



Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 15, 2019

Re: Columbia College Campus Development Plan Update (Case 146-2019)

Executive Summary

Approval of this request would result in adoption of an amended Development Plan for Columbia College, dated April 2019.

Discussion

The applicant, Columbia College, is requesting approval of their updated campus Development Plan. Section 29-3.3(l) of the Unified Development Code permits institutions of higher learning in all zoning districts, provided that it submits a campus development plan for review and approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. If a proposed improvement does not comply with the plan, a plan revision is required prior to construction of the proposed improvement. Additionally, development plan updates are required at regular intervals; typically every five years.

The Columbia College Development Plan was last updated in 2017, when the college undertook a number of campus improvements due to needs arising from a significant increase in enrollment. The updated Development Plan serves the existing and projected needs of the college and affords flexibility as student and faculty needs arise.

At this time, the College wishes to repurpose two properties in order to better serve their needs. 904 N Eighth Street was not previously included on the plan, but was acquired by the College for student housing. College administrators now see a need for additional student support services, such as counseling and advising, and wish to house them at this location.

At the time of the 2017 plan update, the building at 1100 Wilkes Boulevard was intended for administrative functions. Per the amended Development Plan this property would be repurposed for expanded athletic facilities. Continued enrollment growth has created a need for flexibility as student and faculty needs evolve.

The Planning and Zoning Commission heard this request at their June 20, 2019 meeting. After the staff report, Cliff Jarvis, Executive Director of Plant and Facilities for Columbia College, gave a quick overview. Commissioners sought clarification whether the existing buildings would be reused or demolished for redevelopment. Mr. Jarvis indicated that the buildings would be remodeled to suit their needs. The Commission then voted in favor of the updated campus development plan by a vote of 7-0.

The Planning and Zoning Commission staff report, locator maps, amended Campus Development Plan, dated April 2019, and meeting minutes are attached for review.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None anticipated within the next two years.

Long-Term Impact: None anticipated.

Comprehensive & Strategic Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
5/15/2017	Ord. No. 023180: Approved Columbia College Master Plan Update, dated January 2017
8/20/2013	Ord. No. 021771: Approved Columbia College Master Plan Update, dated June 10, 2013
6/2/2009	Ord. No. 020283: Approved Columbia College Master Plan Update, dated March 30, 2009
1/19/2005	Ord. No. 018380: Approved Columbia College Master Plan Update, dated September 20, 2004
7/23/2002	Ord. No. 015639: Approved Columbia College Master Plan Update

Suggested Council Action

Approve the amended Columbia College Campus Master Plan, dated April 2019