited to our neighborhood. It not only meets all of the development goals, but promises to be the most sustainable project with the lightest environmental footprint. If I may, I'd like to elaborate on these two points: Paristown Pointe Community Orchard and Garden—The community orchard & garden at 850 Vine St. needs to be removed from the redevelopment project boundary. Neighbors like me have received verbal reassurance on multiple occasions that the garden & orchard would not be jeopardized by the redevelopment, and yet the garden lot was included in the RFP. This was the first mistake, but it's not too late to rectify the situation. Most developers would see any property within the site boundary as theirs to "improve" and profit from, so it is unsurprising that all but one of them proposed destroying all that we have invested in and grown there over the years. As gardeners and neighbors, we do not want the property to be transferred to a private owner where its future would be uncertain (in spite of any reassurances from them). Instead, we respectfully request that Metro retain ownership of the 30 x 150' parcel at 850 Vine St. Since 1998, with the express permission & coordination with the groundskeepers at the Urban Government Center, neighbors have been maintaining, improving, and investing in this property, essentially maintaining it as a public green space at our own expense. Gardeners have invested in this site with our labor and material generosity - providing both annual and perennial plants, compost, fruit trees, berry bushes, seeds, water, and all other materials and labor needed for the garden. The garden & orchard also serves as our staging area for Brightside cleanups and other neighborhood events. Neighbors share in the harvest of fruit, berries, vegetables and herbs from the area. Metro ceased maintenance on the property in 2010 and we, as neighbors, have humbly demonstrated our ability and willingness to maintain and improve it as a community asset now and in the future. Allowing the Paristown Pointe Community Orchard & Garden to be put in the hands of any developer would betray the trust of the neighbors who have worked hard on our own redevelopment project,

converting a vacant lot into a thriving community space. On the other hand, maintaining the Paristown Pointe Orchard and Garden would meet several of the stated goals of the redevelopment as described in the RFP:

- "provide accessible green and open spaces with opportunities for recreation, reflection, and relaxation"
- "provide(e) green space and amenities for community and neighborhood activities"
- "allocate space for community activities and organizations as well as for educational opportunities"
- "encourage(e) cross-generational interactions"

We beseech you to remove the 850 Vine St parcel from the redevelopment, and ensure that it can remain there and continue fulfilling those goals! Neighbors are prepared to undertake whatever arrangements are necessary to secure it for the future. Development Proposals: The proposal that is clearly best suited for our neighborhood while fulfilling the stated goals is the Underhill proposal. This proposal is superior in its recognition and prioritization of green space and historic preservation. Unlike the others, it enhances the neighborhood without compromising its character. Here's why Underhill's proposal stands out to me: 1. The plan holds the greatest potential to protect some of the mature trees which provide so many essential ecological services for our urban neighborhood which is already lacking in tree canopy. Even if other developers promise to plant new trees, removing the mature ones would set us back decades. This is the last thing our city and neighborhood need right now. 2. It recognizes the existing community orchard & garden for the asset that it is. 3. It makes creative, adaptive reuse of many of the existing buildings as, as sustainability experts often remind us, the greenest building is the one we don't have to build! 4. It preserves the lovely rooftop garden on the Housing Authority Building which is another underappreciated community asset providing vital ecological services and public green space. 5. It does not propose destruction of the existing "Grow More, Mow Less" demonstration garden along Barret at St. Anthony Place. This space also provides food & habitat for pollinators, stormwater infiltration, and fruit trees for neighbors. 6. It employs green infrastructure to reduce the impact of stormwater from the site. 7. The idea for locating a library branch on the site is tremendously popular in the neighborhood. 8. It does not add a parking garage which pleases neighbors. 9. The intergenerational partnerships with Kindred, Highland Community Ministries, and Bellarmine are well-conceived. Senior housing and a daycare center are a perfect pairing; Likewise nursing students and healthcare services are a good match. 10. The historic buildings on the site are respected and valued. They should be preserved for the sake of minimizing environmental footprint and maintaining our neighborhood's legacy. While there are some good and even great elements in the other proposals, when you look at the full scope of the project, it is undeniable that Underhill has put together the wisest, most thoughtful, most viable, most appropriate project. Thank you for the consideration you are giving to neighbors in the redevelopment process. I appreciate the diversity and character of my neighborhood and I want to protect it.

- 57. As a Paristown resident, I unequivocally favor the plan developed by Underhill associates, because it prioritizes longer-term benefits to the neighborhood and city, for the following reasons.
 - 1. It is the most generous with public, open space.

I understand that a choke-point for Louisville's growth is a lack of housing. The largescale residential construction projects underway on Broadway, Lexington Road, Baxter Avenue, and Downtown (among others) all address this need. While each of these projects appears maximize monetary return for each square foot under development, the aggregate impact of all of these projects on the quality of life may be negative. As one-story single-family homes are replaced by multi-story apartment complexes and town-houses, streets become more congested, and the benefits of city living are overshadowed by the small miseries of too many people crowded in too little space. Any development project to revitalize a city's core must ensure that people who move there stay there. To achieve this, high-density housing has to be leavened by open public space. At the heart of every great city are parks and squares that draw people and enrich the life of residents. This was understood by the Louisville city fathers who over a century ago set aside land for Central Park and Tyler Park, but appears to have been forgotten in more recent development projects. Efforts to maximize housing density would be justified if Louisville was running out of viable properties for development. This is not the case: much of the land just east of downtown remains underdeveloped, and it is likely that in the years ahead, empty or underutilized parcels will be built upon to address the need for housing. As the empty lots and abandoned factories in or near downtown are converted into residential housing, and density increases, the remaining open spaces will only increase in value. It takes foresight on the part of developers to recognize the value of public space and make that allocation from the outset, because once the land is built on, it will not be reclaimed. By expanding the amount of greenspace, and preserving the community garden that is prized and maintained by members of the community, this project will allow the surrounding community to thrive.

2. It cares for the old.

The elderly in Louisville face an invisible housing crisis. An article in the Courier Journal on February 2nd, 2016: "Louisville had the sharpest increase of any U.S. city in terms of residents age 65 or older who are scraping to pay their rent, according to findings released Monday by a national affordable housing group." The Underhill group recognized that the floor-plan of the existing hospital structure could easily be converted into studio apartments ideally suited to older and disabled residents. A city's investment in the well-being of its elderly is financially sound. By creating conditions where seniors can remain self-sufficient, the city will mitigate the burden aging baby boomers will place on the city's social services, and/or their children, who are struggling to raise their own families. By taking care of the grandparents in the community, the burden on parents is lightened as well.

3. It cares for the young.

The open space that is retained in the Underhill proposal will be made use of in the best possible way, creating safe outdoor space for children in a day-care center that is part of

their plan. The presence of a safe, well-maintained day-care center with easy access to an enclosed outdoor playground will make it easier for young families to settle in the community. Importantly, it also creates conditions for a potential synergy: children in the day-care can benefit from interactions with seniors living on-site who can volunteer at the day-care facility.

4. It enhances the educational infrastructure of Louisville.

Louisville's prosperity hinges on increasing the number of educated and skilled young people it can attract. By incorporating graduate housing for Bellarmine University students into the Paristown development, this project allows Bellarmine to strengthen its graduate program, and introduces cohorts of students to a part of the city that they may not know, and where they would choose to stay, particularly as the number of small businesses and venues catering to their needs grow. The Underhill group has successfully completed development projects in the community, allowing new residents to move in to beautifully renovated lofts on Goss Avenue, without displacing or disrupting the existing community. The new bars, cafes and restaurants that are opening around this project are evidence of a well-executed development project. They "get" this neighborhood. I am confident that their project will similarly enhance the neighborhood surrounding their proposed Paristown development. The city is to be commended for having reached out to the surrounding community for comments and suggestions. These suggestions were made available to all of the groups competing on this project, but are not always evident in their proposals. In addition, it is not always evident in the other proposals that the developers walked the neighborhoods they have provided designs for. The population density of the Lifestyle Communities project will overwhelm the local network of streets that are already congested at rush-hour. The Marian group places a parking lot on the northeast margin of the property, which has the best views of downtown and the river beyond. The Steve Smith group is the only one to extend its development past the borders of the original plan, adding a street that gives onto Breckinridge parallel with Vine, whose steep grade will dump cars onto Breckinridge at a blind curve where there are already frequent car crashes. Finally the Weyland group's project is difficult to evaluate because it is more place-holder than

