



AGENDA MEMO

7/16/2013 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Robbie Corder, Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: Consider and Act: objects allowed in the required front yard under the City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance

BACKGROUND:

Section 21-100 (4) (b) of the comprehensive zoning ordinance regulates features allowed within the required front yard of residential properties. Various amendments have been made to this ordinance to address development rights within the front yard. Most recently the ordinance was amended in 2006 to clearly identify which features (i.e. art, flagpoles, columns, etc) would be allowed in the front yard. Meeting minutes from the 2006 City Council meetings are attached.

Staff has received two requests to reexamine this section of the ordinance. The first request is to determine whether temporary recreational items should be regulated under the zoning ordinance. In 2006, the City Council determined that temporary recreational items would not be regulated; therefore, pitching nets, trampolines, children's play equipment, and basketball goals not affixed in or on the ground were permitted in the front yard.

The second request is from a University Park resident, Erin Schreyer, who resides at 3301 Colgate. A notice of code violation was issued to Mr. & Mrs. Schreyer for a basketball goal installed in the front yard. They are asking the City Council to consider adopting regulations that would permit the type of basketball installation at their residence.

This item was presented to the City Council on July 2, and staff is requesting Council direction regarding these two requests.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests direction from City Council on this item.