

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2018:

18-0052SP Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider/Discuss/Act on a Site Plan for a Library Expansion (John and Judy Gay Library), Located at 6861 Eldorado Parkway. Mr. David Soto, Planner I for the City of McKinney, explained the proposed site plan. He stated that the City of McKinney is proposing to expand the John and Judy Gay Library by 15,215 square feet and add additional parking, located within the Community Park. Mr. Soto stated that the expansion will include additional stacks for adult and children books as well as multi-purpose rooms. He stated that the City submitted two potential facade plans for the expansion, which both meet the City's Architectural Standards. Mr. Soto stated that Staff recommends approval of the proposed site plan as conditioned in the Staff Report and offered to answer questions. There were none. Mr. Spencer Smith, Director of Libraries for the City of McKinney, explained the proposed site plan. He stated that Staff and the Community were excited about the expansion of the John and Judy Gay Library. Mr. Smith stated that library is very busy; therefore, the expansion is much needed. He offered to answer questions. Commission Member Smith asked about the potential completion date. Mr. Smith explained that it should take approximate 12 – 13 months after the ground breaking; however, there could be delays due to demands on the current space. Chairman Cox asked the architect on the project to come speak on the

request. Mr. Tony Blaas, Hidell and Associates, 321 Martel Court, Coppell, TX, explained the proposed site plan request. He stated that today's libraries are changing, because they need to be flexible. Mr. Blaas stated that the John and Judy Gay library is the busiest library in McKinney. He stated that they were trying to create a rebranding of the library and still making it cohesive with the architectural style of the building. Mr. Blaas stated that they are able to get all of the same brick, glass, and stone using on the current facade for the expansion. He stated that they were providing a new hammerhead fire lane extension and creating an outdoor project space for the children's area there. Mr. Blaas explained that you would be able to see the activities inside the building. He offered to answer questions. There were none. Mr. Smith briefly explained the differences between the two facade plans that had been submitted for the site. Ms. Samantha Pickett, Planning Manager for the City of McKinney, stated that both of the facade plan options meet the City's ordinance. She stated that there is not a discretionary approval required by the Planning and Zoning Commission at this meeting. Commission Member McReynolds asked if the Commission was not allowed to vote on which option they preferred. Ms. Pickett stated that the Commission could make a comment on which they prefer; however, it would ultimately be City Council's decision. Vice-Chairman Mantzey stated that he was excited about the project and that they did a wonderful job with the various programs offered at this library. Chairman Cox

opened the public hearing and called for comments. There being none, on a motion by Commission Member Smith, seconded by Commission Member Kuykendall, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the proposed site plan as recommended by Staff. Chairman Cox stated that the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission would be forwarded to City Council for final action on September 4, 2018.