- 58. Keep the soul of our beloved neighborhood. Remember who we are and who lives here. Integrity. History. Affordability. Raised taxes for the regular people. This is a sacred place. Keep it real.
- 59. I worship at the Ursuline campus and have had comments from a few of the sisters that they like the idea of the Ursuline community participating with Underhill associates and their partnership with Bellarmine University and Signature Healthcare.
- 60. Steve Smith—I like how this proposal has ideas for the entire space in Paristown-Paristown Commissary the extra restaurant by cafe. The proposal has such a variety of things to offer housing that goes with the area (camelback shotgun homes). The biggest selling point for me with two children 6 and 7 is the Hillside Arts Community.
- 61. I was born in the old Kentucky Baptist Hospital. I would like to see the building, and for that matter, the Urban Government campus put to good use. It is part of Louisville's rich

- history and through thoughtful consideration, urban planners can practically use this space and preserve this history.
- 62. I was born in the Kentucky Baptist Hospital on Barrett Avenue. I believe the smartest approach to reusing this important space is to utilize the UNDERHILL project. That way we address a lot of different needs and uses for this important historic structure. There is no use in blasting and bulldozing every old building in Louisville just because we can. I recently saw an old picture of a church on 4th and Broadway that was demolished years ago. It was a beautiful historic structure. Now there is a car lot there. Too bad. I think we can come up with a plan for use of this building if we are smart and we use our minds, not to mention our historic spaces in a practical way.
- 63. I am very interested in the existing buildings being retained as a part of the historic fabric of our neighborhood. It seems that a lot of the recent developments in our neighborhood and the immediately surrounding area have involved taking down all of the buildings. I support these other projects and I fully understand why the existing structures could not be retained, but in this instance it seems that the existing buildings can and should be kept. I am disheartened that only one developer has proposed keeping the historic buildings on the site and I hope they are awarded the project. I worry that with most of the proposals the first step will be demolition and if the project stalls for any reason our entire neighborhood will get is a large empty lot.
- 64. I want to say that I appreciate your transparency during this process and I hope I'm not the only one to say I've enjoyed meeting some of you and following along this very important journey of neighborhood revitalization and redevelopment. Urban Government Center redevelopment comments are as follows...Lifestyle Communities—I believe this proposal is too dense, has not enough greenspace, relies too heavily on a parking garage and it eliminates our Paristown Pointe community garden at 850 Vine Street. Too many town houses, not enough mixed income. Yet another monolith across from my house on Vine Street. The Lampton St. extension will create a dog leg onto Vine St., it will not work and it will be too dangerous. What 2 ideas of it do i like? The Innovation kitchen. The restaurant. The Marian Group—This proposal includes several features that I adore. What I love the most, beginning with my favorite feature: The large "Interconnectivity Path" going thru the development leading to Brent Street from the corner of Barret Ave & Breckenridge St, the clear amount of greenspace and outdoor event space, the overall progressive nature of this proposal (it is something new) something that fits into where the neighborhood and new developments are heading. What do i not like? This is my favorite proposal. I would be happy & proud for this plan to come to fruition. Steve Smith—I am excited about Steve Smith's current development on Lower Vine & Brent St. and I appreciate his passion and emotional investment. There are several things I like about this proposal: The hill district of Paristown which cascades down to Brent St is genius, an artful outdoor staircase of greenspace and architecture that i believe should be one of Develop Louisville's priorities in accepting any part of the 5 proposals. I like the outdoor spaces proposed and I like the retail and storefront features in the proposal. What I don't like: Too much density in housing, too much parking lot and pavement & not enough greenspace. Underhill—Paristown Green fits into the concept I was envisioning but relies too heavily

on the existing larger structure (the main hospital building) which I believe are not worth preserving. This building has been added on and added on so many times that you can't really tell what it is or who did it. The building, infested with mold, ugly, in need of so much money to just bring it up to safe levels, much less turn it into a modern livable space for mostly the older folks in our community. It's hard for me the see the worth in renovating this building. It seems wasteful. What I like about this proposal? Much of it. I love the amount of greenspace. I love the walkway going thru from Barrett to Goulon Court and I think it should also include what The Marian Groups proposal does and go from Breckenridge to Brent Street. I love the idea of a small grocery, storefronts, shops, small business, and art studios lining the street. I love keeping the boiler stack and I even like keeping the Metro Housing Authority building with the green roof. Weyland—My least favorite of the 5 proposals, this proposal screams: Cookie cutter, corporate greed, developer friendly, generic & a not very well thought out proposal, This developer leans too heavily on what they have done, not what they want to do. It's a case of "trust me, i know what I'm doing" when I don't really see any substance or evidence of listening to what the neighbors have been asking for. The proposal is too dense, not enough greenspace and not nearly enough retail space. Too much housing not enough amenities for the people living here in this already dense neighborhood. What I do like? Mixed income housing, the courtyards & the proposed commercial space (I believe we need more commercial space).

65. I think the Steve Smith Paristown proposal is the most ambitious and transformative of the group. I believe we need to plan for the next 100 years of the neighborhood and not merely try to recapture what we liked best about the previous 100. The Underhill plan, for example, leaves the site the most intact but also offers the least to current residents of the neighborhood. As a 10+ year German-Paristown pedestrian I will probably never live in any of the new dwellings being proposed by any the groups, but I will walk through the area daily and would like to be able to have more retail, dining, and entertainment options. The Steve Smith proposal promises the most of this. I also think the inclusion of a large office building promises vibrancy and an imported clientele to help support Paristown businesses. Also, as a pedestrian, I take great exception to the "primary" feature of the Underhill plan. I do not want a leafy, college-campus like, bike and pedestrian path through a development that otherwise offers me very little. Never mind the fact that this "path" is merely a superficial tweaking of the already existing access road across the site. Rather, I want a city block that is inviting to non-resident pedestrians and cyclists and offers retail and dining engagement opportunities to encourage more than just passing through. Also, the Underhill plans contains too much surface parking, something that may not even be necessary 10 or 15 years from now with the continued growth of ride-sharing services and the probable arrival of autonomous vehicles. I think the vision outlined by the Weyland group is sound in principal but the lack of details and the leap of faith required to support it is a little troubling. The Lifestyle Communities proposal looks wretched to me, and offers very little beyond trendy housing. The Marian group's proposal is somewhat bold, but feels too much like a planned campus and does not seem like it would integrate smoothly with the surround neighborhoods. In the end I think the Steve Smith Paristown proposal

- is the only proposal that promises to create a unique presence for the neighborhood and offer a variety of engagement opportunities to existing residents. Such a development would make Paristown a neighborhood people read about when they plan visits to Louisville and read about Louisville neighborhoods.
- 66. As someone who lives just down the street from the Urban Government Center site I am excited to give feedback on the proposals. The least attractive proposal is the Underhill development. This development looks to benefit one University and little else. There are not nearly enough elements in this proposal that will bring value to current residents. In addition, the design seems to cut the development off from the neighborhood with the design of parking and green spaces instead of incorporating it into the neighborhood. My top choice would definitely be the Steve Smith Paristown proposal. Second the Weyland proposal. Reasons are as follows. Steve Smith Paristown proposal: I am very hopeful that this is the proposal that is selected. This development does seem to be the most ambitious and therefore stands out from the pack. The proposal brings elements to the site that will be attractive to citizens of the entire city and not just the neighborhood. I believe this proposal adds the most value to the city as a whole as it is something that will stand out from other areas within Louisville as well as other cities. One of the elements that I believe is key to making this the most attractive proposal that is lacking in all others is the creation of office space. The unique design of this office space will be attractive to potential businesses and bring jobs that are essential to develop of this size. Those jobs will help to sustain the retail and restaurants that are currently in the area as well as those in the new development. My young family plans to stay in this neighborhood indefinitely and this development definitely has he most to benefit us as well as residents of all ages from every part of the city. Weyland proposal: I would rate this proposal as my second choice. I really appreciate their plan to reinstitute the city block pattern. This will completely incorporate the new development into the existing neighborhood. This will make the development easy to access and navigate. The city block pattern is wildly underused in new developments and makes this proposal enticing. However, there is a lack of information about what retail, dining, and other elements would be included that would be accessible to the neighborhood. I would hope for a grocery store, other retail, dining, etc. The other two proposals I have not commented on because they seem like generic proposals that you could plop down in any part of any city and they would be ok but not stand out in any way.
- 67. I think that a small part of 810 Barrett could be developed into a Cohousing community that could be modeled after the over 160 already established Cohousing communities across the U.S. Specifically, cohousing creates dynamic environments where neighbors can be meaningfully engaged and stay healthy and active well into their senior years. In Cohousing, multiple, individually-owned housing units are oriented around a common open area and common house where community is a way of life. Residents actively participate in the design & operation of their neighborhood and due to shared common facilities, live more efficiently and sustainably. Please refer to the website www.cohousing.org and also the Father of Cohousing in the U.S., Charles R. Durrett, who himself lives in cohousing & would be willing to give a presentation (for a fee). Otherwise, I'd be happy to give a Power Point presentation for free.

