Green Corridors
Yale Street Designation

Quality of Life City Council Committee
Wednesday, April 27, 2016
Purpose

• **Green corridor** (Sec. 33-101 and 104)

• A green corridor would significantly enhance the beautification of the city

• Corridor includes major thoroughfare right-of-way and the adjacent properties building setback area

• The protected trees are 15 caliper inches or more
Ordinance Background

- City Code of Ordinances, Sec. 33-104
- Codified in 1991
Benefits

• Tree protection change from 20 c” to 15 c” trees

• No additional restrictions on CIP projects

• No additional costs to administer

• May get priority for expenditure of City moneys for street tree planting
Criteria

• 1 mile minimum length

• Major thoroughfare right-of-way and building setback

• Petition driven process

• 75% support threshold of non-residential properties
Criteria (continued)

- Single-Family properties shall not be subject to any Green Corridor requirements
- 90 days to collect petitions
- Submitted to City Secretary’s Office
- Planning Department verification and schedules Council Hearing within 90 days
Proposed Yale Street Green Corridor

- First ever application for Green Corridor
- Applicant: The Houston Heights Association, Urban Forestry Committee
- 1.6 miles, 14 city blocks, from 6th St to 19th St
- 76% including City support
Proposed Yale Street Green Corridor
Proposed Yale Street Justification

- The tree-lined Heights street character
- Support tree plantings along corridor and vicinity
- Enhance pedestrian linkage to MKT Hike and Bike Trail
- Support preservation of late 1980s Yale Street tree planting
Next Steps

- March 23: Application submitted to City Secretary
  - 90 day clock begins: schedule City Council hearing
- Quality of Life Committee Presentation
- June 23: Last opportunity for City Council Hearing
- City Council takes action