

Historical Commission

Agenda

**Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Library Meeting Room
951 Spruce Street
6:30 PM**

“Be a Part of the Story: Connect and Share in the Heart of Louisville”

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- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Nomination and election of new Chair
- IV. Approval of agenda

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- V. Approval of minutes for the March 19, 2025 regular meeting – *see attached draft*
- VI. Public comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- VII. Jeff Hirt – City of Louisville Comprehensive Plan – *see four attachments*
- VIII. Report from Louisville History Foundation board representative, Gordon Madonna (3 minutes)
- IX. Report from liaison from the Historic Preservation Commission. Sloane Whidden (3 minutes)
- X. Updates on Museum – Kristen Bodine, Interim Cultural Services Director
 - A. Budget updates
 - B. Museum buildings and campus
 - C. Museum Services Supervisor's written report – *see attached memo*
 - D. Updates on Museum operations & projects
 - E. Approval of Deeds of Gifts from donors
 - F. Advice sought on donations of other artifacts being offered
- XI. America 250/Colorado 150 update
- XII. HMAB Work Plan for 2025
 - A. Presentation to City Council scheduled for April 22
 - B. HMAB engagement
 - i. Farmers Market
 - ii. Labor Day Parade
- XIII. Chair's Report
- XIV. Commission comments & discussion items for next meeting (July 16, 2025)
- XV. Adjourn

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Minutes

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- I. **Call to order:** HMAB chair John Honan called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM
- II. **Roll call:** HMAB Members present: Rebecca Ferguson, David Hosansky, John Honan, Scott McElroy, Jeanette Bangs, and Barbara Taylor
HMAB Members absent: Joe Teasdale

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Other representatives: Kristen Bodine, Interim Cultural Services Director, Gigi Yang, Museum Services Supervisor, Sloane Whidden, HPC liaison (remote)

- III. **Welcome and Introductions of new and old Board members:** All members introduced themselves
- IV. **Approval of agenda:** Members approved the agenda, vote 6 to 0
- V. **Approval of minutes for the January 15, 2025 regular meeting – see attached draft**
Members approved the minutes, vote 6 to 0
- VI. **Public comments on Items Not on the Agenda:** None, Seven students from Monarch High School attended.
- VII. **Report from Louisville History Foundation board representative, Gordon Madonna (3 minutes)** Not present
- VIII. **Report from liaison from the Historic Preservation Commission. Sloane Whidden (3 minutes)** Progress in developing a work plan for the year focusing on assessing grant amounts to align with construction costs and program needs. Enhancing Public outreach to improve community understanding of the Historic Preservation program. Landmarking Ceremony coming up. More details coming about date and time.
- IX. **Updates on Museum – Gigi Yang, Museum Services Supervisor**
 - A. Budget updates: SCFD grant received. Slight increase from last year. Working towards grant funding for the cabins.
 - i. Museum Operations Budget – see *attached*
 - B. Museum buildings and campus: Jacoe store renovations complete. Steps at Tomeo house getting repaired. Museum Staff still continuing to work on outdoor and indoor learning space for youth.
 - C. Museum Services Supervisor's written report – see *attached memo*
 - D. Updates on Museum operations & projects: Museum staff working on accessibility compliance on the Museum's website. There will be an increase and new types of walking tours this year. Museum staff working on Bloomberg Connects app to have virtual tours of the museum and its collections. Staff continuing to scan and digitize historic documents and photos.
 - i. Strategic Priorities 2025 – see *attached*
 - E. Approval of Deeds of Gifts from donors: Members approved the Deeds, vote 6 to 0
 - 1. Johnny Kranker – Copy of Our Boys Service Record of WWII for the Education Collection
 - 2. Patricia Dimond Murphy – Track suit c. 1980s for Louisville women's hose team

3. Dale Elrod – Photograph of Wagon Wheel in c. 1950s
4. Pete Lindquist – Items related to Gayle Lindquist, founding Principal at Monarch K-8 – School yearbooks from 1998 7 1999, newspaper article from Boulder Daily Camera
5. Maryann Adams – Photographs and documents related to Joseph and Francis Frause, Anna Frause, Irma and Pauline Frause, class photos and school related documents, a glass beer stein from Czechoslovakia. For the Education Collection: laundry fork, small iron, and carbide lamp
6. Barb DiSalle – digital copy of wedding photo of Joseph Giorzelli and Stella Bottinelli
7. Leo Deborski – mining pick axe owned by Thomas Liddle, found at donor's house
8. Christine Wecker – three digital scans of Stephanie Warembourg, August Warembourg Jr., and August Sr. and Marie Warembourg
9. John R. Steinbaugh – Items and photographs related to the Steinbaugh Store and Steinbaugh family including interiors of Steinbaugh store, Photos of the Dionigi Family and of other events and people around Louisville, Louisville Fire Department Past Chiefs button, ration books and stamps from WWII, Welch Mine Payroll record from 1887. For Education Collection and Museum files – Five issues of the Louisville Times c. 1942-1992, bar of Pine Tar soap from 1910; Photocopies of Welch Mine payroll and Louisville school census from 1908.
10. Richard J. Ross – World War I uniform (jacket, pants, and leg wraps) worn by Joseph P. Ross c. 1918, spent bullet, short green army jacket; Digital copy of photograph of Joseph Ross.
11. John Harnagel – Eldridge sewing machine c. 1909 owned by Ethel Thirlaway Andrews at her home on Jefferson, plus sewing accessories. For the Education Collection.
12. Marie Slavec – List of Louisville and Superior residents who served in WWII for Museum Files, and etched glass window from front door of Slavec family home at 1245 Main St.

F. Advice sought on donations of other artifacts being offered: no advice sought

X. America 250/ Colorado 150 - sesquicentennial

- XI. **HMAB Work Plan for 2025**
 - A. Review revised Work Plan for 2025 for City Council - *see attached*
 - i. Museum Advocacy – *see attached*
 - ii. Opportunities for Advocacy with CAB and LHF
 - B. Presentation to City Council scheduled for April 22 at 6pm – Location TBD – need HMAB Chair or other member to present
- XII. **Chair's Report:** Gave Pioneer award to Memory Delforge at Chamber Award Banquet.
- XIII. **Commission comments & discussion items for next meeting (May 21, 2025)** None
- XIV. **Adjourn:** The HMAB meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

SUBJECT: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION

DATE: MAY 21, 2025

PRESENTED BY: JEFF HIRT, AICP, PLANNING MANAGER

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to update the HMAB on the status of the Comprehensive Plan (“Plan”) and request targeted feedback on the Plan’s goals and strategies to inform the Plan’s drafting.

BACKGROUND

The City is updating its Comprehensive Plan that will be adopted by City Council and required by state law. The Louisville Municipal Code (LMC) Section 17.64.050 also requires a Plan update at least every ten years. The last Plan update was in 2013. The Plan update is an opportunity for the community to refresh the City’s overall vision, values, and policies on a range of topics including but not limited to land use, development, and infrastructure. The time horizon the Louisville Comprehensive Plan will address is about 20 years. The Plan is not the City’s official zoning map and is not regulatory, but it does articulate official City policy that guides a range of decisions.



The Community Development Department is managing the Plan update in close coordination with City Council, Planning Commission and numerous other City boards, commissions, and departments with a consultant team led by Design Workshop with subconsultants Fehr and Peers (transportation), Economic and Planning Systems (economics analysis), and Spirit Environmental (sustainability, resilience, etc.).

The project is approaching its final stages with a target adoption date of late Summer 2025. To date, several thousand residents have provided input on the Plan. This input guided development of the Plan’s [Vision Statement and Core Values](#) and is guiding the Plan’s drafting. Link 4 is a summary of the Plan’s most recent community engagement.

City Council has also recently provided direction on the Plan’s future land use framework that will identify areas where there is a desired change (or not) in land use and development to implement City policies, including but not limited to the Louisville Housing Plan and economic vitality goals. Attachment 2 provides a more detailed summary of this direction.

