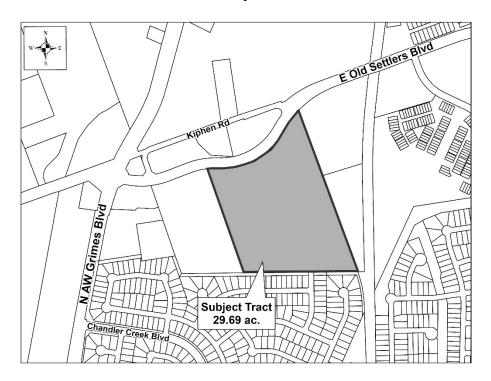
Skybox Old Settlers PUD Planned Unit Development PUD25-00009



CASE PLANNER: Lindsay Darden

REQUEST: Approval of Planned Unit Development for Data Center and Light Industrial

ZONING AT TIME OF APPLICATION: LI (Light Industrial)

DESCRIPTION: Approximately 29.69 acres, more or less, out of the Willis Donahoe survey,

Abstract 173.

CURRENT USE OF PROPERTY: Vacant

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION: Industrial

ADJACENT LAND USE:

North: Commercial

South: Chandler Creek MUD Single-family Subdivision

East: Light Industrial West: Light Industrial

PROPOSED LAND USE: Data Center and Light Industrial

TOTAL ACREAGE: 29.69 acres

Owner:	Applicant:	Developer:
2601 Old Settlers Ltd.	Kimley-Horn	Skybox Datacenters, LLC
Howard Yancy	Johnnie Garza	William Shannon
901 Rio Grande St	6800 Burleson Rd	1501 S Mopac Expy, Ste 220
Ste 200	Bldg 312, Suite 150	Austin, TX 78746
Austin, TX 78701	Austin, TX 78744	

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HISTORY: The property is an existing 29.69 acre lot that was zoned LI (Light Industrial) in 2023 but has remained undeveloped. The developer proposes to add data center as an allowed use for the northern portion of the property. Because data center is not a defined use in the Zoning & Development Code, there are no development standards or use allowances included in the Code. Data center uses have been permitted on other sites within the City through Planned Unit Developments which serve to define the data center use and establish development standards.

DATE OF REVIEW: November 5, 2025

LOCATION: East of N A.W.Grimes Blvd and south of E Old Settlers Blvd.

STAFF REVIEW AND ANALYSIS:

Round Rock 2030 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning: The 2030 FLUM (Future Land Use Map) designates the property for industrial development. The PUD proposes data center and light industrial development which is in keeping with the land use designation.

<u>Traffic, Access, and Roads:</u> The PUD proposes site access via up to three (3) proposed conceptual driveway locations from Old Settlers Blvd. The location of driveways and potential transportation improvements will be finalized during site plan review in accordance with city standards and this project will be subject to roadway improvement fees. Driveway C, as labeled on the concept plan, would involve reconstruction of the Kiphen Road driveway across Old Settlers Blvd and would require combining driveway C with the Chasco driveway on the parcel to the east for shared access.

<u>Proposed PUD (Planned Unit Development) zoning:</u> The proposed PUD allows for data center and light industrial uses and will utilize the LI (Light Industrial) zoning district as the base district. The PUD divides the site into three (3) parcel areas with different uses allowed for each:

Location	Proposed Use
Parcel Area 1	Data Center or Light Industrial
Parcel Area 2	Electric Substation or Light Industrial
Parcel Area 3	Open Space

As compared to the existing LI (Light Industrial) zoning, the proposed PUD proposes to exclude the following uses in both parcel areas 1 and 2 to increase compatibility with the residential development to the south: auto body and painting shops, monopole and self-enclosed monopole wireless communication facilities, public safety facilities, car wash, indoor and outdoor shooting and archery ranges, commercial parking, self-storage, retail sales and service consisting of predominantly outdoor storage or consumer loading areas, livestock veterinary clinic, waste related services and wholesale trade.

Parcel area 2 would allow for an electric substation if developed in conjunction with a data center use on parcel area 1. It is uncertain at this point whether a new substation will be required to serve the data center use on the subject property.

