

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Public Hearings and Possible Actions RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION Item No. 55

Subject: Conduct a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan by adopting the University Hills/Windsor Park Combined Neighborhood Plan. The combined planning area is bounded by IH-35 on the west, Highway 290 on the north, Highway 183 on the east and Manor Road and East 51st Street on the south.

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Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by Planning Commission on June 12, 2007.

Prior Council Action: 3/22/07 - Set Public Hearing

5/3/07 - Postponed to 5/24/07 at staff's request.

This combined planning area includes the University Hills & Windsor Park Neighborhood (UHWP) Planning Areas.

Neighborhood Planning staff have been meeting with neighborhood stakeholders, including neighborhood associations, homeowners, renters, business owners, developers, and non-resident property owners and their representatives since October 2005 to develop the neighborhood plan. The first workshop was held on November 5, 2005, followed by a series of specific topic meetings and land use workshops approximately once a month. In addition, two surveys were conducted by mail and over the internet to collect feedback from the stakeholders. A process update was held on October 14, 2006, and the final workshop was held on February 22, 2007.

The Planning Commission hearing for the UHWP plan was originally scheduled for April 10, 2007. Staff requested a postponement of that hearing to May 8, 2007 in order to conduct an additional meeting with the UHWP neighborhood to review the proposed land use and zoning recommendations in the planning area. On May 8, the Planning Commission granted a neighborhood request for a one-month postponement. The Planning Commission hearing is now postponed to June 12, 2007. Therefore, staff respectfully requests a postponement of the City Council hearing to June 21, 2007. Attached is a map of the UHWP Planning Area.