- 68. I would like to address the quest for "multiple options for Living" by Develop Louisville. Both inter generation living and affordable housing is a matter of importance for many residents of Louisville. One of the proposals that have been mentioned is the planning for a "cohousing village" consisting of 25 to 35 units of housing. We just returned from the National Cohousing Conference held in Nashville this year, where we learned about the many possibilities that this type of community engenders. This includes: environmental design, enhancing the surrounding community of Paristowne, owning or renting your modest size home, ample common space for strong social cohesion and healthy design outcomes by avoiding isolation for residents, in addition to including multi-generation of residents and those with lower incomes. We are prepared to meet with Metro staff to share the strengths of this housing model.
- 69. I have several questions about the process of selection and who (neighborhood) will have the most impact vs those that do not live in Paristown Pointe. There are elements of each proposal that I like: Green space, scholar house, nursing students, library, kitchen, and demo of the current buildings. But all of the proposals are too dense, creating traffic, pollution, substantial increase in the number of people which will destroy the peace of the neighborhood. I'm sure there will be changes in the plans and I want to know if Paristown Pointe will have an input into changes before they are made. It would be greatly appreciated if a meeting with PPNA and your office prior to selection and the chance for PPNA (Paristown Pointe Neighborhood Association) to meet to discuss all the proposals and make recommendations.
- 70. There is one plan that really stands out to me as an elegant, easy to implement solution. That is the proposal by the Underhill Associates.
- 71. First, I wish to express my gratitude for the time, effort, and information that was provided to me and my neighbors during this process. Of the five ideas submitted, my preference is the Underhill proposal.
- 72. I live just down the street from this project on Debarr St. Here are some of my thoughts on the proposed projects. Lifestyle Communities: This project is dense and stacked. I think is designed for maximum profitability, not too fond of it. The Marian Group: Like the lay out and feel of this proposal. There is plenty of green space left. I like this proposal and the creativity that it brings. Steve Smith: This project is nicely laid out. But does not inspire me in any way or have a special feel. It could just be that there is too much in the proposal that I am unclear of. Underhill: I like this proposal, it feels open and has a nice flow, and there is a lot of diversity going on. I see parking and green space. This project would be nice to live next to. Weyland: Weyland has been involved in some successful projects. I wish their presentation had more details about what they want to do as to what they have done. One concern I have with any project is "where are they going to park". This is a neighborhood where it is `not uncommon to have to park a block or two away from your home.
- 73. We support the Underhill group and are encouraged by its record of success with other area projects. We are keen to encourage the city to adopt a plan that maximizes green space and sustainability. The Underhill plan achieves this more than the others while also retaining much of the existing character of the area. We support the Marian Group secondly.

- 74. I am a teacher in the Highlands area and spend a lot of time in Butchertown/Germantown. I am constantly encouraging my students to get involved with the community, so I like to stay up-to-date with all of the happenings around Louisville. The Urban Government Center is something I have been following for the past few months. I have been able to go over all of the plans submitted by the development groups, and in my opinion, the plan submitted by the Paristown Pointe group seems to be the best fit. I do not know Steve Smith personally, but I know that he is very involved with the neighborhood through his business - Louisville Stoneware. This is truly an iconic store for many Louisvillians, and I have loved to see it grow and improve over the years. I went in recently after a 15+ year hiatus, and was blown away by the improvements! Everything was done in such great taste with attention to detail. The authenticity of the store was in no way compromised, which is always my worry with restorations and redevelopments. This is definitely a worry that I have with the Urban Government Center redevelopment. I do not want the area to lose its charm or authenticity. Some of the development groups that are involved with the project have been involved in various developments in the past that have been total flops in my opinion. In particular, I want to express my concern about the Underhill group. I have been disappointed with almost everything that they have been involved in in this city. The finished products may look great to some, but I do not feel as though their style of redevelopment is what we need in the neighborhood. A prime example of what I am referring to is the Westport Village project. The Underhill group spent some time assuring that the project was aesthetically pleasing, but everything looks a little fake to me. Most importantly, they failed to use practical judgment in the project's design. I fear that their impracticality may lead them to fail at developing an area that is in such desperate need of revitalization. As for the other development groups, their plans seem doable and they seem to have a lot to offer. However, it worries me that none of them have experience in the area. The neighborhood is very unique and the developer needs to have a good understanding of the residents that live there and their desires for the project. The Paristown Pointe group is the only group that has experience working with the people that matter the most. I urge you to take this factor into consideration, as I think it is way more important than many people realize (even some of the residents themselves). They do not need an outsider coming in and revamping the area, for they will likely let their own objectives cloud the wishes and desires of the neighborhood. The Paristown group has a stake in the matter, and I am confident they will do everything they can to please the neighbors, who have been a vital part of their business for so many years.
- 75. Of the five proposals, we prefer those presented by Lifestyle Communities, The Marian Group, and Steve Smith. A hybrid of those three would be fine but if we had to pick one it would be Steve Smith's. We like the Smith proposals' mix of residential, dining, recreation and entertaining--with ample parking. To create a destination and not provide enough parking would cause parking problems for existing Paristown Pointe residents. We also like reconnecting Paristown Pointe to Barret Ave via Lampton or Debarr, and connecting upper and lower parts of the neighborhood by extending Brent

- or building a public, well-lit and maintained staircase. We like the Hillside Artist community on Brent as well.
- 76. Please, consider the Underhill and Associates plan. It is the best development plan. It offers a range of benefits for the neighborhood in addition to redeveloping the property for living spaces. The community garden is much needed and desired as well as a health focused grocery store. As a resident of the neighborhood, I fully support adoption of this plan.
- 77. The Marian Group's proposal is most appealing to me. I believe our community needs a community center and I think we need more mixed income housing. The mix of incomes is one of the things that make our community unique. I also have a young daughter and would love for her to grow up down the street from a 21st century community center. I also liked the Underhill and Associates proposal because of the gym and the library along with the partnership with Bellarmine.
- 78. I would prefer the Steve Smith arts and culture development. New townhomes and flats will help with property values in the area and bring a new, vibrant culture that is much needed!
- 1'm under 40 and I live about 7 blocks from the site. Given the age, character, look, and feel of the area and the specific neighborhood, my preference is for the Underhill proposal that rehabilitates and retains the old hospital and police buildings. While modern buildings have their style, there's is no duplicating the character and individuality of those buildings. Their design, age, and style fit the neighborhood better than any of the destructive proposals that seek to reshape and rebrand the area. This area doesn't need reshaping or rebranding, it needs refreshing and rebuilding. Those buildings are part of what give this neighborhood a character unlike anywhere else in the city. We're not Old Louisville with our Victorian homes and central park, and we're not historic Portland by any stretch, but we are unique in this city, and we'd like to stay that way.
- 80. The Paristown Pointe proposal is the most detailed and thought-through. It combines knowledge and love of place with the best tenets of New Urbanism woven throughout. Multi-use, multi-family, multi-generational, walkable, and with referents to the best design features of Old Louisville, this response spoke to me. Some of the others seemed perfunctory, as though their authors knew they took a back seat to the Steve Smith group. They seem to have woven together the whole package from several disparate parts. I have read up on and have bought into New Urbanism (I used to teach university-level urban politics), and this group gets it. They should win. Please email me if you want more input.
- 81. There are five proposals out there to redevelop or regenerate Paristown/Urban Government Center along Barret. Some look promising to fit urban sustainable framework with preservation, homeownership, senior housing, work force housing, bike ability, walkability and sustainable practice. There are three strong developments that have my liking and two that should be opposed with lots of demolition in the cards. One thing that concerns me is that none of the proposals call for conversion of Breckinridge to be converted back to two-way with bike lane (which has greatly hurt Smoketown), too much surface parking (why not underground parking for residents as done with

other developments like 9 on Canal in Indy). My first take is that I like Marian Group and Underhill proposals because they emphasize preservation and re-purposing of existing buildings. I like the fact that Marian is proposing a "Scholar House" as part of the development which is a winning idea. Underhill proposal reads like a green manifesto of respect for the old and regeneration for a diverse population. I have great respect for Weyland company but would have liked to see more diversity and preservation in his proposal. The other two proposals just don't rock me with one suggesting modernist \$450 K townhomes. The Lifestyle proposal might be the worse out of Ohio. I can't imagine this getting serious consideration. They look really out of place another proposal looks like they want to put in a St. Matthews outdoor type mall.

- 82. The team at Underhill Associates has proposed the most robust, community friendly and historically accurate redevelopment of the Barret Metro Property to date. One only has to look at their work on the Germantown Mills Lofts project to see their commitment to creating vibrant and engaging communities on the bones of what had come before. And it is clear that they have a passion to preserve and at the same time, modernize existing properties in a way that no other firm has attempted to offer. Picking their proposal would be a boon to the people of Barret Ave, to Louisville and to Kentucky as a whole.
- 83. I like the Underhill proposal.
- 84. In the brief look I have been able to take at the proposals, I like the Underhill proposal for the green space. I currently rent on Breckinridge and would like to eventually buy in the area, hopefully something in the new development that blends with the character of the existing neighborhood.
- 85. The new development in Paristown Pointe is both exciting for those who live in Paristown Pointe. And it will affect surrounding neighborhoods both good and bad and ultimately it is the current residents of Paristown Pointe whose lives will be disrupted and changed forever. Opinions of surrounding neighborhoods should be considered but most importantly the current residents of Paristown Pointe should have more significance than others.
- 86. I have looked over the different proposals and love what the Underhill and Associates have put together. I love how they transformed the Germantown lofts into a little city. Looks like they will do the same here. Clean it all up and increase the amount of green space. I like how they mix residential housing, day care, grocery, etc. It's a very "all inclusive" feel.
- 87. I would like to support the Underhill & Associates for the redevelopment of the 810 Barret site. They have a plan that integrates local business and will provide an opportunity for Affordable Housing in the Highlands/Germantown/Paristown Pointe area. It also is the only project that prepared to save parts of the historical buildings on site. I like the use a green space as well as the thoughtful way they are connecting the existing neighborhood.
- 88. Mr. Underhill's proposal speaks to the need of partnering with other services in the area. His proposal indicates he will partner with Highlands Community ministries in the very important areas of Senior Services specifically Senior Housing and Adult Day Care space and Child Care. This will optimize opportunities for all involved. Services for seniors are a high need as is affordable, high quality child care.

- 89. I support the Underhill proposal. It serves all ages and care levels of the population. They are the only group that approached HCM to explain their proposal and ask for feedback. As a member of the HCM Board I strongly support them and as a resident of the Highlands I support their vision.
- 90. As CFO for Bellarmine University we are very excited about the possibilities of the proposed concept for this area presented by the Underhill Associates Team. Bellarmine is in need of Graduate Student housing in the area that we are unable to provide on campus. This in addition to the proximity of the hospital and eldercare facilities dramatically increases the University opportunity for additional desperately needed internship and clinical sites for our DPT, FNP, and Nursing students. This concept would be a huge benefit to the neighborhood area and the close proximity to Bellarmine's Campus would make this very attractive place for our employees and students to live and graduates work.
- 91. I have not reviewed all of the proposals but am familiar with the broad strokes of the Underhill proposals. I liked hearing that most if not all existing buildings would be preserved, that significant green space will be retained, and that there were significant multi-generational elements. There's never enough of the latter in gentrifying neighborhoods.
- 92. I am very impressed with Jeff Underhill! My organization sits just a stone's throw from the Urban Government Center. Jeff, the only one of the proposing developers, came to our organization to talk about his plans and talk about how we could partner together in the future if he gets the bid. I run a youth center focused on transition age youth (16-25). Many of them are homeless and most of them are looking for employment. Jeff came to our center to see what we are about and to dream/talk about how we could be mutually beneficial to one another. I am excited about his development plan and impressed with his commitment to the plan being about the entire community around the development!
- 93. I just watched PBS a few minutes ago about urban density. There was an urban theorist named Richard Florida being interviewed. I will admit, I never heard of him but he has some good ideas. What is being created by urban density in other cities can happen here also in Louisville. We have the land now at the Urban Government Center. This city needs density. I know that a lot of people in Germantown and Paristown are pushing back about the proposals on what to do with the Urban Government Center. They fear the density. The renters fear being pushed out of the neighborhood by increased rents. Richard Florida addressed these issues on the PBS show. Affordable housing built into the project can address this problem. Richard Florida addressed the same thing in other larger cities. Using mixed use housing can address this. I believe the Mayor supports this. This is a time were Louisville can go bold. All of the proposals had great ideas. I think Louisville has the will power to knock it out of the park.
- 94. It is very gratifying to observe that comments from neighborhood groups, businesses, and citizens are being not only solicited but welcomed regarding the development of the Barret Avenue/Paristown site. Having reviewed all 5 very thoughtful proposals in detail, I suggest that the Paristown Green proposal from Underhill Associates may be the most responsive and best suited to set the tone of this reemerging neighborhood

for the next 100 years. This is why;

1-it is the only proposal to designate historic restoration of buildings, preserving some original neighborhood character in the vast transformation the project envisions, 2-it is the only proposal which provides for significant areas of trees and green space which are critical elements to a sustainable neighborhood,

3-it brings firm commitments from locally based institutional and business partners to occupy completed spaces,

4-it identifies and includes "social infrastructure", a grocery store, restaurant, and even library space, critical to support and sustain new and existing residents of this neighborhood over the long term, and giving them a reason to call this neighborhood home.

5-Underhill Associates, a 3rd generation local business, has demonstrated in a variety of past projects, its capacity to re imagine, and readopt underutilized real estate for its best and highest economic and social value.

- 95. I love the Underhill Proposal. It has great variety, inclusion, & diversification. I think it's great they want to rehab & reuse the buildings as much as possible instead of tear down & rebuild. I've seen the enormous success with other development projects in Germantown, etc. It seems things have happened quickly, pretty quietly, and they try to keep a lot of character of the original buildings/structure.
- 96. I strongly endorse the Underhill Associates proposal for development with the Metro Barret site. Their proposed restoration of the historic buildings and development of the surrounding area is first rate and unique. Just take a look at their past and current successful revitalization efforts around Louisville and you will quickly realize that they are the only choice for this project. Underhill Associates is dedicated to the advancement of Metro Louisville!
- 97. I have reviewed all proposals and I like the Underhill proposal because it offers comprehensive approach for revitalization of this part of town and it integrates all spheres of society, young and old. I like the fact that it offers a housing for students as well as retirement place for elderly.
- 98. I am the pastor for Christ Evangelical United of Christ (CEUCC), the congregation worshiping at Highlands Community Campus. CEUCC is the historic owner of the Highlands Community Campus, having donated the property to Highlands Community Ministries in 2014. Throughout its history, CEUCC has contributed to the growth of the neighborhood, especially with the building of the sanctuary and parish house in 1901, expansion in 1929 and the founding of the Altenheim. We continue to desire the best for the community. In our estimation, the Underhill Paristown Green proposal is the best plan for the Urban Government Center property. It maintains the historic buildings, provides housing for varied income levels, and promotes a lot of green space with less density than the other proposals. This proposal is the one most consistent with the feel of the surrounding neighborhood. We ask that the Paristown Green proposal be the one chosen for the redevelopment of our neighborhood.
- 99. I am the Council President for Christ Evangelical UCC. I worked very closely with Troy Burden when we decided to donate our church to Highland Community Ministries. We wanted more for the community that we as a congregation could not provide due to the

amount of members that we had. It was a divine intervention that brought us to HCM. The Underhill Paristown Green Project would be the best for the Urban Government Center Property. In this day and age we need to provide community based options for citizens. I personally work for Family Health Centers and know of the importance. On a personal note.... my father grew up in this area. He was also a WW II Marine. I think if he was still living he would be very proud to know that such services are being provided for this community.

- 100. I have reviewed the Underhill Associates proposal for the Metro site on Barret Avenue. I am impressed by their multigenerational plan and also believe that reuse and renovation of existing buildings is much preferred over removing these existing structures. I know that Underhill Associates has a proven, solid track record through their Westport Village and Germantown Mill Lofts projects. Please select their project proposal.
- 101. I would like to comment on the Metro Barret Property and endorse Jeff Underhill, his company and his proposal. I believe this is a development that the Highlands greatly needs. The Underhills are proven and very successful with all of their projects and they work very well with neighborhood associations. Also, they are local! They care about preservation and the community. They are the only developer that proposes restoration of the historic buildings. I care about the neighborhood and the Louisville community and I believe that the Underhills have the reputation and track record that will make this an incredible Highlands development.
- 102. I'm writing to comment on the Metro Barret Property and endorse Jeff Underhill of Underhill Associates and the Paristown Green proposal. The Underhill's are Louisville based and they care about preservation and the community. I very much care that they propose restoration of the historic buildings. Their project also has a much needed purpose, is beautiful and environmentally conscious! Everything they do is hugely successful and their reputation speaks for itself.
- 103. I walk my dog through the urban government centers grounds almost every day. I used to vote there. I value the green space, the shade trees, and the unique buildings. Having looked over all 5 proposals, I feel the Underhill and associates project is the best. They appear to be the only developer planning to keep the large buildings intact instead of demolishing everything to start over. I'm not sure if the lower income residents can afford a rainbow blossom grocery though. I also hope with increased traffic we could see the speed limit on Breckinridge lowered to 25 instead of 35 mph. Cars fly down that street.
- 104. My vote goes to Paris Green Development Project led by Underhill Associates!!! The reasons for my vote are the following: (1) I love the name of the project because of its historic background and relevance; (2) the name also reflects the prior work by Underhill Associates who always incorporates the historic component to its projects together with the total renewal and revamping of existing neighborhoods; (3) I love what Underhill Associates has done in its prior developments from Westport Village to Germantown Lofts and how those neighborhoods have increased the visibility and the value of the larger community landscape; (4) it is very important to me that the developer be a local company with the proven track record and Underhill Associates is

