

Resolution No. 2-2013

RESOLUTION OF THE PLAN COMMISSION REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED REVISED DRAFT PARKVIEW GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of University City was one of the 14 recipients in the country for a combination of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Community Challenge Planning Grant / U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) II Planning Grant for the creation of a Neighborhood Sustainable Development Plan for the Parkview Gardens Neighborhood area; and

WHEREAS, the updated Revised Draft Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Sustainable Development Plan was presented to the Plan Commission for consideration in accordance with the University City Charter, Section 62 which states that "... *The plan commission shall have the authority to prepare and submit to the council for its approval a master plan for the physical development of the city, including the general location, character and extent of streets, bridges, parks, waterways, and other public ways, grounds and spaces, together with the general location of public buildings and other public property, public utilities, and the extent and location of any public housing or slum clearance projects, and shall recommend such modifications of said plan, from time to time, as it deems in the city's interest.*" ; and

WHEREAS, after a planning process which began in early 2011 that engaged residents, business and property owners, elected officials, City staff, and other stakeholders including the Parkview Planning Partners Advisory Committee for a draft Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Planning Project, a public hearing was held at the April 25, 2012 Plan Commission meeting with public comments expressed and received in general support of the Draft Plan; and

WHEREAS, additional opportunities for public comments and input were held at the May 23, 2012 and June 27, 2012 Plan Commission meetings at which several residents, property owners, and business owners expressed their thoughts and concerns about the Draft Plan, particularly on the proposed redevelopment of public Parking Lot #4 in the Loop area; and

WHEREAS, at their July 25, 2012 meeting, the Plan Commission approved a motion to make revisions to the Draft Plan as follows: "*Remove the development concept from Parking Lot #4. Acknowledge that there are unmet existing and future parking needs that must be addressed in the study area (and beyond). The issues will be identified and recommendations put forth in a separate traffic and parking study/strategy and/or the next comprehensive planning process. Identify that expanded density opportunities will be explored during the planning process for the next Comprehensive Plan; all options for expanded density and parking will be explored during the 2013 comprehensive planning process, including those raised by the City, the Loop Special Business District, and the community during the vetting process of the Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Sustainable Development Plan.*"; and

WHEREAS, with Plan Commission approval of changes identified to be made, the consultants subsequently made revisions to the Draft Plan in accordance with the approved motion of the Plan Commission and provided the revisions to City staff and the Plan Commission; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2013, at the recommendation of its Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Plan Commission held a public meeting for additional public comment on the Revised Draft Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Sustainable Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the December 12, 2013 Public Meeting was publicized with an aggressive communications campaign that resulted in the meeting being attended by over 50 individuals; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the verbal and written comments received, certain revisions have been made to the Revised Draft Plan by the planning consultant; and

WHEREAS, a Comprehensive Plan provides the long-term vision for a community and guides the vision through a set of goals, objectives, and strategies against which future actions and policy decisions are measured, and


WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Update of 2005 is the most current Comprehensive Plan document of the City of University City and a process for updating it will begin in the near future and will take approximately 18-24 months; and

WHEREAS, the updated Revised Draft Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Sustainable Development Plan should be further considered for incorporation into the new Comprehensive Plan Update with additional opportunities for public participation during the planning process, while a formal status of this Plan would allow for implementation of recommendations in the interim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PLAN COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, at their December 23, 2013 meeting, as the result of all revisions incorporated into the updated Revised Draft Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Sustainable Development Plan, endorse said Plan and recommend to the City Council of University City that this Plan be adopted as a supplement to the Comprehensive Plan Update of 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plan Commission agrees to consider for incorporation the updated Revised Draft Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Sustainable Development Plan into the development of the next Comprehensive Plan Update.

Approved this 23 day of December, 2013.



Linda Locke, Chairperson

University City Plan Commission

ATTEST:



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Secretary to the Plan Commission