



## **AGENDA MEMO**

### 5/11/2021 Agenda

**TO:** Planning and Zoning Commission

**FROM:** Jessica Rees, City Planner

**SUBJECT:** PZ 21-004: Consider a request to amend Planned Development 38 to allow for the use of a private family cemetery at the Bush presidential library and museum.

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#### **BACKGROUND:**

The George W. Bush Presidential Center concept plan was approved by City Council in March of 2010 and the detailed site plan was approved by City Council in September of the at same year to create Planned Development number 38 (PD-38). Staff received a request to amend the uses allowed to include a private family cemetery.

The permitted uses in this planned development district are for a “Presidential Center,” meaning a facility for bringing together in one place singularly or in any combination:

- The documents and artifacts of the 43rd President of the United States and his administration for study, education, and discussion;
- Exhibits and programs related to the Presidency, and in particular the 43rd President of the United States and his administration;
- Exhibits and programs related to public policy issues, societal health, safety, and welfare issues, academic matters, or cultural issues.
- Scholars for the study of and teaching about matters related to items 1-3;
- Activities typically associated with libraries or museums;
- Uses in support of, ancillary to or incidental to the primary uses described in items 1-5.
- On Tract 1 and Tract 2, the permitted use is parking for the Presidential Center. Among the permitted uses on Tract 3 are library/museum, auditorium, institute, foundation offices, gift shop, and restaurant.

The applicant is requesting to amending PD-38 to allow for the establishment and use of a private family cemetery. The cemetery is to be located within the enclosed area known as the Rose Garden next to the Oval Office space in the museum. The concept plan for this is attached. The applicant is also requesting the Planning and Zoning Commission wave the requirement of a detailed site plan.

The George W. Bush Foundation has filed parallel bills in the Texas House and Senate to authorize the establishment and use of a private family cemetery at the site of a presidential library and museum in the City of University Park. H.B. 2005 sponsored by Representative Morgan Meyer.

**NOTIFICATION:**

A notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Daily Commercial Record on April 29, 2021. Notices were also mailed to owners of real property within 200 feet of the subject tract. At the time of this report, no responses from owners within the 200-foot buffer have been received. 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 comments and consider a recommendation to the City Council.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Application and supporting documents
- Summary of responses