



AGENDA MEMO

6/17/2014 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Harry N. Persaud, MRPTI, AICP, Chief Planning Official

SUBJECT: Continue a public hearing on an amended detailed site plan for Planned Development District "PD-27" for the St. Christopher's Episcopal Church to provide for a children's playground.

BACKGROUND:

The subject tract is zoned Planned Development District PD-27 for the St. Christopher's Episcopal Church. Existing development and uses on the site includes the Church, a Montessori School and a children's playground. The Church is requesting an amendment to the detailed site plan to enclose an existing courtyard located north of the Parish Hall to be used for another children's playground. The attached detailed site plan shows the proposed playground to be enclosed with a 7 feet wrought iron fence with masonry columns and recreation equipment to be installed on the site.

Council held a public hearing on July 16, 2013 and expressed concerns about a wooden fence at that specific location. Council again discussed the item on September 17, 2013 and tabled the item to allow Taylor Armstrong, a representative of the City (at that time) to work with the Church to finalize a design for a fence at that location. Staff met with representatives of the Church on December 4, 2013 regarding the proposed design of a wrought iron fence. The final design was submitted to staff on Thursday February 20, 2014. The item was tabled at the March 4 Council meeting to allow the Church some more time to finalize the fence design. The attached plans for a new 7 feet wrought iron fence with a 2 feet high grade beam were resubmitted to staff on June 3, 2014.

Notices for the proposed amendment were mailed to 10 property owners located within 200 feet of the subject site and a public notice was posted in the Park Cities News on June 27, 2013. Two responses were received, opposed to the proposed amendment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning and Zoning Commission considered this item at its regular meeting on May 14, 2013 and voted 4 - 0 to recommend approval.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft Ordinance
2. Detailed Site Plan
3. Responses from property owner
4. Minutes of P&Z for May 14, 2013