- all that and more it has received numerous awards for its development work in Louisville; (5) I am impressed with the community partners who are already on board with the project and wish to participate in this development; (6) I also like the mixed use approach with the combination of senior and student living quarters, as well as the grocery store, restaurant, fitness facility, etc.; (7) I am absolutely on board with the Green component of the development from expanding Louisville's green landscape to the modern, Green, approach to the development proper.
- 105. I'm interested in being part of a co-housing community on the land at Barrett that formerly housed government buildings.
- As another advocate of such alternative affordable and environmentally sound housing 106. models as co-housing, I really like the idea of a mixed use neighborhood, and wish it had been more of a presence in some of the proposals submitted. The proposals I listened to that are scaled to the surrounding homes got some head nods. I hoped to see several aggregate housing options for cohousing, families, and seniors, with walkable pathways between structures, and gardens (including roof-tops), small useful businesses, restaurants, and coffee shops. I would like to see the Urban Gov't Center land be in keeping with the already existing modest neighborhood (unlike the facility going up on the former Mercy Academy property on East Broadway, and probably the former Phoenix Hill Tavern property), an area people could be proud of and that feels inclusive. Some of the proposals came closer to this dream than others. I would like our Louisville community to be known for innovation in the area of new and affordable housing. I am certain that those interested in exploring the co-housing option would be available to help do the research necessary to make this a viable option. There seem to be a growing number of models sprouting up across our country (as well as overseas). And, finally, it feels gratifying that Louisville Forward in interested in our opinions. I realize that the projects mentioned above are on private land, but there is still some deep disappointment that the city could not have had more neighborhood input into what some out-of-town visitors exclaim: that the buildings look like a prison, or a barracks. I am sincerely hoping we don't have a repeat.
- 107. I am writing this to give my support for the Underhill's proposal for the redevelopment of Urban Government Center site. As a native Louisvillian and one that has spent my professional career trying to make Louisville a better place for all of us to live, work and play, I can say without hesitation that I have seen the positive impact the developments the Underhills have done have had on this community. The Underhill family has always been at the forefront in development of urban areas in Louisville, dating back to Old Louisville. As a senior executive at Brown-Forman I personally worked with them one a urban project that had a huge impact on the Parkland neighborhood. Their proven experience in the delivery of development projects that meet the needs of neighborhoods is unparalleled. This unique ability I believe is a direct result of the fact that they grew up in this community. When you look at what they are proposing for the Government Center site, its clear they have studied and understand the needs of the community. My final comment is that when the Underhills take on a project they make it happen. You don't have to worry about something being half done. Once again I want to express my support of their proposal for this much needed redevelopment.

- 108. I am writing to voice my agreement with using the 810 Barrett site as a co-housing facility. We really need something like this in our city and I am all for it. Please make this a possibility.
- 109. I have had the opportunity to review the proposed plan for Paristown Green. I am impressed with the holistic approach being taken to developing the property on Barrett Ave. The plan takes the needs of many audiences into consideration. I am especially happy to see that this plan will re-purpose existing structures and preserve them to the extent that is possible. I am also happy to see that the plan takes into consideration multi-generational needs. Further, while there are many options for senior living in Louisville, not many senior living units are inside urban Louisville near transit lines and near a grocery store. This plan provides for both. I could imagine seniors being drawn to Paristown Green for convenience, stimulation, safety, and companionship. The opportunity for expanded health services is especially attractive. I heartily endorse this plan. I believe the partners that the plan involves from Bellarmine University to Signature Health Care to Highland Community Ministries, to name a few, are strong members of the Louisville Community and will be trusted partners in this endeavor. If ever I would become aware of seniors needing housing in the mid-city area, I would certainly recommend that they give every consideration to moving into Paristown Green.
- 110. A friend of mine just talked to me about this over lunch. Found this site. Makes no sense to put in a lot of housing which will cause traffic and pollution. I vote to keep the buildings and make them into more housing for seniors. Keep the trees too. Need place close to my apartment to walk my dog. Would love a dog park in area. No high end dollar houses, bars, parking garages and hotels to be built. Need more local retailers and would love a grocery. Library branch would be great. Okay, now read all 5. I vote for Underhill proposal. Tell them about the dog park to be added in.
- 111. Having reviewed the proposal submitted by Underhill & Associates for the re-purposing of the Louisville Metro County Government Center, allow me to express my appreciation for the thoughtful approach this applicant's design team has chosen. In my nearly four decades of developing and operating senior housing and long term care communities, I've seen very few plans that rival this proposal's attention to the way people WANT to live and for as LONG as they can. As a professional gerontologist, I see the greatest strengths of the Paristown Green proposal embedded in the creative fashion in which the applicant's design fosters inter-generational continuity and connectivity, promotes wellness and accessibility, preserves green space, encourages lifelong learning, and provides for access to essential goods and services. I especially appreciate that Mr. Underhill and his team appear to have found a way to honor the historical significance of the structure, one that will celebrate its capacity for continuing to contribute to the surrounding community. This is appropriately reflective of the elders who can reside under its roof. Bottom line: this looks both wonderful and viable to me.
- 112. Underhill Associates has the best proposal for the neighborhood and here is why. They are the only developer that will save the buildings and maximize the green space. I like the multi-generational housing mix and the involvement of Bellarmine and Highland

- Community Ministries. I like the commitment to a neighborhood grocery, a daycare, public art, a community garden, and the bikeshare.
- 113. All are Too Dense!!! Housing is not needed in this area as proposed. Louisville is a builders' paradise at this time in this town. Louisville Forward, please listen to us who live in Paristown Pointe and to the councilwoman who recently asked for the building of housing/apartments to slow down!!! We will not have another chance to save our open land as we do now. The west side parking has for years been our saving grace for dreams to come. We have used this area for many happy events. Our dream of this property becoming a park/neighborhood events area has a true possibility if Steve Smith has a chance to develop. After meetings with all of interested developers at HCM, Mr. Smith found out how much our garden and open spaces meant to us he said he would be willing to work with neighborhood and help make our dreams a reality concerning the 2 acre lot. This plus building a hotel, business office and Brownstone would truly make our neighborhood something unique. The only drawback to Mr. Smith's plans is the townhouses/apartments on Barret and Breckinridge St. This plan is entirely too dense. Take some of the homes from west lot and then place them on Breckinridge St. would be nice. This plan would not be as dense and just may be beautiful.
- 114. Underhill's plan is the only one (from what I can tell) that rehabs most of the existing buildings - which is a definite plus. The mix of uses (senior housing, restaurant, gym, grocery, bike share, green space, farmer's market) would be great (would love to see a coffee shop added somewhere - attached to the grocery maybe). There isn't much room near the Highlands to really develop something that would greatly benefit the neighborhood - this would do it. The Marian Group's plan would also be exciting for the area, and I love that they'd be teaming up with Family Scholar House with this. Their plan includes a good mix of uses with plenty of green space as well. Weyland's plan doesn't have enough information for me to really weigh in on - I'd love to see them do more with Liberty Green before starting on another neighborhood. LC's plan is fine - it looks like something that could be done anywhere - there isn't anything special with the idea for the neighborhood. Steve Smith's plan - again, this one doesn't really have much information to go on. As a resident of the neighborhood, I'd love to see: grocery, coffee shop, farmer's market, green space, housing (250-400 units), retail, non-profit aspect (Family Scholar House, Library, cheap/shared office space for other non-profits)
- 115. Residents of Paristown Pointe and surrounding areas meet to discuss the redevelopment proposals for the Urban Government Center on May 31, 2017. The group discussed each developer and the plans they submitted, in addition a pro/con list and additional items that the neighborhood would like included in the final product. Important items that request be included in the development:

Dedicated meeting space for neighborhood association

Green space: would like to see this space divided throughout the development,
including a dog park, family and community gathering space, and enlarging the current
garden/green space

Trees: keep as many of the older trees as possible and plant comparable trees Vine and Breckenridge Streets: remain residential with limited number of retail space Housing: overall distribution of low income and subsidized housing, limit number of rental properties and apartments, focus on owner occupied housing (single family homes, shotgun homes, town homes, apartments, duplexes)

Barret Avenue: majority of retail to be on Barret and at the corner of Breckenridge Create Global Village: including amenities, connective pathways, shops, boutique hotel with roof top dining, library, LMPD substation.

Traffic Study: to be performed and shared with residents so that the needs and wants of the neighborhood will be included.

Innovative Kitchen

Walkable/safety

Keep exit onto Barret Avenue from The Urban Government Center

<u>Lifestyle Communities</u>

Pro: Single family shot gun homes, building the exterior of development first-creating a barrier between construction and residents, and Innovative Kitchen.

Con: Density, very little green space, neighbors feel disconnected from this design.... Most of the people at the meeting, just wanted to disregard the plan and developer.

Steve Smith

Pro: Local business man who is committed to working with the current residents of Paristown Pointe, he is willing to give the 2-acre parking lot to PPNA to be used as green space for neighborhood/community use. Dedicated meeting/office space for PPNA and funding source for PPNA. Connecting of the arts development and residential homes with a grand staircase, easy access to retail and recreation areas. Consistency of design between upper and lower Paristown Pointe.

Con: Density-just too much packed into a small area. Many people expressed concern about having all your eggs in one basket. Concern about Mr. Smith over extending himself and the fact that he has not had experience as a developer.

Marian Group

Pro: 43% green space, mixed use development, modern Shot Gun homes, Day Care, Senior assisted living facility, and approximately 200-250 total living units, bike, and pedestrian parkway.

Con: Concerns about Family Scholar House, not sure if the community is willing to lend the kind of support and mentoring that is needed for this type of facility. Also concerned that there will be an increase in crime and violence, not so much from the residents but from people associating with them from outside this area. Resident not in favor of a gated community separate from the rest of the neighborhood that could encourage isolation the rest of the neighbors. Worried that the senior living would turn into Dosker Manor, family members causing problems, selling drugs, and committing crimes.

Underhill

Pro: Graduate and nursing student housing, daycare, Library, fitness center, grocery, mixture of Town-homes, single family, and apartment living. 65% green space.

Con: Green space is mainly on Barret Avenue. Senior Housing of 130 units & 100 units of Skilled Nursing combine for more senior/nursing units than all the other types of housing combined.

Weyland

Pro: Creation of new streets and alley. Unfortunately, there was not enough information given by the developer. Success of Norton Commons

Con: Weyland keeps referring to this as new neighborhood, when it is not. Too denseneed to reduce the number of single family homes. Lack of green space, not enough parking, proposed buildings of 7, 5, 4- stories instead of matching the height of homes on Breckenridge Street. There is no connection between upper and lower Paristown Pointe-feels cut off.

- 116. I've looked at all the proposals and The Underhill proposal is head and heels over the rest. I've worked in a position where I was able to hear what the neighborhoods were looking for in future development. With an ever growing senior population and very few places in the Highlands to resettle/downsize with assisted living....this is perfect. I also like the partnering up with Bellarmine health students with mixed housing and the opportunity prospect of internship and possibility to be employed after graduation. I love the multi-generational setting as well with daycare availability from Highland Community Ministries as a willing partner. Businesses willing to come to the table with small stores are also a great fit for an area that is in need of grocery/amenities options. It's a total win/win for all. Bringing all age groups together with housing, business, education, health opportunities in an area that needs all of the above. I strongly urge the committee to select the Underhill proposal. It will be a great asset upon completion and will continue to be an asset way into the future with the multi-generational facets and partnering with strong existing cornerstones of Bellarmine, Signature Health Care and Highland Community Ministries.
- 117. I live on Broadway just a few blocks from the UGC. My primary concern with the site is that any housing be truly affordable, and not just include a token number of 'workforce' units that really are not affordable. I think the 'affordable' units at Norton Commons start at what, something like \$950 a month? Or the project at Mercy on Broadway, the developer said 'affordable' was \$850. Or the proposed project in NuLu that's received some press. How about at this site, some truly affordable housing for those people who don't make millions a year. If I paid \$950 a month, that would be half of my take home pay. I am a Metro employee, and that would NOT be affordable! I wonder about those who are not as fortunate as myself and make less or have other expenses that limit what they can do. So personally, my number one concern for our city is TRULY AFFORDABLE HOUSING, not greedy rents driven sky high by greedy outside developers and house flippers. Now I do have other concerns for the former Urban Government Center. One friend has brought the concept of cohousing to my attention. The concept seeks to bring together the elderly, families, and singles in a community that has some common space and other things in common, such as kitchen/dining facilities, open space and recreational space. Each renter or owner still has personal kitchen facilities. While I haven't done a whole lot of research on the subject, I find that it could be

- supportive of all involved. Of particular concern would be seniors who might not have family nearby or at all. These folks could benefit from a community that encourages care and engagement from their neighbors. The Underhill plan seems to address things like this and I understand they are willing to work with Highland Community Ministries in planning for affordable senior housing and support for community for all age groups. So I would like to express my support for the Underhill group's proposal, with one caveat, that there are also affordable living arrangements for single people who are not seniors. "Workforce," or whatever you want to call it. Find a way to make a good portion of the housing TRULY AFFORDABLE.
- 118. Clearly need mixed use and both rental and home ownership. Not high rise apartments building but four to six story as well as single homes. Some senior housing and stores such as grocery as well as space for community gatherings and farmer market. Playgrounds and green space. Walkable commercial area with restaurants and specialty shops. Norton Commons is a good example but make it affordable and mixed income. We need to have housing for young professionals and artist close to the downtown area.
- 119. I love the Underhill plan.... especially because it is multigenerational. This type of living provides great benefits to all ages of people, including a higher quality of life. And the fact that it offers everything a person would need means they will spend more time there interacting with other residents, creating a sense of community.
- 120. As I believe everyone who has attended any or all of the meetings at UGC is aware of my choice for developer. I have not been silent regarding bringing more money into this low to mid income area. I believe in diversity and I also believe in being fair. This area needs more money to accomplish that. Paristown Pointe has been trying for years to be a future haven for all and with higher end housing we will achieve this goal. As of now we waiver neighborhood dues (5.00 per year) as folks balk at this. Give Steve Smith the opportunity to bring a lovely boutique hotel here as I continually bring up and the upscale Brownstone and that connecting stair case! Businesses on Barret Ave with living quarters above on bus line would a welcome feature. I believe all the resident living area on Breckinridge St. is entirely too much!!! This was a main topic concerning all residents about all developers....too much housing!!!! Just walk up the street onto Broadway!!! After all the negative feedback at HCM meeting, Mr. Smith said he would adjust his plans to be more pleasing to neighborhood wishes. I for one believe this because he has vested interest in this neighborhood. Also our concern regarding the ever popular garden and greenspace expansion. He will be willing to take away all housing on two acre west lot and green it for the residents to use....WOW!!! We could once again have old fashion annual picnics, maybe once a month movies on the lawn, bands to come in and entertain once again, families will have open space to breathe as they enjoy what Mr. Olmstead had in mind years ago. Please remember this space will and should be used for what the people want not what the developers want. The UGC lot alone will make someone wealthy plus the city will be getting its share. More and more people will enjoy this area in our future and it will also have enough space to allow parking....something our neighborhood does not want to lose. The KY extension program could and should come back after losing space here and the detectives along

- with IPL still park here. We always felt safe having police in our area as it would in any neighborhood. This parking lot is only two acres...Please allow us to keep it. We could have one of the most unique neighborhoods of the future!!!!

 We Are The "Biggest Little" Neighborhood In Town!!!!
- 121. Let's do this Louisville. Go big or go home. We need a parking garage and density for this project. This can be done
- 122. I am writing to comment on the proposal by Underhill Associates, LLC, for the redevelopment of the former Louisville Urban County Government complex in the Paristown Pointe neighborhood. The Underhill proposal reflects an approach to urban sustainability that has been the hallmark of the firm's work in Louisville since the 1970's -- an approach grounded in the adaptive reuse of historic structures and the support and enhancement of the diverse social institutions required to keep a neighborhood vital and engaging. The reuse of the original Baptist Hospital structure as housing for aging households, juxtaposed with the conversion of the former nurse's quarters to graduate student housing, reflects both a respect for the original purpose and function of the hospital campus as well as the conscientious effort to establish a contemporary multigenerational community. Meanwhile, centering a collaboration of Highlands Community Ministries, Signature Healthcare, and Bellarmine University within the complex -- while creating public spaces and health facilities emphasizing active living -will together establish within the community a physically, functionally, and holistic approach to public health unique to Metro Louisville. Above and beyond anything I might say, I can only urge you to consider the Underhill firm's exceptional contribution to the revitalization of Louisville's urban fabric over the past five decades -- most notably in West Louisville, Old Louisville, Westport Village, South Louisville, and Germantown. The firm's concept for Paristown Pointe will be less a statement of originality than a distinctively thoughtful effort to bind together generational and social diversity in such a way as to create an integrated urban district that both draws from and lends strength to the surrounding neighborhoods. I urge you to give very favorable consideration to the Underhill proposal, and will be glad to offer any other testimony that you may wish to ask of me.
- 123. I have forty years' experience in neighborhood redevelopment. Some of the focus (according to your printed parameters) for this important redevelopment site is preservation and sustainable result. I found it curious that most of the developers tacitly ignored this directive, seeming to believe either in the buildings' uselessness, sickness, or seeming to fear adaptive reuse. Two developers have more than a passing interest in redeveloping the site while utilizing some or, in one case, all, of the existing structures. This approach both meets the apparent objective while building upon the site's size and prominence and providing familiar framework upon which to build an entirely new concept. The greenest buildings are the ones already built. While my personal favorite is the mid-century police station in the northern portion of the site, the structures do speak to each other and if they can be repurposed and enhanced then that should be the favored solution. Mixed use, mixed income, mixed age group redevelopment is also essential. While grand staircases and boutique hotels and yet another soulless millennial warehousing complex might seem grand, in reality these trends are quick fixes that

