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Planning commission delays decision on Colonial Way subdivision

Proposal sent back to technical review after public concerns

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DANVILLE, Ky. — The Danville-Boyle County Planning and Zoning Commission voted to postpone a decision on a proposed subdivision at 101 Colonial Way, sending the plan

back to the technical review committee for further evaluation after hearing extensive public and legal concerns.

The proposal, submitted by JAMAX LLC, seeks to divide a roughly 5.5-acre parcel into seven lots. The property is split-zoned between single-family and multifamily residential classifications.

Commission members noted that subdivision requests are typically handled as technical reviews, meaning approval is

required if plans meet established standards. However, questions raised during the meeting led the commission to extend discussion and ultimately delay action.

Following public comment and internal discussion, a motion was made to return the proposal to the technical review committee. The motion included direction for the applicant to address concerns raised during the meeting and for the committee to reassess the plan before

bringing it back to the full commission.

The commission approved the motion, effectively postponing the matter for about one month. The proposal is expected to return for consideration at the commission's next meeting in late May.

During discussion, commissioners weighed whether denial would expose the board to legal risk, noting that subdivision decisions must be based on objective standards outlined in

local regulations. Some members indicated the plan appeared to meet those standards, while others emphasized unresolved legal and zoning questions.

A central issue involved a private deed restriction that limits the property to one residential unit. Attorney Melanie Thornberry, representing nearby property owners, argued the restriction should prevent the subdivision and said it had not been fully addressed in the

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DANVILLE-BOYLE COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Visitors gather in downtown Danville near the Boyle County Courthouse, one of the locations highlighted in the new Boyle County KY Historic Tour app.

New app highlights Boyle County's historic sites

Tour developed by Centre College students for 250th celebration

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DANVILLE, Ky. — A new walking and driving tour app for Danville-Boyle County has been released as part of local efforts to commemorate America's 250th birthday.

The app was developed by Centre College and its students in collaboration with the Danville-Boyle County 250th Celebration Committee. Noah Wallace and Garrett Urash, students in Dr. Michael Bradshaw's "Mobile Apps For Good" class, created the app specifically for the tour.

"This new app walks us through the past 250 years here in Boyle County, as it is an important story

to tell and one that should never be forgotten," said Tony Wilder, chairman of the Danville-Boyle County 250th Celebration Committee.

The app directs users to 87 sites throughout Danville, Perryville and Forkland, organized into categories including architecture, African-American history, bourbon, military, history, religious and "See & Do." Users can select a site to view its location on a map, along with written and audio descriptions.

"Historic places in our county have been well documented in the past," said Janet Hamner, a committee member who worked with Centre students on the project. "And now, this exciting

new way to access the information has been created for our 250th celebration."

The app is available for download on both iPhone and Android devices under the name "Boyle County KY Historic Tour."

Organizers encourage users to download the app and leave a five-star rating to increase its visibility. Those who download the app can visit the Visitors Center at Constitution Square, 134 South Second St., to receive a commemorative America's 250th Boyle County pin. Users who also provide a five-star rating will receive a free 250th coffee mug.

Prizes are available through June 30 or while supplies last.

Bate students, staff recognized by school board

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DANVILLE, Ky. — Students and staff at John W. Bate Middle School were recognized during the Danville Independent Board of Education's regular meeting April 20, which also included approval of several district plans and construction-related

items.

Several eighth-grade students were highlighted for their work on Literary Food Truck Festival projects. Emery Goetsch, Cymia Johnson, Xavier Bazan-Arrinda, Christian Hurt, Alvaro Calderon Martinez, Wesley Durham and Kyce Graves presented their projects during the meeting.

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DANVILLE SCHOOLS

Eighth-grade students present their Literary Food Truck Festival project during the Danville Independent Board of Education meeting at John W. Bate Middle School.

Historical society plans Juneteenth, second street event

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DANVILLE, Ky. — The Danville-Boyle County African American Historical Society met April 14, with members approving reports, discussing upcoming projects and making plans for community events.

President Michael Hughes called the meeting to order at approximately 6 p.m. with eight members present. The group approved both the secretary's report and the financial report.

Members reviewed options for internet service and voted to move forward with AT&T Fiber. Hughes was tasked with arranging installation.

During the cemetery report, updates were provided on several sites. Wilsonville saw no changes, while Hilldale remained in good condition with new signage installed and discussions underway regarding a possible columbarium. At Shelby City, mulching had been completed, though debris removal remained ongoing, with county jail inmates expected to assist. At Meadow Lane, volunteers, including a local resident and Centre College students, helped with mowing and trimming.

The group also noted that the city of Danville was considering

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