

**TECH TERRACE ASSOCIATION FILES ‘MOTION TO DISMISS’  
AGAINST UP CAMPUS’ HOUSING PROJECT ON 19th STREET**

The Tech Terrace-UNIT Neighborhood Association (“Tech Terrace”) has filed a “Motion to Dismiss” with the Lubbock Planning and Zoning Commission (“P&Z”) to stop the Chicago-based “Up Campus” organization from seeking approval for its newest zoning request for a high-rise residential building on 19th Street between Boston Avenue and University Avenue.

The P&Z on November 3, 2022, voted 6-3 against approval of Up Campus’ prior zoning application. However, Up Campus then filed another application on December 22, 2022, with the P&Z seeking to renew its attempts to gain the City of Lubbock’s approval for the major housing project. Similar to previous application, Up Campus again proposes to construct the multi-storied housing project facing 19th Street and 20th Street, between University and Boston Avenues in the location of the current Godbold Center and Cafe J.

Under its newest publicized plan, Up Campus intends to construct an approximate 600-bed facility, with covered parking to accommodate more than 500 vehicles. The case is scheduled to be heard by P&Z at its 6 p.m. meeting at City Hall on Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Tech Terrace, the neighborhood association located just south of the Texas Tech campus, has consistently opposed the project, which Up Campus plans to locate on the northeastern portion of the historical residential area. Association representatives have argued that the project will effectively “overload” the resources of the one-mile square neighborhood (bordered by University, 19th Street, Indiana Avenue and 34th Street). The group cites potential problems including dramatically increased street traffic, children safety issues inside the neighborhood, increased crime, and greatly increased pressure on the city’s aging infrastructure facilities in Tech Terrace — such as parks, sewer and water. In addition, the project will negatively impact the aesthetics of the numerous historical residences located in the neighborhood and especially the historically-dedicated mansions along 19th Street.

Up Campus filed its initial application for the project on July 22, 2022, for the necessary zoning changes required. With its most recent application, Up Campus has now filed a total of four applications over the five months.

Tech Terrace is challenging the most recent Up Campus application on legal grounds that it violates Lubbock Zoning Codes. The neighborhood association argues in its pleading that the most recent Up Campus application must be dismissed by the P&Z, and Up Campus be prohibited from refileing for at least 12 months pursuant to mandatory specifications of Lubbock’s zoning laws.

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