



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: George Adams, Assistant Director, PDRD

DATE: May 21, 2013

RE: Item 107 on May 23, 2013 Council Agenda

Item 107 on your May 23, 2013 agenda is a public hearing on amendments to Chapter 25-2, Subchapter E, Design Standards and Mixed Use.

This item was reviewed by the Planning Commission on April 9, 2013. Planning Commission recommendations, provided below, were inadvertently left off the RCA for this item.

Planning Commission Action

On April 9, 2013 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendments with the following changes and recommendations:

1. Revise Section 2.2.5. *Internal Circulation Routes: Sidewalk and Building Placement Requirements for Large Sites* to delete subsection I. Subsection I would exempt an exclusively multi-family use on a site larger than 5 acres on a Suburban Roadway from certain requirements of Section 2.2.5;
2. Revise Section 2.7.C.1 *Private Common Open Space and Pedestrian Amenities* to include a requirement that for new development adjacent to an existing or planned Capital Metro bus rapid transit station (MetroRapid) and not zoned CBD or DMU, at least half of any private common open space required on the site must be applied to a transit plaza;
3. Revise Section 4.3.3.D.2, *Compatibility and Neighborhood Design Standards*, Table D to make the prohibition of trash pickup between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am a requirement of this section rather than an optional element;
4. Provide a courtesy notice to all Neighborhood Associations or Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams affected by the amendment to Section 4.3.3.5.5.a *Individual Neighborhood Consideration of VMU Requirements ("Opt-in/Opt-out Process")*;
5. Concur with the staff recommendation to maintain Section 4.3.4.B.3 *Expedited Review for Residential Permit Parking Districts* as follows:

"Following the collection of the required signatures and delivery of all necessary RPP request documentation to City staff, staff shall review and act on the application within two weeks. Notice shall be sent to affected residents and the applicable neighborhood

association, and signs shall be installed, within six weeks of approval.

6. Revise the boundaries of the 38th Street Core Transit Corridor found in Article 5: Definitions to end at Guadalupe rather than Speedway.

Staff recommends approval of the amendments and supports Planning Commission items 3-6 above. Staff does not support items 1 and 2 above.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact me at 974-2146 or george.adams@austintexas.gov .

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