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Light industrial development, if proposed on parcel areas 1 and 2, would be in accordance with the standards of the LI (Light Industrial) zoning district with the exception that loading docks shall not be oriented to face the southern property line and building facades in parcel area one that face Old Settlers Blvd shall meet the enhanced building design standards included in the PUD.

The PUD establishes specific development standards for the data center use that would be allowed in parcel area one. Some of these are highlighted below:

- To address concerns for high water usage attributed to data center uses, the data center shall be required to use a recirculating closed loop system which is consistent with the most recent data center PUD that was approved in Round Rock.
- Data Center and electric substation are generally secured facilities with limited and/or no access to the public and low staffing requirements; therefore, no parking shall be required for those uses. However, if office is proposed in conjunction with the data center use, parking shall be provided per the Code ratio for office parking: one (1) parking space is required per each 250 SF of office floor area
- Development standards for screening are proposed for any equipment yards associated with data center use and for the perimeter of an electric substation use.
- Parking lot landscaping and foundation treatment may be required depending on the visibility of the parking areas and building from Old Settlers Blvd. This will be determined at time of site development permitting when the actual layout of the site is available.

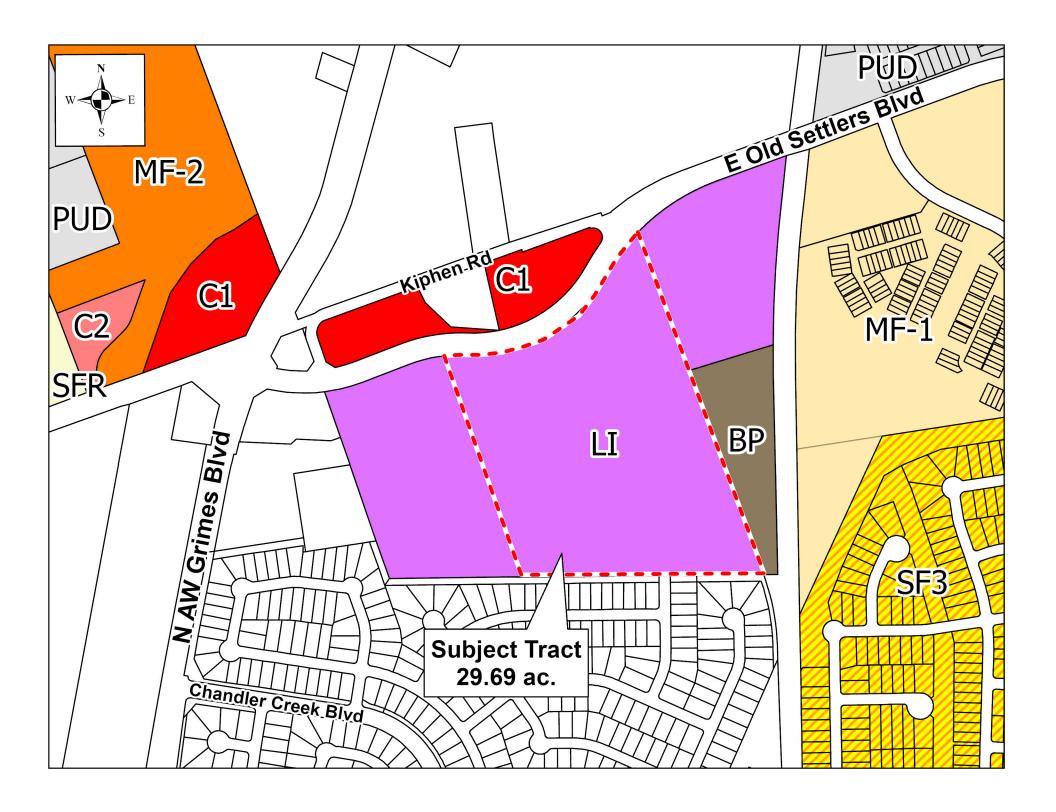
In excess of the requirements of the current LI (Light Industrial) zoning district, the PUD proposes enhanced building articulation standards, changes in wall planes, and changes in color/texture/or exterior wall finish materials for buildings in parcel area 1 that face Old Settlers Blvd. and streetscape landscaping along Old Settlers Blvd.

