



**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
UNIVERSITY PARK, TEXAS**

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

October 31, 2013

Number of notices mailed	59
Number of responses received	19
OPPOSED	10
IN FAVOR	9

Several residents within the buffer area recently changed their position from “opposed” to “in favor”. The numbers above reflect the most current selection. Attached are both response letters for your review. In addition, HPISD submitted a total of 277 letters in support of the proposed shade structure. Of those, 222 were unique property addresses. Attachment #4 provides a summary of those letters for your review.

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OPPOSED

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Name:
(Please Print)

Lathram and Carmen Pou

Signature:

Carmen Pou

Address:

3520 Amherst Ave.

Dallas TX 75225

Comments:

We are all for the shade, but NO more
concrete please!

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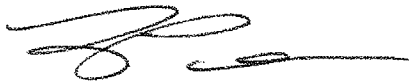
RE: University Park Sport Court and Shade Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I live at 3520 Amherst Ave,

and I am writing this letter in order to withdraw my previous objection to the planned area with shade tent. I am withdrawing my objection based on the revised plans which include more trees being planted and less concrete where appropriate. We would ask for the school and the city to continue working with the neighborhood when contemplating any future developments.

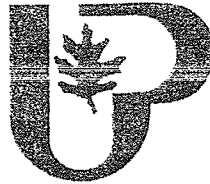
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OPPOSED

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Name:
(Please Print)

Marcy Simmons

Signature:

[Signature]

Address:

3504 Amherst Ave 75225

Comments:

Too much concrete. Trees would be
a much ^{better} addition for shade!

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Sincerely,

Mary G

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Name:
(Please Print)

CORY A. ROBERTS, MD

Signature:

Address:

3516 AMHERST AVE

Comments:

I originally turned in a sheet "In favor" before I had all details. I oppose additional cement. I am in favor of trees for shade instead

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K. O. Kees

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Name: Kimberly P. Daskin
(Please Print)
Signature: KP Daskin
Address: 3512 Amherst Ave.
Dallas Tx 75225
Comments: No more concrete; please
replace trees

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Sincerely,

KP [Signature]

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FLINT ROBERT E II &
TRACY G
3469 AMHERST AVE
DALLAS, TX 752257625

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Name: Robert Flint
(Please Print)
Signature: Robert A. Flint
Address: 3469 Amherst Ave
Dallas, TX 75225
Comments: _____

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City of UP P&Z and Council Members.

My name is Robb Flint. I live at 3469 Amherst Avenue and have 3 kids at University Park. I fully support the UP Elementary Sports Court. This project addresses many safety and usability issues on the UP Playground and is vital for the school and the community.

I live on the corner of Amherst and Dickens and have three children, one who attended UP and is now at MIS, one who currently is in the third grade, and one who will attend UP next year. My wife, Tracy, and I are proud UP parents. We strongly support the sport court project, including the proposal to build a shaded structure on the west side of the sport court. The addition of a shaded structure will enhance the sport court and playground area of the school. It will provide much needed shade for teachers and students. Further, the area will get a lot of use from families who watch their children play YMCA sports on the fields located on the northwest side of school property.

I've seen the architectural drawings and think the shaded structure compliments the school ground. Overall, it is a great and much needed addition.

I respectfully ask City Council Members to pass the proposal as-is so that UP parents, children, faculty and staff, and other members of the community, can enjoy the shaded structure.

Thank you again.

Robb Flint
3469 Amherst Avenue

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City of UP P&Z and Council Members.

My name is Tracy Flint. I live at 3469 Amherst Ave and have 3 kids at University Park. I fully support the UP Elementary Sports Court. This project addresses many safety and usability issues on the UP Playground and is vital for the school and the community.

UP Town Council:

My family and I live directly adjacent to University Park Elementary School at the corner of Amherst and Dickens. And, we love our block, our proximity to the school and our constant use of the amazing facilities that Curtis Park and University Park Elementary offers our family.

We are in favor of the shade structure for numerous reasons -- student safety, accessibility and shade from the Texas heat. Our school was the only elementary school without a full court basketball until the Dad's Club and PTA raised funds to construct the sport court this summer. And, the project wouldn't be complete without a shaded sitting area for students, faculty and community members to enjoy while their children are playing a YMCA soccer game on the field or enjoying the new sport court or playground equipment.

Why do children, faculty and community members need to sit in the hot sun when there are funds available to build a shaded picnic area?

I am a neighbor, UP and MIS parent and long time community member and urge you to pass this quickly so the structure can be enjoyed this year.

Thank you, Tracy Flint

Thank you again.

Tracy Flint
3469 Amherst Ave

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City of UP P&Z and Council Members.

My name is David Lothian. I live at 3465 Amherst Ave. Dallas TX 75225 and have 2 kids at University Park. I fully support the UP Elementary Sports Court. This project addresses many safety and usability issues on the UP Playground and is vital for the school and the community.

Additional shade is a huge need for children at play on the UP playground. With an enrollment of 705 kids the playground handles 180 kids ages 5-11 every 30 mins. During the hotter months there is not enough shade and in the rainy times, no temporary shelter. The planned Sports Court renovations provide a centrally located shade structure for all students that will provide access and visibility on all three of the outdoor play surface. Teachers and UP Elementary Staff will also use the shade as a safe area to monitor the entire playground during recess. Additionally, the shade structure can also be utilized during special events like UP Carnival, YMCA ball games, Field Day UP All Night Campout, and Boosterthon.

Thank you again.

David Lothian
3465 Amherst Ave. Dallas TX 75225

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City of UP P&Z and Council Members.

My name is Whitney Myers. I live at 3448 Lovers Lane and have 2 kids at Univeristy Park. I fully support the UP Elementary Sports Court. This project addresses many safety and usability issues on the UP Playground and is vital for the school and the community.

To Whom it May Concern:

Please allow UP Elementary School to complete the sports court and shade structure for the children, teachers, and parents to enjoy. Below are the obvious reasons...

Accessibility:

Currently the UP playground doesn't have sufficient improved surfaces for students with mobility limitations and access issues to fully participate with peers at play. This project creates a direct path from the existing ADA playground surface to shelter under a new shade structure and to the accessible ground surfaces through wheelchair accessible routes without having to go through the basketball court. This direct path will help students with mobility issues interact with their fellow students in a central area. The Sports Court renovations offer our children accessible routes, clear floor and ground spaces, and will make the playground safer and more accessible for all the students at UP and after hours for all children in our community.

University Park is one of the most used grounds facilities of any campus.

Shade

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Mud/Safety:

As the playground sits now, the west edge of the basketball court is nothing but dirt. After a rain event mud spills onto the basketball court creating a slippery condition that must be remedied before students can play on the court. Even after the field and playground areas are dry enough for activities this area remains muddy and students track mud onto the basketball court. The Sports Court project provides an improved surface buffer zone on the west side of the court and eliminates the safety/maintenance hazard that currently exists.

Student Safety:

The safety of our children should always be the highest priority. Nobody knows this better than city staff and council, and the improvements to the city parks and playgrounds are a testament to your commitment. Similarly, the UP Sports Court helps make the playground a safer place to play by providing more shade, a fence to stop balls from the court area and directs foot traffic

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City of UP P&Z and Council Members.

My name is Mitch Myers. I live at 3448 Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75225 and have 2 kids at University Park Elementary. I fully support the UP Elementary Sports Court. This project addresses many safety and usability issues on the UP Playground and is vital for the school and the community.

To whom it may concern,

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Sincerely,

Mitch Myers

Thank you again.

Mitch Myers

3448 Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75225

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City of UP P&Z and Council Members.

My name is Craig Schrank. I live at 3460 Amherst and have 2 kids at UP. I fully support the UP Elementary Sports Court. This project addresses many safety and usability issues on the UP Playground and is vital for the school and the community.

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Thank you again.

Craig Schrank
3460 Amherst



SHELBY AARON A & BROOKE S
3525 STANFORD AVE
DALLAS, TX 752257402

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Name:
(Please Print)

AARON + BROOKE SHELBY

Signature:

[Handwritten Signature]

Address:

3525 STANFORD AVE
DALLAS TX 75225

Comments:

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FIELDS ARTHUR W & AMY H
3612 AMHERST AVE
DALLAS, TX 752257421

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Name:
(Please Print)

Arthur & Amy Fields

Signature:

Amy Fields

Address:

3612 Amherst

Comments:

eye sore, ruin the field - families + kids
play baseball, soccer etc.

