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Rezoning for restaurants at Old Henry and Snyder gets support

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The Louisville Metro Planning Commission last week endorsed a request to rezone 2 acres at Old Henry Road and the Snyder Freeway for more intense commercial use, even after one member said she doubted the site would actually end up with restaurants, as the developers said.

The Metro Council will make the final decision on the rezoning.

The 2 acres would be part of a 6-acre tract with five restaurants, none of them with drive-through lanes, according to the general concept plan of the developer, Jefferson Development Group.

"Our plan right now is to market all of this property for restaurant uses," attorney Tim Martin said.

But commission member Yvonne Hatfield said she doubts restaurants will end up there, given that the tract is part of an overall 16-acre commercial area that Jefferson Development said it wants to develop in a "comprehensive, cohesive" way.

The property is in the northeast corner of the Snyder Freeway and Old Henry Road.

Commissioners wanted Jefferson Development to accept a less intense commercial zoning for the 2 acres, but the company would not agree, saying that it wants all 16 acres zoned the same.

But Jefferson Development did agree to prohibit about half the land uses that would otherwise be allowed on land zone C-2, such as a car dealership, building/electrical contractor shop or flea market.

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