Establishing parcel area 3, as shown on the concept plan, creates a development setback of eighty (80) feet as measured from the southern property line. This area would be left as open space to provide separation between the proposed development and the Chandler Creek MUD subdivision to the south. Parcel area 3 may include stormwater management facilities, detention, and drainage infrastructure however, a twenty-five (25) foot wide landscape buffer is proposed along the southern property line adjacent to the Chandler Creek MUD subdivision. The landscape buffer will include an eight (8) foot tall compatibility wall/fence and evergreen tree plantings, and no other uses shall be established within the landscape buffer.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends approval of the PUD.





GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. <u>CONFORMITY WITH DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS</u>

That all uses and development within the Property shall conform to the Development Standards included in Section II herein.

2. CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS

No changes or modifications will be made to this plan unless all provisions pertaining to changes or modifications as stated in section II.10.

3. **ZONING VIOLATION**

Owner understands that any person, firm, corporation, or other entity violating any conditions or terms of the plan shall be subject to any and all penalties for the violation of any zoning ordinance provisions as stated in Part III, Article II, Code Of Ordinances, City of Round Rock, Texas, as amended.

4. <u>MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS</u>

4.1 Severability

In case one or more provisions contained of this Plan are deemed invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Plan and in such event, this Plan shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained in this Plan.

4.2 Venue

All obligations of the Plan are performable in Williamson County, Texas, and venue for any action shall be in Williamson County.

4.3 Effective Date

This Plan shall be effective from and after the date of approval by the City Council.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1. **DEFINITIONS**

Words and terms used herein shall have their usual force and meaning, or as defined in the City of Round Rock Code of Ordinances, as amended, hereinafter referred to as "the Code".

2. **PROPERTY**

This Plan covers approximately 29.69 acres of land, located within the city limits of Round Rock, Texas, and more particularly described in Exhibit "A", (the "Property").

3. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Plan is to ensure a Planned Unit Development ("PUD") that: (1) is equal to or superior to development that would occur under the standard ordinance requirements, (2) is in harmony with the General Plan of the City of Round Rock, Texas, (3) does not have an undue adverse effect upon adjacent property, the character of the neighborhood, traffic conditions, parking, utilities or any other matters affecting the public health, safety and welfare, (4) is adequately provisioned by essential public facilities and services, and (5) will be developed and maintained so as to not dominate, by scale or massing of structures, the immediate neighboring properties or interfere with their development or use.

4. <u>APPLICABILITY OF CITY ORDINANCES</u>

4.1 Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances

The Property shall be regulated for the purposes of zoning and subdivision by this Plan. All aspects not specifically covered by this Plan shall be regulated by the LI (Light Industrial) zoning district and other sections of the Code, as applicable and as amended. If there is a conflict between this Plan and the Code, this Plan shall supersede the specific conflicting provisions of the Code.

4.2 Other Ordinances

All other Ordinances within the Code shall apply to the Property, except as clearly modified by this Plan. In the event of a conflict, the terms of the Plan shall control.

5. **CONCEPT PLAN**

Exhibit "B" shall serve as the Concept Plan for the project, according to Section 10-26 of the Code.

6. LAND USE AND PERMITTED USES

6.1 Land Uses

The purpose of the Plan is to provide for development on the property as described below and identified in Exhibit "A".

6.2 Permitted Uses

The following uses are permitted on the Property, as identified by Area on Exhibit "B" (Concept Plan):

A. Parcel Area 1

- 1. Data Center
- 2. All uses permitted in the LI (Light Industrial) zoning district except for the prohibited uses listed in Section 6.2 below.

B. Parcel Area 2

- 1. Major Utility Primary Electric Substation shall be permitted when established in conjunction with a Data Center Use on Parcel Area 1.
- 2. All uses permitted in the LI (Light Industrial) zoning district except for the prohibited uses listed in Section 6.2 below.