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DELOACH CECILIA STRAUS
3549 STANFORD AVE
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Name:
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Signature:

Address:

Comments:

Edward L. De Loach Jr. (my wife Cecilia deceased)
E.L. DeLoach
3549 Stanford 214-789-3113 cell phone

42'x24' concrete pad takes up too much of the playground area intended for the kids and with canvas top will be unsightly to neighborhood. At Curtis Park would be OK.

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City of University Park Planning & Zoning Committee

Subject: Objections to proposed addition of concrete pad & shade structure on the UP Elementary School property.

Dear Committee,

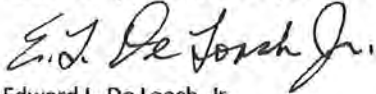
I would like to reiterate my objections to the proposed pad and shade structure as I stated at the recent public hearing. The proposed pad and shade structure would be an eyesore to the neighborhood and in my opinion a very short-sided and ecologically unsound solution to the stated problem of a lack of shade for children and sports spectators.

In my opinion, trees are a better long term solution to providing shade for the school children and sports spectators than the proposed huge concrete pads and fabric shades. Can anyone argue that trees are not more beautiful and ecologically sound in every sense than concrete and fabric? The loss of grass and trees on the north side of the school has already been excessive in my opinion.

There have already been way too many trees and grass removed and replaced with concrete between the caretaker's house and the proposed site. That concrete absorbs, retains and reflects heat, plus shedding water that could otherwise be naturally absorbed by vegetation and mother earth. The proposed huge concrete pad just exacerbates those negative effects.

I would favor including the planting of fairly mature trees and ground cover in the proposal. While waiting for the trees to grow to sufficient size I would not object to the temporary placement of some small aesthetically pleasing umbrella-like shade structures similar to the smaller ones used at the University Park swimming pool. If any fabric shade is used it should blend with the surrounding trees, as in a tree green versus blue as used at the swimming pool.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,



Edward L. De Loach, Jr.
3549 Stanford
University Park, Tx 75225
214-789-3113

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JAYROE R A ET AL
3532 AMHERST AVE
DALLAS, TX 752257419

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Signature:

Address:

Comments:

Rodger & Marilyn Jayroe

Rodger Jayroe Marilyn Jayroe

3532 Amherst

Dallas TX 75225

Strongly opposed to another slab of concrete.
Natural trees & vegetation provide much better shade
than man-made fabric. See Attachment 1

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September 9, 2013

Dear Sirs:

We are opposed to the concrete pad and the fabric shade which is proposed to be erected in the school yard on the north side of the school just west of the sport court. The Amherst side of the school is already 60-70 % covered by concrete or some other man-made material. These materials retain heat and due to the limited air circulation created by the presence of the school, this heat is not dissipated well; all of this creates a mini heat island effect for the residents of the 3500 block of Amherst. The school yard on Amherst is in need of vegetation to absorb some of this heat. There were 2 trees in the location where the concrete pad and artificial shade are to be erected. These trees had the potential of providing shade for the spectators as set forth in the Planned Development Application plus the potential of providing the much needed shade from the western sun for the kids on the sport court. Our request is for the school to replace the two trees and to add more trees and landscaping to the area rather than adding a concrete pad with an artificial shade.

Thank you,

Rodger and Marilyn Jayroe

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October 7, 2013

Planning and Zoning Commission
City of University Park

Dear Planning and Zoning Commission of University Park,

As the property owners of 3532 Amherst, located directly across the street from the University Park Elementary School playground, we have just a few thoughts we would like you to consider as you make your decision about the PZ 13-004, the amended site plan for the Planned Development District PD-15.

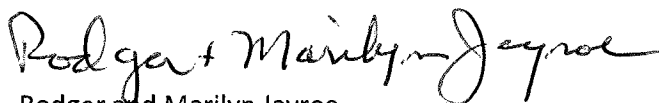
Commendably, the Lovers Lane side of the school has been beautified with numerous trees and lots of cool grass. However, as was pointed out in the meeting of September 10, at least 60% of the Amherst side of the school, from the school building to the street, is concrete. Not only is this concrete an eyesore, but it also retains heat thus producing its own heat island effect for the neighbors. Needless to say it is far inferior to grass and even dirt for children to play on. Even Mr. Flint, the man with the vision for the sport court, is quoted in the Park Cities People Newspaper as saying that the school is "Free at last! Free at last! Thankfully, we are free of the ugly cement basketball court!" If the basketball court was ugly cement, is a shaded 42x24 feet concrete pad with an additional 24x15 feet of brick pavers any better?

In the Planning and Zoning Application for this amendment the stated purpose of this project "is to provide a tensile fabric shade structure for visitors and students adjacent to the existing soccer field, playground and sport court." Why does University Park Elementary need such a large tent-like structure when no other school in HPISD has one? Hyer, Bradfield, and Armstrong have various sizes of much smaller umbrella type shades covering their playground equipment. Even the City of University Park does not have a structure like this in their playgrounds or on their playing fields.

It seems that if such a structure is necessary that one about half the proposed size should suffice. Most of the 140 to 150 kids as referenced by Dr. Carter hopefully are running around and actively playing thus getting some of that youthful energy out of their system. Hopefully you will not have 140 kids huddled under the shade of a tarp while standing on a hunk of concrete. There are a few who like to stand and talk to their buddies but from our observations they usually find a shady spot under a tree or under the arbor.

Trees! Grass! Shrubs! Can man improve on God's creation! Plant trees for the future generations. There is no substitute for a well landscaped playground. If you need a temporary shade then limit its size but focus on what can be done that will truly last and benefit those who will walk the halls of University Park Elementary in years to come.

Sincerely,



Rodger and Marilyn Jayroe
3532 Amherst

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the view has gotten uglier & uglier heat reflection off of the building has gotten & concrete pads has increased significantly.

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Name:
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Signature:

Tico Herns Massey / Harriet Herns

Address:

3508 Amherst Avenue
Dallas TX 75225

Comments:

My home is located directly across from the concrete pad & dumpster area. I moved here in 1998 & since then a large chunk of concrete has been added, trees & grass areas eliminated.

Why aren't steps taken to IMPROVE the building appearance rather than concrete to strip trees, grass, etc?

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KLESSIG RICHARD E & ANNE M
3524 AMHERST AVE
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Name:
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Annie Klessig

Signature:

Annie Klessig

Address:

3524 Amherst

Dallas, TX 75225

Comments:

Do NOT want another slab of concrete on Amherst!! Replace shaded trees!!

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MURRAY GREGORY
3528 AMHERST AVE
DALLAS, TX 752257419

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Name:
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Gregg Murray

Signature:

Gregg R Murray

Address:

3528 Amherst Ave
Dallas, TX 75225

Comments:

The 2 mature oak trees should not have been removed. Please replant trees to create natural shades.

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CLARK CHARLOTTE S
3540 AMHERST AVE
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Name:
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Charlotte Clark

Signature:

Charlotte Clark

Address:

3540 Amherst 75225

Comments:

Where exactly on "corner" -

HEIGHT? length? depth? -- it already is
(school yard) Look like a circus - please do not
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9-5-2013

To Mr. Harry Persaud and Whom it May Concern,

My home of 36 years, 3540 Amherst, is immediately across the street from the proposed concrete pad and "shade structure". I wish to formally oppose this action.

Over the past 36 years, I have witnessed more and more concrete being added to the University Park school years slowly, reducing the size of the grass area significantly. In addition to continually losing larger areas of grass, beautiful trees have been and continue to be cut down. Children playing outside frequently fall. Is it not safer for children to fall on grass than concrete? Concrete also produces a lot of heat. The additional structures that keep getting added on one by one are what the residents of 3500 block of Amherst have to look at every day from our homes. A tent (or "shade barrier") will look more like some sort of year-round carnival going on in front of our homes (directly in front of mine). Slowly over the past 36 years I have lived here, the once historically beautiful playground has little by little become more cluttered and the natural beauty being taken away. Many well-meaning parents think of projects such as this one and their children move on to middle and high school. Those of us who live in this block do not move on, and are left to look at a cumulative cluttered up result that has continued to evolve in front of our homes. We all moved here because we love University Park and the school system, but do not want any more unsightly clutter being added on in front of our homes which continues to erode the original historic beauty of the school. No amount of landscaping around a "shade structure" or tent would make it any more palatable to us. Please consider replanting trees for both shade and attractiveness and to reduce the amount of heat that all the concrete is causing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte Clark".

