

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LANDSCAPE REVIEW BOARD OF THE  
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS  
HELD IN THE 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE  
NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX 76180  
JUNE 27, 2016**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas met as the Landscape Review Board on the 27th day of June 2016 immediately following the 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

Present:	Oscar Trevino	Chair
	Tim Welch	Board member
	Tito Rodriguez	Board member
	Tom Lombard	Board member
	Tim Barth	Board member
	Scott Turnage	Board member
Absent:	Rita Wright Oujesky	Board member
	David Whitson	Board member
Staff Members:	Mark Hindman	City Manager
	Karen Bostic	Assistant City Manager
	Paulette Hartman	Assistant City Manager
	Jimmy Perdue	Director of Public Safety
	Mike Curtis	Managing Director
	Alicia Richardson	City Secretary
	Cara L. White	Attorney

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Trevino called the meeting to order June 27, 2016 at 7:59 p.m.

**2. GENERAL ITEMS**

**2.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2016 LANDSCAPE REVIEW BOARD MEETING.**

**APPROVED**

**COUNCIL MEMBER LOMBARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2016 LANDSCAPE REVIEW BOARD MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 5-0.**

**2.2 LRB 2016-02, PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM ATHLOS ACADEMIES FOR A VARIANCE TO CHAPTER 114 - VEGETATION OF THE NORTH RICHLAND HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES AT 4131 RUFÉ SNOW DRIVE.**

**APPROVED**

Chair Trevino opened the public hearing and called on Principal Planner Clayton Husband to introduce the item.

Principal Planner Clayton Husband informed Council the applicant Athlos Academies is requesting a variance from the landscaping and buffering standards on 12.847 acres located at the northwest corner of Rufe Snow Drive and Glenview Drive.

Applicant representative Adam Zaragoza with Athlos Academies, 918 S. 9th Street, Boise Idaho came forward. Mr. Zaragoza stated that he has read the staff report and was agreeable to the recommendations made. He was available to answer any questions.

Mr. Husband presented staff's report. The standard buffer requirements for the west and north property lines are a 15-foot buffer yard and one large tree per 30 linear feet. The applicant has met the 15-foot buffer requirement on both the west and north property line but is seeking a waiver of the 22 required trees on the west property line due to a gas pipeline and easement and requesting substitution of 44 ornamental trees for the 22 large trees on the north property line due to overhead utility lines.

Development Review Committee recommended the following:

1. Compliance with current standards in the north buffer yard. The standards for buffer yards require that one large tree be planted for each 30 linear feet of buffer yard area, with 40% of the trees being an evergreen species. While the standards allow for the substitution of two small trees for one large tree in the setback adjacent to a street, it does not apply to the buffer yard. Given the height of the utility lines, careful maintenance of either large or small trees will be a continual process.

2. Plant 16 additional large trees on site to mitigate the number of trees lost in the west buffer yard. The restrictions on landscaping within the gas pipeline easement causes a reduction of 22 trees planted on the site. Staff has identified landscape areas on the property where 16 large trees could be added, which would result in a net loss of only six trees on the site.

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Chair Trevino called for anyone wishing to speak for or against the request to come forward.

There being no one wishing to speak, Chair Trevino closed the public hearing and called for the motion.

**COUNCIL MEMBER WELCH MOVED TO APPROVE LRB 2016-02, SUBJECT TO THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS. COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 5-0.**

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Trevino adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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Oscar Trevino, Chair

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Alicia Richardson, Secretary