The Community Development Department is seeking input from several boards and commissions in early 2025 as the project team is starting to draft the Plan. Specifically, the primary purpose of these discussions is to address the goals and strategies of the Plan that are aligned with the board or commission's role.

HMAB Related Goals and Strategies

Attachment 1 includes a summary table of the potential goals and related strategies that may be in the Comprehensive Plan related to the HMAB's role. Specifically, those goals or strategies related to historic preservation. These goals and strategies will be part of a broader Plan framework of goals and strategies that will be organized around the Vision Statement and Core Values.

The purpose of these goals and strategies is to articulate City policy on specific topics. The Plan is a policy document and not regulatory, but these statements will guide City decision making on a range of topics like budgeting, programming, capital projects, and land use decisions.

SCHEDULE AND NEXT STEPS

The project team is seeking input from several City boards and commissions in March to inform the Plan's drafting, followed by continued discussions with Planning Commission and City Council. Following this input the project team is working towards a June public review draft period. At that time there will be extensive community notification of the draft availability and opportunities for input. The target adoption of the Plan by City Council is late Summer 2025.

The City Council has also allocated funds for a comprehensive Development Code update that is planned to start immediately after the Comprehensive Plan adoption.

REQUESTED HPC FEEDBACK

City staff are requesting feedback from the HMAB on the relevant draft, preliminary goals and strategies in Attachment 1. Specifically:

- What are the most important things to capture in describing the goal or strategy in the Comprehensive Plan?
- What goals and strategies within HMAB's role are missing from the list below that should be included in the Comprehensive Plan?

ATTACHMENTS/LINKS:

1. Goals and Strategies Worksheet for HMAB Input
2. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Framework Draft Summary
3. Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement and Core Values
4. December 2025 Community Engagement Summary
5. Project Website

HPC COMMUNICATION

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6. 2013 Comprehensive Plan
7. Louisville Preservation Master Plan (2015)

HPC COMMUNICATION

Historic Museum Advisory Board

May 21, 2025

Citywide Comprehensive Plan Update



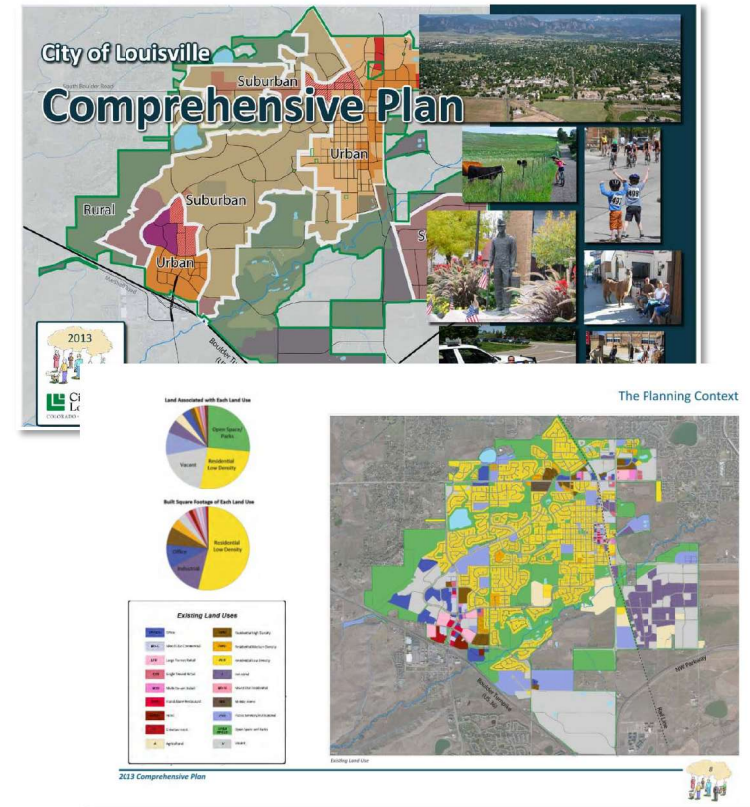
Meeting Purpose

1. HMAB Comprehensive Plan project update
2. Targeted questions to inform Plan drafting



Plan Overview

- Citywide policy that focuses on land use and development but addresses a wide range of topics.
- Not zoning or regulatory, but important foundation for City decisions related to land use, development, capital projects, programming, etc.
- Required update every ten years (last update 2013)



