

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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

SUBJECT: Hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to Section 40 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to repeal the current definition relating to Community Center (Public) and institute a new definition

BACKGROUND:

The 1988 zoning ordinance provided a definition of Community Center (Public) as follows: "A building and grounds owned and operated by the City of University Park for the social and recreational benefit of the citizens". That definition is now in the current zoning ordinance.

Staff is proposing to amend the ordinance to provide for a new and broader definition of Community Center (Public) as follows:

"A building used for recreational, social, educational and cultural activities, open to the public or a designated part of the public, usually owned and operated by a public or nonprofit organization or agency".

A public notice for the proposed amendment was published in the Park Cities news on May 30 and June 27, 2013, as required by State Law and the Comprehensive Zoning ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning and Zoning Commission considered this item at its regular meeting on June 11, 2013 and voted unanimously to recommend approval.