C. Parcel Area 3

1. Open Space

6.3 Prohibited Uses

- 1. The following uses are prohibited in Parcel Areas 1 and 2, as identified on Exhibit "B" (Concept Plan):
- 2. Auto Body and Paint Shops
- 3. Monopole
- 4. Public Safety Facility
- 5. Self-enclosed monopole
- 6. Car wash
- 7. Outdoor and indoor shooting and archery ranges
- 8. Commercial parking
- 9. Retail Sales and Services consisting of predominantly outdoor storage or consumer loading areas
- 10. Self Service Storage
- 11. Veterinary clinic, livestock

- 12. Waste-related services
- 13. Wholesale trade

6.4 Use Definitions

- **A.** Unless otherwise described below, the definitions of all terms used to describe uses in this document shall be those found in the Code of the City of Round Rock, as amended.
 - 1. Data Center shall be defined as an establishment primarily involved in the compiling, storage, and maintenance of digital documents, records, and other types of information in digital form utilizing a mainframe computer, switches, routers, and other infrastructure critical for technology providers.

7. <u>DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR PARCEL AREA 1</u>

7.1 <u>Data Center Water Usage</u>

A. All data centers shall utilize a closed-loop cooling system or similar cooling technology that eliminates the need for the data center to continuously draw fresh water from the city's public water supply for the purpose of cooling the equipment in the facility.

7.2 Parking Requirements

- **A.** Parking for data center uses:
 - 1. Where a data center use is proposed, no minimum parking shall be required.
 - 2. Office space provided in conjunction with data center use shall be parked at the following ratio:
 - One (1) parking space per 250 square feet of office floor area.
- **B.** Parking for light industrial uses:
 - 1. All other light industrial uses shall provide parking in accordance with the Code.
 - 2. Loading docks for light industrial uses shall be oriented so they do not face the southern property line adjacent to the Chandler Creek Subdivision.

7.3 Building Design

- **A.** Building materials, articulation, and design shall be in accordance with design standards of the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district as specified in Part III, Chapter 2, Section 2-45.
- **B.** Building articulation facing East Old Settlers Boulevard. A minimum of three

- (3) features from the following list shall be incorporated into the building design:
- 1. Decorative cornices.
- 2. Concrete masonry unit (CMU) accents.
- 3. Decorative tile or metal.
- 4. Awnings.
- 5. Parapets.
- 6. Other feature as approved by the Zoning Administrator.
- **C.** The following regulations shall apply to the primary facade and all building elevations facing a public street (right-of-way):
 - 1. Changes in wall planes shall be provided with a minimum depth of twelve (12) inches at intervals of not more than eighty (80) feet.
 - 2. Building elevations shall include a change in color, texture, and/or exterior wall finish material at horizontal intervals of not more than eighty (80) feet.

7.4 Landscaping

Where Parcel Area 1 is developed for Data Center use, the following landscaping standards shall apply:

All applicable requirements for landscaping found in Part III, Chapter 2, Section 8-10 of the Code shall apply, with the following exceptions:

- **A.** Where parking areas and drive aisles are enclosed within an opaque perimeter fence/wall that is comprised of materials listed in Section 7.5.E below:
 - 1. The interior parking lot landscaping specified in Section 8-10 (f) shall not be required.
 - 2. The parking lot landscape buffers specified in Section 8-10 (g) shall not be required.
- **B.** Where the building is enclosed within an opaque perimeter fence/wall that is comprised of materials listed in Section 7.5.E below, such that the front building façade is not visible from the street:
 - 1. The foundation treatment specified in Section 8-10 (h) shall not be required.

C. Streetscape Landscaping

- 1. Street Trees shall be planted along the north property line at the following rate:
 - a) One (1) three (3) inch caliper large species tree per each thirty (30) linear feet of property frontage, excluding driveway width.
 - b) Trees shall not be planted within utility easements or within the public right of way.

- 2. Shrubs shall be planted along the north property line at the following rate:
 - a) One (1) large shrub for every eight (8) linear feet of frontage length excluding driveway width.
 - b) Shrubs shall not be planted within utility easements or within the public right of way.

7.5 Walls and Fences

Data Center(s) structures shall be entirely contained within a perimeter wall or fence.

- **A.** Ornamental iron picket or other decorative view fencing may be provided for perimeter security fencing; however, where screening of mechanical equipment yards is required, an opaque fence/wall shall be provided that meets the criteria of 7.5.B-E below.
- **B.** The minimum height for perimeter or screening walls/fences shall be no less than eight (8) feet. The maximum height for perimeter or screening walls/fences shall be no more than twenty (20) feet.
- C. All walls shall provide a finished face to abutting public rights-of-way and all adjacent properties.
- **D.** Walls shall not conflict with sight visibility triangles at street intersections or obstruct views from adjacent driveways. Walls shall not be constructed in utility easement areas.
- **E.** Walls shall be constructed of brick, natural stone, precast concrete panel, or architectural concrete masonry units ("CMU") and have a decorative finish.
- **F.** Pillars shall be constructed of masonry, steel, or iron.

8. <u>DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR PARCEL AREA 2</u>

8.1 **Parking Requirements**

- **A.** Where a major utility primary electric substation use is proposed, no parking shall be required for that use.
- **B.** Parking for light industrial uses:
 - 1. All other light industrial uses shall provide parking in accordance with the Code.
 - 2. Loading docks for light industrial uses shall be oriented so they do not face the southern property line adjacent to the Chandler Creek Subdivision.

8.2 **Building Design**

Building materials, articulation, and design shall be in accordance with design standards of the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district as specified in Part III, Chapter 2, Section 2-45.

8.3 Walls and Fences

Where an electric substation is proposed, it shall be entirely contained within a perimeter wall or fence that meets the criteria of 7.5.A-D below.

- **A.** The minimum height for perimeter or screening walls/fences shall be no less than eight (8) feet. The maximum height for perimeter or screening walls/fences shall be no greater than twenty (20) feet.
- **B.** All walls shall provide a finished face to abutting public rights-of-way and all adjacent properties.
- **C.** Walls shall not conflict with sight visibility triangles at street intersections or obstruct views from adjacent driveways. Walls shall not be constructed in utility easement areas.
- **D.** Walls shall be constructed of brick, natural stone, precast concrete panel, or architectural concrete masonry units ("CMU") and have a decorative finish.
- **E.** Pillars shall be constructed of masonry, steel, or iron.

8.4 **Landscaping**

Where Parcel Area 2 is developed for Electric Substation use, the following landscaping standard shall apply around the perimeter fence/wall of the substation:

- 1. One (1) medium tree shall be provided for each twenty (20) linear feet. Medium trees shall be a minimum caliper of two (2) inches in diameter at time of planting.
- 2. Trees shall be an evergreen species selected from the City's Tree Technical Manual.
- 3. Trees shall not be planted within utility easements.

9. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR PARCEL AREA 3

- 9.1 Along the southern property line adjacent to single family residential zoning or use, a 25 foot wide landscape buffer shall be provided to include the following:
 - 1. A compatibility fence/wall with a minimum height of (8) feet shall be provided along the southern property line. Fence/wall shall be constructed of brick, natural stone, precast concrete panel, or architectural concrete masonry units ("CMU") and have a decorative finish.
 - 2. Evergreen tree plantings in accordance with Section 8-2 Compatibility Buffers shall be required.
 - 3. The 25 foot wide landscape buffer shall exclude any other uses such as

stormwater, detention, and drainage infrastructure.

9.2 The remainder of parcel area 3 excluding the landscape buffer described above may include stormwater, detention, and drainage infrastructure.

10. CHANGES TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN

10.1 Minor Changes

A. The Planning and Development Services Director shall have the authority to administratively approve a minor change to a development plan of up to ten percent (10%) of any numerical standard contained within the plan. Minor changes may include, but not be limited to, adjustments to lot lines, parking and loading areas, driveways, parking counts, building configurations and orientations, architectural design, building and landscaping materials, tree retention, street alignments, sidewalks, drainage facilities, project phasing, lighting, and site layout. The Planning and Development Services Director shall also have the authority to administratively approve a change in the development plan to the maximum height of a free-standing sign or a change to the maximum allowable display area of any signage.