Comp Plan Interface with HPC

- Future growth and development policies in downtown and other commercial areas
- Priority infrastructure investments
- Statement of goals and strategies related to historic preservation



Progress to Date

- Early 2024 kickoff
- Three rounds of community engagement in 2024 with over 2,000 residents participating
- Vision and Values statements endorsed by City Council
- Future growth scenarios shared with community late 2024



Engagement Activities



City of

Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement

Louisville is committed to being an equitable, resilient, and sustainable community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive – now and for future generations. We strive for a vibrant future where Louisville will evolve and adapt to change in ways that respect our past and support our high quality of life.

Comprehensive Plan Core Values

- Community Character: We value a balanced approach to change that embraces and enhances our community character.
- Community Connectivity: We value knowing our neighbors through a community network that is inclusive and inter-connected.
- Environmental Sustainability: We value climate action, environmental resilience, and adaptation to promote environmental sustainability for the enduring vitality of our community.
- Economic Vibrancy: We value thriving and dynamic businesses that support and engage the community.
- Community Places: We value community places to bring people together and support healthy living including parks, open spaces, and other public places.
- Civic Leadership: We value transparent, collaborative, and fiscally responsible local government.



City Council Direction - Land Use & Development Framework

- Focus change in defined opportunity areas (areas of change/areas of stability)
- Implementation of Louisville Housing Plan
- Support for mixed use development in some locations
- Higher intensity development closer to US 36



LEGEND

--- Louisville boundary

— Major road

— Trails

▨ Opportunity Areas

① South Boulder Road Corridor

② Downtown

③ McCaslin Corridor

④ Redtail Ridge

Existing Place Types

■ Commercial

■ Mixed Use Retail

■ Low Density Residential (1-10 DU)

■ Mid Density Residential (10-20 DU)

■ Mixed Use/Mid Density Residential (20-30 DU)

■ Mixed Use/High Density Residential (30-40 DU)