really do not speak to the fabric and composition of urban neighborhoods like the Highlands. They also don't speak to actual need in this community. We need elderly age in place housing. We need affordable options for co-housing and families with children. We need an urban market or even better - a 24/7 easily accessible enclosed farmers market our local vendors can enjoy without shuffling location to location seasonally - we need what the Haymarket was and might be again. The HighMarket perhaps?! I would like to see enhanced connectivity through and to the site as some have proposed. I would like sustainable infill that welcomes the greenest technology and reduces car use. And NO parking garages!!!! If you build it don't hold your breath it will create anything but car-centricity, the utter antithesis of where we should be going. Addressing Barret Ave with new construction is also desirable. The site shouldn't remain an island, nor should it's redevelopment create a set internal focus. Barret has the potential to really develop its mix of commercial and residential activity and continue corridor connectivity for which this city is famous but fails to promote and protect. Its whole history is one of buildings in constant use flux - And that's good. Plumbing shops become acupuncture studios; small neighborhood markets became restaurants (Lynn's), dry cleaners became bars (Monkey Wrench). The concept of corner commercial is alive well and valid! (And the model works). I think it wise to favor local involvement over outside. I could see the two developers (Underhill and Weyland) who appear genuinely interested in adaptive reuse working together - or a phased approach that allows adaptive reuse to occur while infill happens more organically - in timed stages, and by multiple developers. The one and done approach for this large site is perhaps the wrong one. Both the Underhill proposal and Mr. Weyland's knowledge of similar developments locally over a long period of time speak to their abilities. I also think a wider net of neighborhood involvement - as well as mass transit and enhanced connectivity experts can develop the site user potential beyond the Lower Highlands into Germantown, Shelby Park, and Phoenix Hill. I have lived within three blocks of the site and currently reside within walking/biking distance in Bonnycastle. If I was still living on Oak Street I could still easily access this site for multiple needs. Tree preservation is also tantamount in my mind and renovating the buildings in place lessens the consistent intent of destroying every tree on site for every new development. The rooftop garden on the police station speaks to the intent of a government entity to maintain mature landscaping in the face of reckless redevelopment that does the opposite. Again, these are thoughts from someone who has been in this business a very long time and can point to tangible accomplishments as well as missed opportunities. I am sure each proposal brings something to the table but of them all only the Underhill proposal and what I have seen of Mr. Weyland's concept address the stated goal of green and rehabilitation as positives.

124. Lifestyle Communities: We are not in favor of Lifestyle Communities as we consider our area here to be more single-family oriented and they plan on inundating our area with over 500 units with no real plans for single-family residences. Our area only has around 175 residents now. The surrounding areas are already experience a surge in apartment development (i.e. Mercy Academy & Phoenix Hill). We think our neighborhood can be set apart by renovating what's here and by adding to our single-family stock. This developer admitted that they did not pay attention to the RFP directive given regarding

sustainability or green space. The only positive spot on their plan is the Innovation Kitchen which would allow new restaurant concepts to be tested and chefs to really learn the business side of that industry.

Steve Smith: Steve Smith stated in a recent community meeting that his current Lower Paristown Pointe project is already 1.5 years behind and 1 million over budget. While he is a community member we feel as though this should be awarded to one of the other developers in our area to help move Upper Paristown along so that it isn't hindered by the development of Lower Paristown. Steve also stated that he does not see the benefit of a park or green space as no one will maintain it. We really appreciate the other developers thinking ahead on this issue instead of dismissing the green space entirely. Underhill Associates/Paristown Green: We appreciate that this team is reusing the existing buildings and abating the mold issue. We also like that the buildings are going back to their original roots. The partnership with Bellarmine to house the nursing students who can be moments from where they will work and learn at the hospital space is genius and pays respect to what was there before. The attention paid to green space by this group was most impressive. Right now the bulk of those twelve acres is pavement and is not doing anyone any favors by being left that way.

Marian Group: Love the partnership with the Family Scholar House. The intergenerational idea is wonderful. We also like that this team is local so they have skin in the game for this to turn out nice. The connectivity to the surrounding areas and the Lower Paristown development by the walkway that transects the entire area makes their concept cohesive. This developer did pay attention to green space and are also open to suggestions from our association and were respectful of our input. The largest detractor of this plan is the elimination of the hospital.

Weyland Ventures: We appreciate this developer's attention to the neighborhood. They did recognize that our neighborhood is not a high rise area and have planned mostly single-family development which will fit right in. Even their mixed-use areas are not seeking to rise to the highest heights. This developer understands modern urbanism and the requirements for mixed income neighborhoods and will bring quality development without eliminating diversity by out-pricing lower income families. Their partnership with the original architect of the hospital could be invaluable.

Summary: If you can force developers to work together our ideal scenario would be Underhill to work with Weyland to get the hospital up to par and the rest of the development to be handled by Underhill. A very close second would be the Marian group for the connectivity and green space, with Steve Smith and Lifestyle Communities not even in the race anymore.

125. I live one block away from the property, at 800 Goullon Ct. Secure the Paristown Pointe Community Orchard and Garden by removing it from the redevelopment project. Louisville Metro should retain ownership of the parcel at 850 Vine St. and permit it to continue it as a community orchard and garden for the neighborhood (as neighbors have been promised repeatedly). The proposal best suited to the Paristown Pointe neighborhood is the Underhill proposal. It stands out for meeting all the development goals and appears to be the most sustainable with the lightest environmental footprint.

Paristown Pointe Community Orchard and Garden: The community orchard & garden at 850 Vine St. must be removed from the Urban Government Center redevelopment project boundary. Neighborhood residents have received verbal reassurance on multiple occasions that the garden & orchard would not be jeopardized by the redevelopment of the Urban Government Center property. However, much to our disappointment, the garden lot was included in the RFP and all but one of the developers has proposed destroying it. We do not want the property to be transferred to a private owner where its future is uncertain, but prefer for the orchard and garden to be secure as promised, and that Metro retain ownership of the 30 x 150' parcel. Since 1998, with the express permission & coordination with the groundskeepers at the Urban Government Center, neighbors have been maintaining, improving, and investing in this property, essentially maintaining it as a public park at our own expense. Gardeners have provided plants, compost, trees, berry plants, seeds, water, and all other materials and labor needed for the garden. The garden & orchard is our staging area for Brightside cleanups other events. Neighbors share fruit, berries, vegetables and herbs from the area. Metro ceased maintenance on the property in 2010 and it has been maintained by neighbors. Having demonstrated capacity, an active intergenerational group of Paristown Pointe neighbors are happy to continue this upkeep into the future. Allowing the Paristown Pointe Community Orchard & garden to be endangered by a developer would betray the trust of the neighbors who have worked hard on our own redevelopment project, converting a vacant lot into a thriving community space. Maintaining the Paristown Pointe Orchard and Garden meets several of the stated goals of the redevelopment as described in the call for proposals: "provid(e) green space and amenities for community and neighborhood activities," "encourage(e) crossgenerational interactions," "Health -Provide accessible green and Open spaces with opportunities for recreation, reflection, and relaxation," "Creativity - Allocate space for community activities and organizations as well as for educational opportunities." Please slice off the 850 Vine St parcel from the redevelopment, and ensure that it can remain there and continue fulfilling those goals! Neighbors are prepared to undertake whatever arrangements are necessary to secure it for the future.