Charlotte Clark

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Charlotte Clark
3540 Amherst
Dallas, Texas 75225
214-692-5469
ladytex@sbcglobal.net

Sunday, October 6, 2013

City of University Park
Planning and Zoning Committee
3800 University Blvd
Dallas, Texas 7225

Dear Planning and Zoning members,

The planning of a "shade structure" in HPISD at the location of the University Park School Yard raises several concerns:

- 1) The proposed 42' X 24' large, permanent, synthetic shade pavilion at University Park will be the first of its kind on any HPISD school grounds or parks. Why the drastic departure from the norm? I appreciate the fact that people want to do almost anything for children, but this looks like something you would place over a used car lot on I-35 to keep cars out of the elements. It is simply not in keeping with the design elements of our neighborhood at all. I could not construct this in my front yard, back yard, or even next to the alley for my cars, nor put a tarp on top of my house instead of a roof. But yet, it is being suggested that this be approved to be constructed directly across the street a few feet away from my front door on the school grounds. This is University Park, not some tiny rural town in a remote part of Texas where there insufficient funds to construct something better. I do not want to open my front door and look directly at a enormous, cheaply constructed tent every morning from now on. A similar structure (but much smaller than the one being proposed and away from houses) is located at Grace Bible Church at Inwood and Northhaven Road. (see attached photo #1) It is 24' X 24'. Even at that, it appears much larger in person than the photo depicts. The only shade structures at any other elementary schools are at the top of playground equipment and more resembling umbrellas (see attached photo #2) Why would our city allow this

type tent pavilion to be built anywhere in University Park permanently, even if it is a first? It is hideous and sub standard. If there is not enough money to build something better than this, please don't allow this cheap looking structure to be built just for the sake of building something quickly. There are already multiple shaded areas with at least four shaded picnic tables next to the sport court, shaded picnic tables in front of the school, a lovely arbor in front on the Lovers Lane side of the school with seats and many trees, and an indoor gym for when when it is raining. What do all of the other schools currently do? Adding a few trees around a enormous, cheap tent like the one proposed would be like putting lipstick on a pig and would not help whatsoever.

- 2) One of the stated purposes in the proposal is to provide a wheelchair accessible area for both visitors and students on the grounds. The selected site of the proposed "shade structure" tent is in a very unfavorable site for wheelchair accessibility for any child or adult with any type physical impairment, walking or not. There is no reasonable wheelchair accessible entrances from the Amherst or Thackery streets to the site or on the North or West entrances of the school building. Able-bodied children and adults easily enter and exit the proposed site from the North side of school gym or Amherst and Thackery entrances from the street. The only handicapped parking is a long distance around to the front of the school on Lovers Lane. This route involves traversing a long sidewalk with un-level separations in a few areas, inclines, and access panel covers which are not level with the sidewalk and which are dangerous to anyone. (not ADA compliant) It is also a much longer route which is difficult to traverse in a mobility assisted device, especially if not motorized. If one of your stated purposes is to provide an area for students in wheelchairs and disabled visitors, it would have been more reasonable to select a site on the South side of the school on Lovers Lane nearer and more level with the wheelchair entrances to the school and handicapped parking. If there is a thought that this proposed structure should house any furniture (which appears likely since it is so large), has there been a plan to allow space to provide a proper turning radius for a wheelchair if furniture is part of the design? If there is a thought of placing furniture within this structure, how will it interface with a wheelchair or any other assistive device. Also, please consider points of egress from this proposed site in case of a natural disaster or school shooting. Anyone in a wheelchair needs to be able to get out onto the street

and leave as easily as any able-bodied person. I am not advocating for this tent to be constructed anywhere at all. If it is to be built anyway, why not move it nearer to Lovers Lane if people find a huge tent attractive to look at and there is no money to build a normal appearing structure. It might as well be convenient for those using it. The new park at Villanova and Turtle Creek has handicapped parking spaces and ramps immediately adjacent to their spectator areas near Northwest Highway at Turtle Creek. In contrast to University Park School ground plans and appearance, the new park is well-designed and beautiful. The designers of this new park seemed to recognize the importance of having wheelchair accessible parking and ramps in proximity to areas designed for viewing spectator sports.

- 3) I have lived in the 3500 block of Amherst for over 37 years. I assure you, that the school grounds were once attractive on both North and South at one time. Currently, there is not much left of this block on the North side of the school that is not concrete. The South side of the school along Lovers Lane still has large open areas of beautiful green grass and many trees and a wooden arbor for shade thanks to efforts by our city government to preserve its historical beauty only on that side of the school. Please consider that adding more concrete North side of the school in 3500 Amherst is environmentally not necessary or a “green”. More concrete is hot and creates more drainage issues. Bradfield has trees surrounding its school on all sides. Have there been any alternatives considered such as planting additional trees along the Western border of the school yard as at other schools in our district have done to provide more shade? Many well meaning parents that do not live on this block feel that the residents of 3500 Amherst should just accept whatever is being planned on the school yard since we bought a home in this block. No one could have ever anticipated the series of projects that having been added on every few years creating an increasingly cluttered, unattractive appearance resembling a long parking lot, or even more similar to the state fair grounds. We have trusted that our city leaders will be as respectful to the appearance of the school on the Amherst side of the school as they have of the Lovers Lane side, with regard to the preservation of historical beauty of the school and neighborhood. Please look at the big picture environmentally as well as aesthetically as have the architects of our new lovely parks.
- 4) What exactly is the purpose of this proposed structure? There have been so many various purposes stated, and so much confusion among even

supporters that I do not think that anyone is clear or why exactly it is needed. If you ask ten people, I would not be surprised if there were ten totally different answers. Who is it for exactly, what is its exact purpose, and what does University Park need it more than all other schools in the district? ?

I would like to make the following suggestions:

- 1) Consider other reasonable alternatives to a enormous and cheap appearing shade pavilion such as natural landscaping along Lovers and additional shade trees on Thackery such has already been done on the Lovers Lane side of the school and on the other school grounds and in all of our lovely parks.
- 2) Install a drainage system and landscaping to the current lack of grass along the West side of the sport court. The mud problem was an unanticipated result of building the sport court, that adding even more cement will not solve, only worsen.
- 3) Perform and provide an ADA self-evaluation and transition plan for the school as it is a Title II entity, if this has not been done as required. Does University Park have an ADA self-evaluation and transition plan? Is it available in our records? Are we compliant with Federal Standards?
- 4) If something must be constructed, please wait until there are sufficient funds to build something smaller and of better quality. Please plan something more in keeping with the design elements of the neighborhood and all of the rest of University Park if this type of structure to be the new norm. Place it nearer the Lovers Lane handicapped parking spaces and the wheelchair ramp to avoid any bias towards only able-bodied persons.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlotte Clark". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Charlotte Clark

Figure #1

Smaller synthetic shade pavilion similar to proposed structure at UP
located at Grace Bible Church
Inwood and Northaven
(this structure is only 24' X 24")

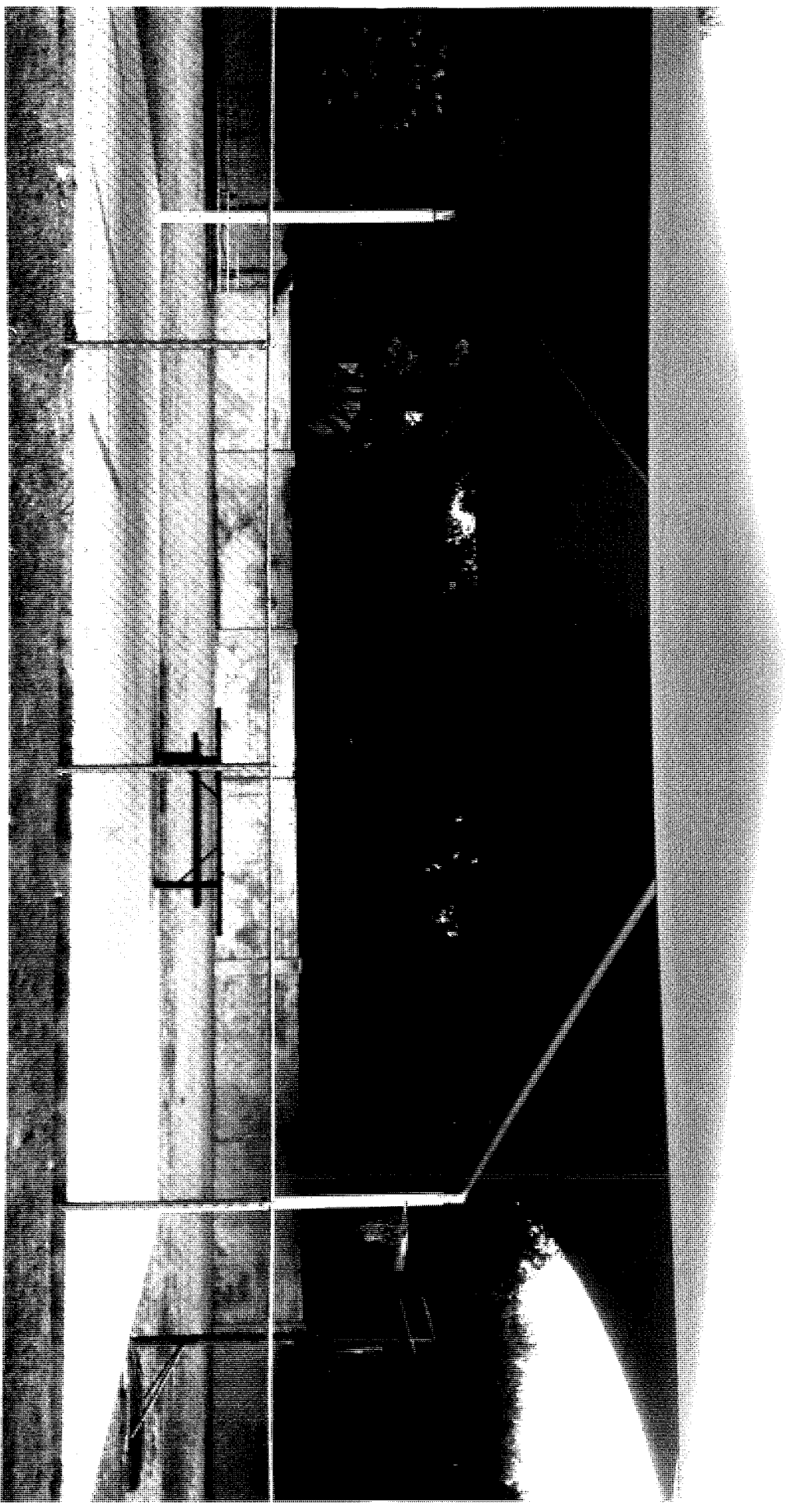


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3548 AMHERST AVE
DALLAS, TX 752257419

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Name:
(Please Print)

Robert & Lou Lybrand

Signature:

[Signature]

Address:

3548 Amherst
University Park, TX 75228

Comments:

It seems that to allow the school
to cut down two trees and place concrete is
not consistent with public purpose

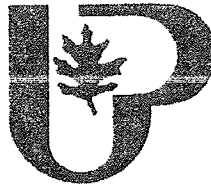
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Diane Knappe David Bregler

Signature:

Diane Knappe David Bregler

Address:

3537 Stanford Dallas 75225

Comments:

The school ground needs replacement of the
trees which were cut down, not more concrete

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE # PZ 13-004

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of University Park will conduct a public hearing to consider a request by Highland Park Independent School District to amend the detailed site plan for Planned Development District, PD-15, to add a concrete pad and fabric shade structure on the north west corner of the site at the University Park Elementary School, situated at 3505 Amherst Street. The subject site is zoned Planned Development District "PD-15" and located North of Lovers Lane between Thackery and Dickens, in the City of University Park, Dallas County, Texas.

The public hearing is scheduled for 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, in the City Council Chamber, 3800 University Blvd., University Park, Texas. Interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and speak to the Commission. If you have any questions pertaining to this case, please call 214-987-5410. Your reply may be sent by mail or hand delivered to: Harry Persaud, Chief Planning Official, Community Development Department, City of University Park, 3800 University Blvd., University Park, TX 75205.

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(Circle one) IN FAVOR

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Name:
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BETH BRINK

Beth Brink

Address:

3545 STANFORD AVENUE
DALLAS 75225

Comments:

PLEASE PUT THE TREES BACK: WE HAVE
ENJOYED SITTING BENEATH THE TREES FOR YEARS

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