

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Robbie Corder, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Consider and act on an ordinance amending Section 40 of the

Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to amend the definition of Community

Center (Public)

BACKGROUND:

The current definition of Community Center (public) in the comprehensive zoning ordinance is as follows:

"A building and grounds owned and operated by the City of University Park for the social and recreational benefit of the citizens."

During a regularly scheduled City Council meeting on November 19, the City Council directed staff to draft an ordinance for the City Council's consideration to amend the definition of Community Center (Public) as follows:

"Community Center (Public) means a building and/or grounds that may be used by the City of University Park, or any person or entity as its designee, to provide recreational or social services for the benefit of the citizens. A designee of the City of University may only use the building and/or grounds for a period not exceeding three (3) years from the date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the building department for such use of the building and/or grounds."

The nonresidential use table in the comprehensive zoning ordinance permits the Community Center (Public) use in every nonresidential zoning district except University Campus – 3 and University Campus – 4. The residential use table permits the use in a limited number of residential districts, but only with approval of a specific use permit by the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

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