



AGENDA MEMO

3/7/2017 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Patrick Baugh, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments on amending Planned Development District #15 (PD-15) Development Standards to facilitate replacement of the Highland Park Independent School District's University Park Elementary School

BACKGROUND:

The Highland Park Independent School District's bond program was initiated with the acquisition of property and construction of the new elementary school at Northwest Parkway and Durham Street in Dallas. This new facility allows relocation of students from and reconstruction of the University Park Elementary School (UPES) on Lovers Lane. UPES is situated in a Planned Development District. Because current development standards do not allow the design parameters requested by the School District, development standards for PD-15 must be amended.

Amending the Planned Development District design standards is a two-step process, requiring a Public Hearing prior to taking action on the amending Ordinance, also within this agenda.

Major elements of the new facility include a three story classroom wing, a more compact overall structure 'footprint' that yields more useable greenspace/lawn/play area, and an underground parking garage for employees (85 spaces).

The attachments provide more detail.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council review the merits of the proposal, conduct a public hearing to receive comments on community compatibility and consider action on the complementary amending Ordinance agenda item.