Development Proposals: The proposal that I think is best suited for the Paristown Pointe neighborhood and fulfills the stated goals is the Underhill proposal. This proposal is superior in its recognition and prioritization of the green space and the historic building. It enhances the neighborhood without compromising its character. I would like you to choose this proposal for the following reasons: Any green building expert will remind us that the greenest building is one we don't have to build! The plan has potential to keep some of the mature trees; I hope that preserving & enhancing our existing tree canopy will be emphasized. Recognizes the existing community orchard & garden for the asset that it is. Will keep the rooftop garden on the Housing Authority Building! Appears to want to keep the existing Grow More Mow Less garden along Barret, providing food & habitat for pollinators, stormwater infiltration, and fruit trees for neighbors. Employs green infrastructure to reduce the impact of stormwater from the site. The idea for locating a library branch there is tremendously popular in the neighborhood. It does not add a parking garage (!) which pleases neighbors. The intergenerational partnerships

with Kindred, Highland Community Ministries, and Bellarmine are well-conceived. Senior housing and a daycare center are a perfect pairing; Likewise nursing students and healthcare services are a good match. The buildings are historic and they should be preserved. The element of this proposal that is not well-suited for the neighborhood is the grocery store. In light of the grocery store crisis affecting Louisville's downtown and western neighborhoods, it is inappropriate to suggest that a grocery store is "Muchneeded" in our neighborhood. I would invite the developers and any interested grocery store to evaluate the needs in Russell, Parkland, Old Louisville, or Shawnee neighborhoods!

- 126. On behalf of Louisville Urban League, I am pleased to provide you this letter of encouragement and endorsement for the proposed development at the Barret Avenue site. There are several key attributes of your plan that we consider essential as Louisville adaptively revisions important properties for the future. The Marian Group master plan includes an intentional strategy to invite diversity of background and income to the site using innovations like service-enriched affordable housing, commercial space, marketrate apartments and restaurants. Every use encourages the people of Louisville to enjoy this legacy neighborhood enhancement together as they live, work or play at the site. We appreciate that the architectural fabric of the existing neighborhood is recognized for its wealth of expression. We can easily see the future, with older folks and children sharing the amenities of the green commons since public transportation is accessible and the site is so close to medical and other retail options. This is a well-considered plan. We look forward to its development and invite you to call if we can be of service at any stage of development. We remind you that our construction workforce programs regularly produce well-qualified job candidates. Being part of this kind of quality development certainly can launch their careers with quality.
- 127. I know the west side parking lot is "ready" for "demolition" but please remember this has been our playground/open space for years and with everything changing across the street please consider our wishes. We have already asked Christa Robinson with councilwoman Barbara Sexton Smith for grant money in hopes of keeping greenspace/garden regarding insurance. Our dreams also include parking lot property as we always used this area to hold large picnics with bands (city provided funds for this entertainment) and fireman which hosed children down...too much fun!
- 128. I was able to attend the last citizen input meeting. I really enjoyed it. I am hoping to see far more sustainable technologies and design. Underhill and Marion Group so far are the most impressive.
- 129. Dear Mr. Underhill: I have had the opportunity to review your proposed plan for Paristown Green. I am impressed with the holistic approach you are taking to developing the property on Barrett Ave. Your plan takes the needs of many audiences into consideration. I am especially happy to see that your plan will repurpose existing structures and preserve them to the extent that you are able. I am also happy to see that your plan takes into consideration multigenerational needs. Further, while there are many options for senior living in Louisville, not many senior living units are inside urban Louisville near transit lines and near a grocery store. Your plan provides for both. I could imagine seniors being drawn to Paristown Green for convenience, stimulation,

- safety, and companionship. The opportunity for expanded health services is especially attractive. I heartily endorse your plan. I believe the partners that you will be working with from Bellarmine University to Signature Health Care to Highland Community Ministries, to name a few, are strong members of the Louisville Community and will be trusted partners in this endeavor. If ever I would become aware of seniors needing housing in the mid-city area, I would certainly recommend that they give every consideration to moving into Paristown Green.
- 130. In regards to the former Urban Government Center Paristown Pointe and Barret Avenue area: We basically approve of the plan suggested by Jeff Underhill. We like to redo and leave as much as possible. We would like a smaller number of apartments not 300 with all the other projects for apartments in nearby area. We would like to see a small grocery, possibly ice cream, and bakery in the area to make it grow. This would benefit the area and nearby apartments bringing money into the area. We also like the idea of a library and sub police station making the area safe and making it grow. We also like the idea of winding sidewalks to connect. My husband and I are looking to stay in this area and in a few years would be very interested in a patio home. I think they would sell quickly, bringing in people to the area. There really aren't any patio homes in this area.
- 131. I am writing to add my support to those gardeners who have developed the Paristown Orchard and Garden at 850 Vine Street. This project has been a model for many of us and we are very worried that it is currently endangered and for the wrong reason. Please remove it from the property boundary for the Urban Government Center redevelopment as it should never have been included in the Request For Proposals.
- 132. Please do what you can to protect the Paristown orchard and garden. While it is under Metro ownership, it is a vital community project that the city should support. Removing it from the property boundary for the redevelopment of the urban Government Center would be an appropriate action so that it may continue.
- 133. I believe the city should maintain the Paristown Orchard & Garden for public use, not offer it for sale to anyone, or least donate it to the appropriate neighborhood association to allow them to maintain it for public use. Please remove the Paristown Orchard & Garden from the property boundary of the Urban Government Center redevelopment project. I love having green space within the city and provide support to keep the current green spaces green.
- 134. I am writing to express my concern for the future of the Paristown orchard and Garden and to request that it be removed from the property boundary for the Urban Government Center redevelopment project. Our city's community gardens are wonderful resources to be cherished and protected. Please do your part to ensure the longevity of part of what makes Louisville great.
- 135. I support maintaining the Paristown Orchard & Garden by separating it from the sale of the old Urban Government Center on Barrett Ave. or by gifting it to the local neighborhood association. The green space enhances quality of life for the residents of this inner urban neighborhood, and, more generally, the continuance of this garden is of benefit to the Metro Area's goals of making Louisville a "City of Parks" and the prevention of excessive urban heat through the presence of trees and green spaces.

- 136. I recently heard there might be a threat to the Paristown Orchard and Garden on Vine Street located behind the Urban Government Center. It sounds like the property has been included as part of the redevelopment of that center. I have been over to this garden and heard from the neighbors how much they appreciate the green space and enjoy working together and gardening on the lot. I would highly recommend the city reevaluate the parcel and remove it from the property boundary of the Urban Government Center Redevelopment so the neighborhood can continue to grow food and build community on the space!
- 137. Please protect this metro property at 850 Vine Street by removing it from the property boundary for the Urban Government Center redevelopment. It should never have been included in the Request For Proposals.
- 138. Please protect the Paristown Orchard and Garden. This is a well-established community effort at healthy greening of our city by the citizens. Please remove it from the boundary for the Urban Government Building redevelopment. As a nearby resident of Schnitzelburg, I know the importance of neighborhood gardens and spaces. The Paristown orchard and garden is an important place for community building. Save it for the city and its residents.
- 139. I am a resident of Old Louisville and would like to say that I support removing the Paristown Orchard & Garden from the property boundary of the Urban Government Center redevelopment project. The city needs more green spaces and trees, not less. I recommend either removing this area from the sale, or transferring the Paristown Orchard & Garden to a neighborhood or other civic organization that is willing to oversee its upkeep and maintenance. Thank you for passing on these comments to the relevant committees or individuals involved in making this decision.
- 140. I am a Metro resident concerned about the possible loss of the Paristown orchard and garden. I ask that it be removed from the property boundary for the Urban Government Center redevelopment. It should never have been included in the RFP in the first place but it is attached to that property and Metro owns it.
- 141. It was shared that the Paristown orchard & garden is in jeopardy of being closed down to make way for Urban Government Center redevelopment. I would love for this not to be the case. Are you the point person for the garden? If so, please include me as an advocate to keep the garden running! I still think fondly of the time we shared at the Parkhill CC. Community gardens really do make for stronger communities!
- 142. I am adding my agreement with Amanda Fuller to ask that the community garden of which she speaks, should be saved from destruction. The Mayor's various programs that have been established to retain green space -- which helps clean Louisville's air, are sufficient reasons to warrant the continuing use of that small space of land.
- 143. No proposal should be considered that does not include the existing community garden. Only one of the proposals (Underhill) includes the existing community garden, and also proposes the incorporation of open and green spaces. If this proposal is not the one selected, the parcel at 850 Vine St should be removed from the site of development in order to protect the Paristown Pointe Orchard and Garden to preserve it as green space, and allows the neighbors to grow increasing amounts of healthy, fresh food for the community.

- 144. I urge that the parcel at 850 Vine St be removed from the Urban Government Center redevelopment, and that the city protect the Paristown Pointe Orchard & Garden as green space and fresh food for the neighborhood.
- 145. I'm writing to share my support for the Paristown Orchard & Garden! I hope that the city will remove it from the property boundary of the Urban Government Center redevelopment project, so that it is protected as a public-use green space.
- 146. I'm writing to respectfully ask you to do what you can to spare/protect the Paristown orchard & garden and remove it from the property boundary for the Urban Government Center redevelopment.