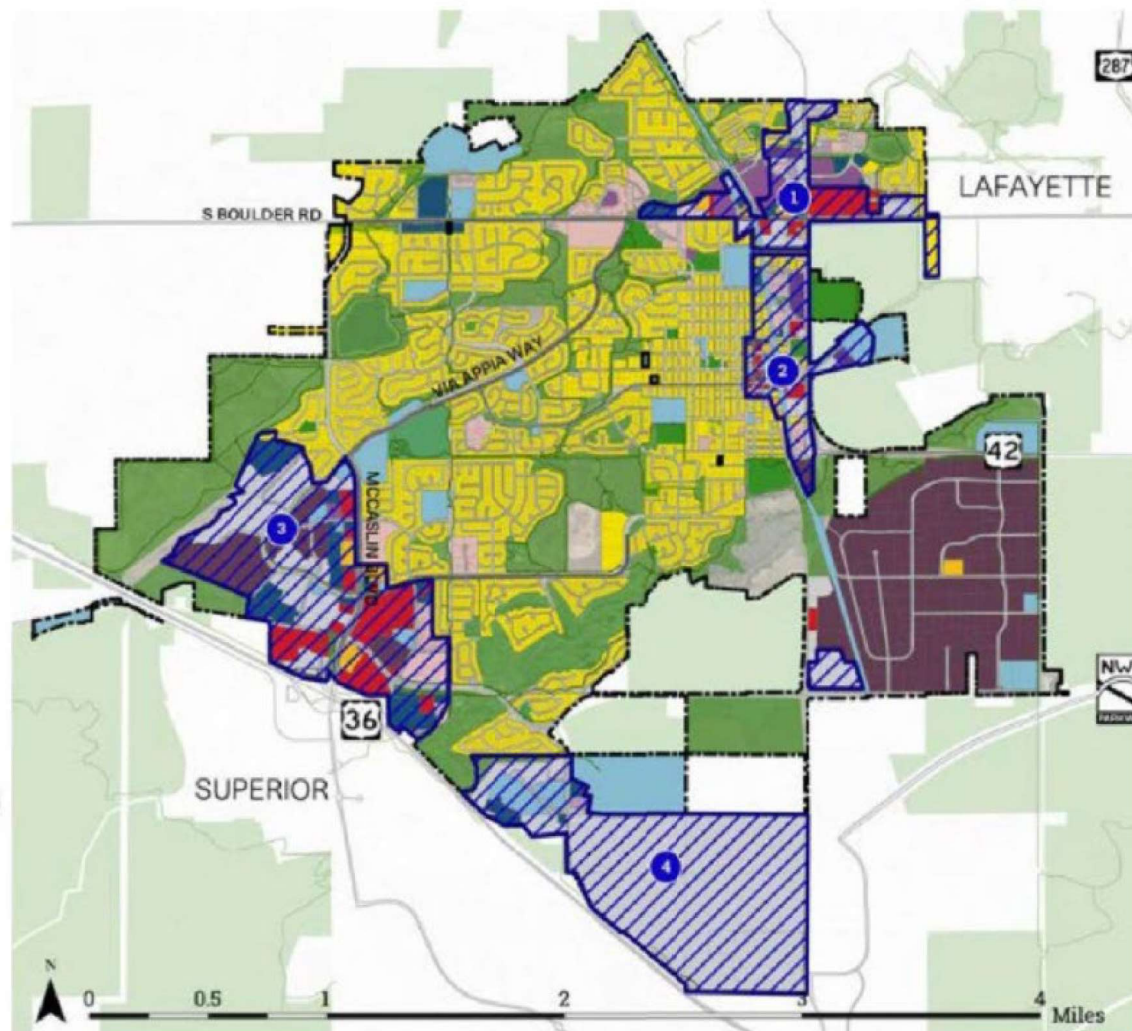
■ Park/Plaza/Open Space

■ Public Use

■ Industrial Mixed Use

■ Industrial Office/R&D

■ Office



Areas of Opportunity map

Comprehensive Plan Draft Future Land Use Framework – March 2025

Opportunity Area	Framework
1. South Boulder Road	• Mid-density residential uses in some locations near South Boulder Road and Highway 42, opportunity to consider 3-stories. • Mixed use residential and commercial along some parts of South Boulder Road; consider allowing residential by-right in mixed use districts.
2. Downtown Louisville	• Maintain ground floor retail and other street level active uses in commercial area. • Propose mid-density residential in some locations, including above ground floor retail. • Consider 3-stories in some locations, including near future transit. • Support enhancements to community gathering places. • Address as a special character area with supplemental policies addressing design, scale, and land use.
3. McCaslin Corridor	• Mid-density residential uses along Centennial Blvd, changing current zoning from office, and designed in a manner that promotes a neighborhood feel. • Maintain commercial (retail) as primary use along McCaslin Blvd. • High-density residential/mixed use near US 36; consider 4 stories, possibly up to 5 stories at locations along US 36. • Incorporate parks, green space, or trail connections to promote transportation and open space connectivity.
4. Redtail Ridge	• Mid-density residential and mixed-use residential uses at some locations, opportunity to consider 3 or 4 stories. • High-density residential near relocated hospital site and along US 36; opportunity to consider 4-stories, consider transit connections. • Propose mid- to high-density housing inter-mixed with office, R&D and industrial uses when appropriate to support jobs-housing balance and vibrancy. • Consider a community green area, green corridor and trails network to promote livability/workability.

Potential HMAB-Related Goals and Strategies

Draft GOAL

Draft STRATEGY to Implement Goal

1. Preserve Community Character and Heritage

- Evaluate Historic Preservation Fund allocation criteria:
 - Acquisition opportunities
 - Grant program updates
- Consider Update to [Preservation Master Plan](#)
- Update Old Town Overlay Zoning District

2. Vibrant Downtown

- Maintain and enhance ground floor activation through design and land use (e.g., ground floor retail).
- Allow residential “by right” in some areas (e.g., above ground floor commercial) to implement City housing policies and support economic vibrancy.
- Integrate land use, development, and transportation recommendations with the Downtown Vision Plan.
- Evaluate improvements to Downtown Framework Plan.