B. Minor amendments shall not include:

- 1. Changes in land use;
- 2. Increases in density, building height, or coverage of the site;
- 3. Decreases in setbacks abutting residential land uses and zoning districts;
- 4. Decreases in parkland or open space;
- 5. Any proposed modification that reduces the quality of the PUD, as determined by the Planning and Development Services Director; or any proposed modification that seeks to alter a condition, standard, or requirement that was incorporated into the development plan as a result of public testimony during a Planning & Zoning Commission or a City Council hearing.

10.2 Major Changes.

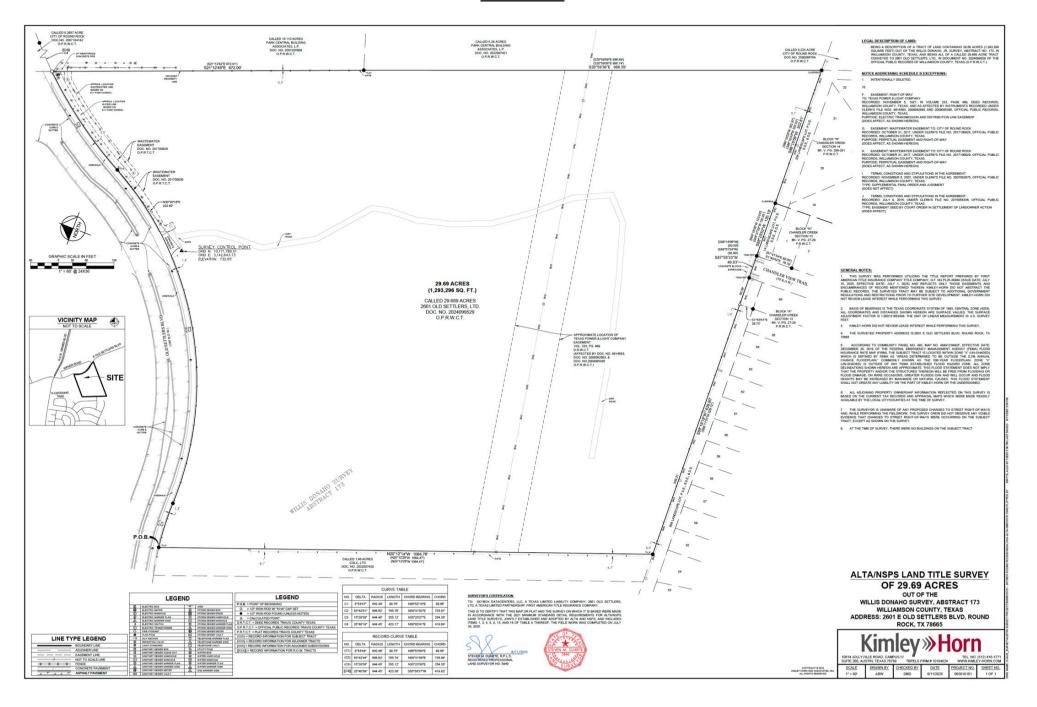
All changes not permitted above shall be resubmitted following the same procedure required by the original PUD application.

11. LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit "A" Legal Description

Exhibit "B" Concept Plan

EXHIBIT"A"



BEING A DESCRIPTION OF A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 29.69 ACRES (1,293,296 SQUARE FEET) OUT OF THE WILLIS DONAHO JR SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 173, IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING ALL OF A CALLED 29.689 ACRES TRACT CONVEYED TO 2601 OLD SETTLER'S, LTD., IN DOCUMENT NO. 2024099529 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF WILLAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS (O.P.R.W.C.T.), SAID 29.69 ACRES BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING, at a 1/2" iron rod with a "TLS" plastic cap found in the south right-of-way line of E Old Settler's Boulevard (100 foot right-of-way), and being the northeast corner of a called 1.46 acre tract conveyed to CGLC, LTD., in Document No. 2022007420 (O.P.R.W.C.T.), and being the northwest corner of said 2601 Old Settler's tract, for the northwest corner and the POINT OF BEGINNING hereof;

THENCE, along the south right-of-way line of said E Old Settler's Boulevard and the north line of said 2601 Old Settler's tract, the following three (3) courses and distances:

- With a curve to the right, having a central angle of 8°53'47", a radius of 642.49 feet, a chord bearing and distance of N86°52'14"E, 99.66 feet, and an arc length of 99.76 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for a point of reverse curvature hereof,
- 2) With a curve to the left, having a central angle of 63°42'51", a radius of 688.62 feet, a chord bearing and distance of N59°31'02"E, 726.91 feet, and an arc length of 765.76 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with a "TLS" plastic cap found for a point of reverse curvature hereof, and
- 3) With a curve to the right, having a central angle of 15°28'38", a radius of 944.45 feet, a chord bearing and distance of N35°23'27"E, 254.35 feet, and an arc length of 255.12 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with a "Kimley-Horn" plastic cap set for the northeast corner hereof, said point being the southwest corner of a called 0.2857 acre tract conveyed to the City of Round Rock in Document No. 2007104142 (O.P.R.W.C.T.), and being the northwest corner of a called 10.11 acres tract conveyed to Park Central Building Associates, L.P., in Document No. 2001025909 (O.P.R.W.C.T.), and being the northeast corner of said 2601 Old Settler's tract, from which a 1/2" iron rod found in the south right-of-way line of said E Old Settler's Boulevard and the north line of said Park Central Building Associates tract bears with a curve to the right, having a central angle of 25°40'19", a radius of 944.45, a chord bearing and distance of N56°02'41"E, 419.64 feet, and arc length of 423.17;

THENCE, leaving the south right-of-way line of said E Old Settler's Boulevard, with the common line of said Park Central Building Associates tract and said 2601 Old Settler's tract, \$21°12'45"E, a distance of 672.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with a "TLS" plastic cap found for an angle point hereof, said point being the northwest corner of a called 5.28 acres conveyed to Park Central Building Associates, L.P., conveyed in Document. No. 2022007421 (O.P.R.W.C.T.);

THENCE, with the common line of said 5.28 acre Park Central Building Associates tract and said 2601 Old Settler's tract, \$20°59'36"E, a distance of 986.59 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with an illegible plastic cap found for the southeast corner hereof, said point being the northwest corner of a called 0.223 acre tract conveyed to the City of Round Rock in Document No. 2000066784 (O.P.R.W.C.T.), and being the northeast corner of Lot 20A, Block "N", of Chandler Creek Section 14, a subdivision recorded in Book V, Page 289-291 of the Plat Records of Williamson County, Texas (P.R.W.C.T.);

THENCE, with the common line of said Lot 20A and said 2601 Old Settler's tract, \$88°15'59"W, a distance of 302.81 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with an illegible plastic cap found for an angle point hereof, said point being the northeast corner of Lot 1A, Block "N" of Chandler Creek Section 13, recorded in Book V, Page 27-29 (P.R.W.C.T.);

THENCE, with the common line of said Lot 1A and said 2601 Old Settler's tract, \$88°25'52"W, a distance of 120.19 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with a "SAM Inc" plastic cap found for an angle point hereof, said point being the northeast terminus of Chandler View (50 foot right-of-way) described in said Chandler Creek Section 13, from which 1/2" iron rod found at the common corner of Lot 1 and 2 of Block "N" of said Chandler Creek Section 13 bears, \$1°40'42"E, a distance of 79.76 feet;

THENCE, with the northern terminus of said Chandler View Trail and with the south line of said 2601 Old Setter's tract, \$87°58'33"W, a distance of 49.83 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with a "SAM Inc" plastic cap found for angle point hereof, said point being the northeast corner of Lot 66A, Block "A" of said Chandler Creek Section 13 and the northwest terminus of said Chandler View Trail;

THENCE, with the common line of said Lot 66A and said 2601 Old Settler's tract, \$88°16'19"W, a distance of 629.80 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with "TLS" plastic cap found for the southwest corner hereof, said point being the common south corner of said CGLC tract and said 2601 Old Settler's tract;

THENCE, with the common line of said CGLC tract and said 2601 Old Setter's tract, N20°12'14"W, a distance of 1064.76 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 29.69 Acres (1,293,296 Sq. Ft.) of land more or less.

