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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 8, 2010

Subject: Text Amendment to §3C-14 of the Zoning Ordinance

As part of the September 28, 2009 Mayor & City Council meeting, the Council approved changes to the City of Dunwoody Zoning Ordinance by creating a Design Review Advisory Committee. The Design Review Advisory Committee reviews plans prior to any issuance of a land disturbance permit, a building permit, or a sign permit within the Dunwoody Village Overlay District.

Per Chapter 27, Article 3, Division 3C-14, the Design Review Advisory Committee “shall be three volunteers that have qualifications and design experience.” Three members were appointed to this Committee at the October 26, 2009 council meeting.

Staff is recommending that the number of appointed volunteers be increased from three to seven. Since the appointment of the Design Review Advisory Committee, on November 16, 2009 the Mayor & City Council initiated a text amendment to Chapter 27, Article 3, Division 3C-14. Staff recommends Chapter 27, Article 3, Division 3C-14 of the Zoning Ordinance be amended to read:

The Mayor, with the concurrence of the City Council, shall appoint a Design Review Advisory Committee that shall make recommendations to the Community Development Director. The appointment shall be for a period of two years. The committee shall be ~~three~~ seven volunteers that have qualifications and design experience, and have a budget sufficient to retain expert advice from the professional community when needed. The recommended content would be ~~two~~ four individuals with qualified experience in architectural design and ~~one~~ three members who ~~has~~ have knowledge of historical submissions. To that end, as determined by the committee membership, ~~one~~ four members should be held over into a second two year term to allow continuity.

At their regular December meeting, the Community Council heard and discussed the item. The Council members discussed the need for a larger committee -so that for legal reason related to public notices and advertising- a quorum would require more than two committee members. Dennis Crean motioned to approve the text amendment as presented. Robin Burch seconded. The motion was voted and carried (5-0).

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing at their regular January meeting, where the issues was introduced and after minimal discussion, the item was motioned for approval by Bob Dallas, seconded by Don Converse and passed (6-0).