Requested HMAB Feedback

1. What are the most important things to capture within HMAB's role in describing the Plan's goals and strategies?
2. What goals and strategies are missing from this initial list related to HMAB's role?

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Attachment 1: Comprehensive Plan Goals and Strategies (for HMAB)

The purpose of this document is to seek input from the HMAB on the Comprehensive Plan's potential goals and strategies. The table below includes select potential goals and strategies related to HMAB's role. These will evolve and be part of a broader articulation of City goals and strategies on a range of topics in the Plan.

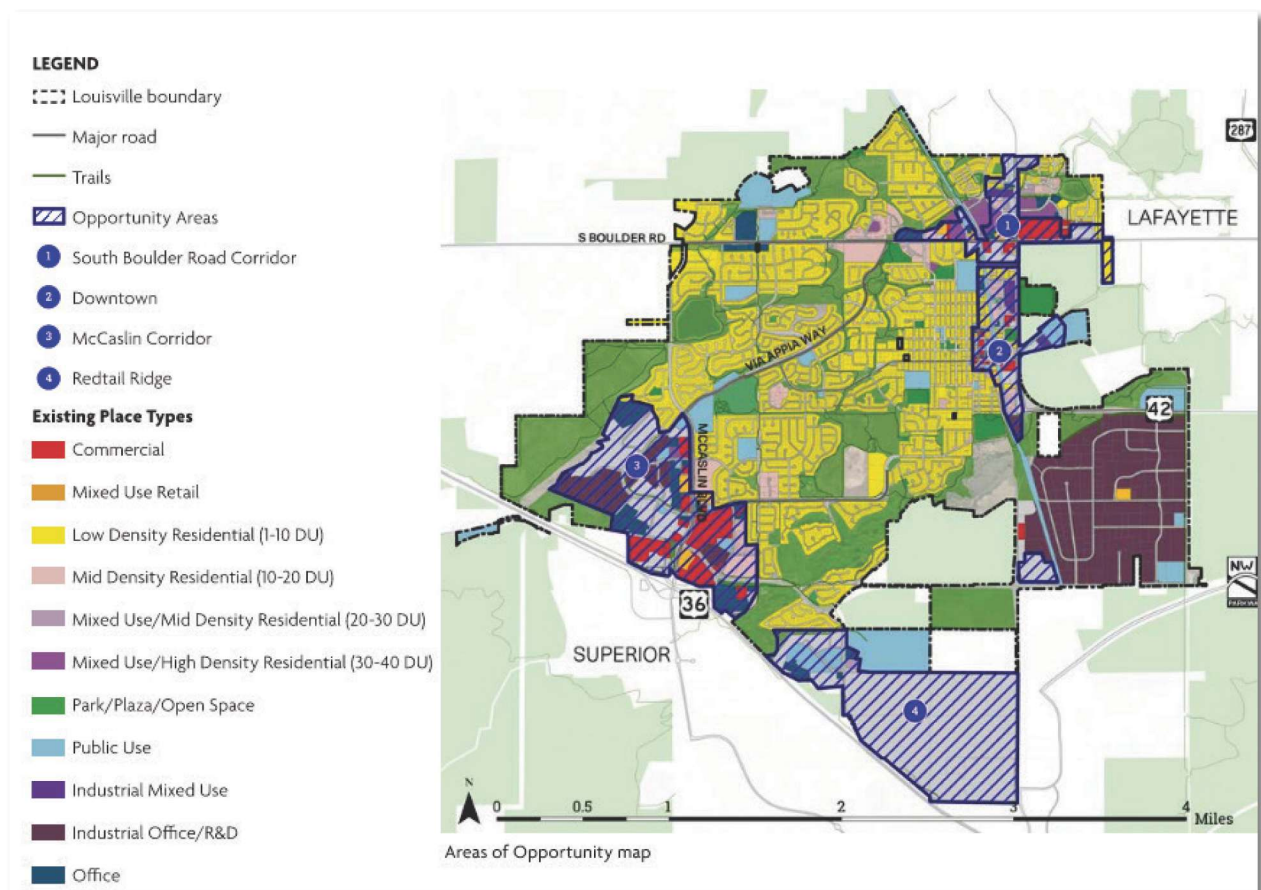
Please review the content in the table below and be ready to discuss while considering the following questions:

- *What are the most important things to capture in describing the goal or strategy in the Comprehensive Plan?*
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Summary of Select Potential HMAB Related Goals and Strategies in the Comprehensive Plan		
Draft GOAL	Draft STRATEGY to Implement Goal	HMAB Comments
1. Preserve Community Character and Heritage	• Evaluate Historic Preservation Fund allocation criteria: ◦ Acquisition opportunities ◦ Grant program updates • Consider Update to Preservation Master Plan • Update Old Town Overlay Zoning District	TBD
2. Vibrant Downtown	• Maintain and enhance ground floor activation through design and land use (e.g., ground floor retail). • Allow residential “by right” in some areas (e.g., above ground floor commercial) to implement City housing policies and support economic vibrancy. • Integrate land use, development, and transportation recommendations with the Downtown Vision Plan. • Evaluate improvements to Downtown Framework Plan.	TBD

Attachment 2: Louisville Comprehensive Plan Draft Future Land Use Framework

The Comprehensive Plan will include a future land use framework that acts as City policy for land use decisions. This will include a citywide map of desired future land uses and accompanying descriptions of different place types (e.g., low density residential, commercial, parks, etc.). The Plan will address the entire city, but with more granular recommendations for areas more likely to change (“Opportunity Areas”). The map below is the current draft that shows such areas of change. In early 2025, Planning Commission and City Council provided direction to address future land uses within each of the four areas of change as summarized in the table below. These groups also provided direction that the Plan should provide policies supporting some limited, context sensitive redevelopment in the places outside of the areas of change.



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Memorandum

To: Historical Museum Advisory Board
From: Gigi Yang, Museum Services Supervisor
Date: May 21, 2025
Re: Museum Services Supervisor's Report

The Museum has been reaching out and building partnerships this spring. In March, Gigi Yang and Summer King attended the Indigenous Connections Summit in Golden, CO and learned about ways cultural institutions can build relationships with Native community members, how to reach out to tribal leaders, and share Indigenous history and culture. In April, Sophia Imperoli received a scholarship to attend the Colorado Wyoming Association of Museums annual conference. In early May, the Museum hosted a professional meeting of the Association of Northern Front Range Museums. Hadley Kluber Seifert – Museum Associate for Collections, worked with the Director of the Lafayette Historical Museum to present tips on caring for museum collections to neighboring museum volunteers and staff. Gigi Yang and Hadley Kluber Seifert also attended the History Colorado Affiliates Network Summit to learn more about museum practices and statewide initiatives that support museums.

Museum staff continue to work on projects related to the Marshall Fire. After the Los Angeles fires, Gigi Yang met with conservators and cultural staff from California to share the Museum's role in rapid collections, oral histories, and disaster recovery. Sophia Imperoli has continued working with Kate Goldfarb at the University of Colorado to process Marshall Fire oral histories and transcripts. Staff also connected with Marshall Fire Together on a new project to collect oral histories from families moving back to Louisville.

We have enjoyed engaging with residents and visitors during the First Friday events in partnership with the Downtown Business Association. Punch cards and more marketing brought in 114 visitors to preview the Lost Louisville walking tour during the First Friday in May. Staff have also appreciated the new flock of stuffed chickens knitted by industrious members of the community. The chickens will be used for our educational programs and the demonstration chicken coop on the Museum campus.

In the upcoming summer months, the Museum will introduce several new programs for all ages, including a preschool nature play series on Thursday mornings and two new walking tours. The Louisville 101 and Lost Louisville walking tours are offered on a drop-in basis on Saturday mornings and cover important sites and history around downtown. They make a good introduction to Louisville history for newcomers and for long-time residents alike.