



Planning and Zoning Commission Report

May 8, 2018

TO: Planning and Zoning Commission

FROM: Jessica Rees, City Planner

SUBJECT: Consider a request by George O'Reilly representing University Park United Methodist Church to amend the existing Planned Development District 20 to allow for an outdoor learning center and bike path. The subject site is located at **4024 Caruth Boulevard** and currently zoned Planned Development 20.

BACKGROUND:

University Park United Methodist Church is proposing a two phased project to update some areas of their campus. Phase one is the outdoor learning center that includes butterfly friendly plantings, berms, raised planting gardens, a walking path, a pad for picnic tables, child-size boulders for climbing and a bamboo teepee structure. The outdoor learning center is designed specifically for children, toddler through kindergarten and will be used by University Park United Methodist Church and UPUMC weekday school children. This area will be located in the lawn area in between the existing infant/toddler playground and Colgate Avenue.

Phase two of this project will be a walking/bike path along the inside perimeter of the existing Colgate/Preston fenced lawn area. Two new concrete pads will also be added for picnic tables. If funded, this phase of the project would not start until 2020.

NOTIFICATION:

A public notice was published in the Park Cities News on April 26th 2018, and notices were mailed to owners of real property within 200 feet of the subject tract. At the time of this report one response was received and is attached to this report. Staff will provide an update on responses at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission review the merits of this proposal, conduct a public hearing for additional community compatibility and consider a recommendation to the City Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

Application

Land Use Statement

Renderings

Summary of Responses

Minutes from the April 10th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting