

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2013:

13-173M Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Establishing what Zoning District(s) are Appropriate for a New and Unlisted Land Use, "Community Garden"

Mr. Michael Quint, Director of Planning for the City of McKinney, explained the proposed resolution establishing what Zoning District(s) are appropriate for a new and unlisted "Community Garden" land use. He stated that Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution.

Chairman Robert Clark asked the Commission if they had any questions or comments about the request.

Commission Member Bush asked if Staff was recommending that the "Community Garden" land use would be allowed in all zoning districts, including every character district of the "MTC" – McKinney Town Center District. Mr. Quint said yes.

Vice-Chairman Franklin asked if a permit would be required for a community garden. Mr. Quint said no; however, if they wanted a fence around the garden then a fence permit would be required.

Chairman Clark asked if a community garden would be allowed on a vacant lot in Stonebridge Ranch. Mr. Quint stated yes but further explained that there could be "HOA" - Homeowners Association regulations and deed restrictions on the property that could restrict the use.

Vice-Chairman Franklin expressed concerns about whether or not inner-city lots with community gardens would be kept up over time. Mr. Quint explained that Code Enforcement for the City of McKinney would issue citations if the gardens were not kept up to regulations.

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Franklin, seconded by Commission Member Hilton, the Commission voted 6-0-0 to recommend approval of the proposed resolution establishing what Zoning District(s) are appropriate for a new and unlisted land use, "Community Garden" as listed in the Staff Report.

Chairman Robert Clark stated that the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission will be forwarded on to the City Council meeting on September 17, 2013.