Thursday, September 27, 2007

Neighborhood Planning & Zoning RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 25

Subject: Approve ratification of an 8-month Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution to provide facilitation services for the South Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning area; and authorize a two-month extension, in the amount of \$28,620.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

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The Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department (NPZD) has been meeting with stakeholders from the four planning areas that comprise the South Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Areas to resolve issues and to chart a course for completing the South Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan.

This interlocal with the University of Texas, Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution, has provided facilitation services to assist the City and the South Lamar stakeholders in reaching an agreement on the following issues:

- 1. Stakeholder data requests and the data and information necessary for an informed planning process;
- 2. Neighborhood stakeholders desire for revisions to current Future Land Use Map categories that ensure protection of the existing residential character of their neighborhoods;
- 3. Defining the role of NPZD staff and other stakeholders in the neighborhood planning process, and;
- 4. How decisions are made during the neighborhoood planning process.

The initial term of the agreement expired on August 28, 2007. NPZD is requesting an extension to October 31, 2007 to continue working with the stakeholders on resolving the issues stated above.

Attached is a map of the neighborhoods that comprise the South Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning area.