



AGENDA MEMO
8/4/2015 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Patrick Baugh, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on an ordinance to amend Planned Development 20 to allow a perimeter fence to define a children's playground at the University Park United Methodist Church.

BACKGROUND: A companion action item, to consider adoption of an amending Ordinance on this issue, is on this same agenda.

RE: Planning Commission Case File PZ 15-004:
University Park United Methodist Church requesting approval to amend the detailed site plan for Planned Development District, PD 20, to install a 4 feet high wrought iron fence around a children's playground located on the northwest corner of the subject site.

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT: George O'Reilly, representing the University Park United Methodist Church

LOCATION: Planned Development District, PD-20 situated at 4024 Caruth Boulevard and located North of Caruth Boulevard and east of Preston Road.

REQUEST: Requesting approval to amend the detailed site plan for Planned Development District, PD-20 to install a 4 feet high wrought iron fence around a children's playground located on the northwest corner of the subject site.

EXISTING ZONING: Planned Development (PD-20)

SURROUNDING LAND USE:

North – Single Family SF-2
South – Single family SF-2
East – PD-16, Hyer Elementary School
West – Single Family SF-3

STAFF COMMENTS:

The Conceptual Site Plan for the UPUMC was approved by Council on May 18, 2005. The concept plan shows two phases of development and waived the requirement for detailed site plan approval at P&Z. The detailed site plan for the multi-purpose building, parking lot and landscaping off of Pickwick Lane and Colgate Avenue was approved by City Council on July 6, 2010. City Council also approved a detailed site plan amendment on July 7, 2012 which provided for a playground designed for children 6 months to 23 months of age.

University Park United Methodist Church is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The Church is now seeking approval to install a four feet (4') high wrought iron fence around a children's playground located on the north west corner of the subject site. The proposed playground is shown on the detailed site plan attached and provides for the following features:

1. The playground measures approximately 215 feet along Colgate and 180 feet along Preston Road and setback 20 feet from the property line. A new 4 high wrought iron fence will be installed around the perimeter of the playground as shown on the attached detailed site plan. The fence will be constructed with redbrick columns and white capstone, spaced 18 feet on center and 3½ inch spacing between pickets to match the existing fence on the east side. The fence will include three gates equipped with child proof safety latches.
2. A planting bed with landscaping will be installed on the outside of the fence facing the public street. A total of 565 one gallon size liriopie will be installed on 8 inch center as shown on the detailed site plan. Seasonal color landscaping will be established at the corner of Preston Road and Colgate Avenue and the church private drive as shown on the detailed site plan.
3. No additional outdoor lighting, signage or permanent structures shall be installed on the site.
4. The proposed playground will be used during normal business hours and special daytime functions of the Church and Weekday School. Primary access to the playground will be through gates located on the north along Colgate Avenue and on the South off of the private drive.

NOTIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNERS:

Notices were mailed to property owners located within 200 feet of the subject site and a public notice was published in the Park Cities News on June 25, 2015. At the time of this report no one has responded. Staff will provide an update at the meeting.

The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on July 14, 2015 to receive comments on the proposed amendment to allow the playground fence. No persons in attendance offered comments during the hearing.

The proposed amending Ordinance is attached. Staff will be present at the Council meeting to respond to questions.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission recommends that the City Council conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments on the ordinance amending PD-20 to allow the playground fence.