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**Cultural, Spiritual and Educational Community Center**

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The Nepali Cultural and Spiritual Center (NCSC), a 501(C) 3, is a community project dedicated to building a multipurpose community center, a Pashupati Nath Temple, a Buddha Nath Temple and other supportive facilities to meet the cultural, spiritual, educational and business needs of the Nepali community in the DFW Metroplex. NCSC aims to offer a common place to congregate socially, to pray in accordance with one's faith, to promote Nepali culture, to strengthen social and cultural harmony amongst Nepalese community members living in DFW and to promote Nepali cultural values. The Hindu, Buddhist, Christian and Jain faiths are prevalent among the Nepali population living in the DFW. The community center would be a zone of peace where we can strive to promote cultural, spiritual and educational qualities in our children. A proper dress code and decent language are must adhered to in the community center. Meat and alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited in the center.

**Demographics of Nepalese people in DFW**

Nearly 10,000 people of Nepalese origin live in the DFW area. Out of the said 10,000, 3,000 are college students, 25,00 are children and 4,500 are adults. Presently, approximately 2,000 Nepalese people live in Greater Forth Worth, approximately 750 live in Greater Arlington, nearly 1,250 live in the Greater Denton and Keller areas, approximately 5,000 live in Greater Irving, and the remaining 1,000 people live in Euless. Nearly 200 members of the Nepali community members presently own and operate their own businesses; in addition, many more are planning to start a business in the near future. The majority of Nepalese youth works as or are studying to become medical doctors, engineers, nurses, economists or professionals in other fields.

**Euless - The proposed areas**

NCSC selected Euless as a potential site to build the proposed community center. NCSC has selected a parcel of land located at Euless International Business Park and signed a contract with the landowner to develop the proposed project. The main reason for selecting Euless is its central and strategic location. Euless is centrally located, making it conveniently reachable for DFW Nepali people living in Dallas, Plano, Irving, Arlington, Denton, Keller and Fort Worth. The proposed site is near Highway 183 and Highway 10, making it an easy commute for all people living in the different areas of our vast DFW metroplex. We also expect to use the community center as a venue for some academic

and spiritual activities and generate the revenue needed to pay the mortgage and utilities bills for the proposed project.

#### **Components of the proposed community center**

The proposed community center is comprised of three major sections: a multipurpose community hall, a Pashupati temple, and a Buddhist temple. The community center will also serve as a place for social gatherings among the Nepali people. The proposed multipurpose community center will be used to run different cultural, spiritual, religious, educational and business programs.

**The multipurpose community hall:** The total area of the multipurpose community hall would be approximately 11,000 square feet. Of this, approximately 1,800 square feet (first floor) would be used as a meeting room or prayer room or educational room, etc. Approximately 2,600 will be used as a restrooms, storage, and offices. Nearly 6,00 square feet would be used as a stage. Nearly 6,000-square feet would be used as an assembly, meeting or meditation areas. Some changes in the proposed areas of the stage, meeting/conference rooms and assembly areas are possible.

**First phase (2010):** In the first phase of the project, we will clear the land, grade it, construct the proposed water, sanitary sewer, storm drainage, parking lots, fire lanes, driveways, retaining walls, fencing, and all "street yard" landscaping, thereby meeting all the requirements of the City of Euless.

**Second Phase (2010-2011):** In the second phase, NCSC will start the construction of the multipurpose community hall and needed amount of parking lots. The hall will be completed in two or more sub-phases depending up on the availability of donations and funds. In the first phase, we will complete the main hall (3,000 square feet), 1,800 feet of first floor, and nearly 1,600 square feet of restrooms, office space, and storage areas. The main hall will be used as an assembly, meeting or meditation area. Some changes in the size of the hall, area of stage, assembly areas and meeting/conference/office area might be possible. The site map will follow all the standard building codes that would be required to build any building facilities here in Texas.

**Third Phase (2012-2013):** In the third phase of the project, we will complete the remaining part of main hall (5,000 square feet). Out of 5,000 square feet, nearly 2,000 square feet will be used as stage, office space, restrooms, storage areas, etc. And remaining 3000 square feet would be the extension of main assembly hall. Some slight changes

in the size of hall, area of stage, assembly areas and meeting/conference/office areas might be possible depending upon the need and the availability of funding. Alternately, NCSC may start the construction of Pashupati Nath and Buddha Nath (if we feel that extension of the community hall is not needed.)

**Fourth Phase (2014-2015):** In the fourth phase of the project, NCSC will build a Pashupati temple (Hindu) and Buddhist temple. The total area of each temple would be approximately 2,000 square feet. Nearly 500 square would be a stage. The remaining 1,500 square feet would be areas for praying, chanting, meditation, etc. Slight changes in the areas of temple, stage and praying may be needed. Alternately, we may consider completion of the remaining multipurpose community hall (if we built temples in the third phase).

#### **Parking**

We are planning to buy 4 acres (174,240 square feet) of land. Given the size of hall, temples, and additional facilities, we believe that there will be ample parking places for visitor. The center will not host any program(s) where the total number of participants would exceed the available parking. In that situation, a separate community center will be rented by NCSC.

**Population to serve:** The proposed community center will serve 60 to 75 visitors during the weekdays and 100 to 150 visitors during the weekends. Presently, we have 200 parking spaces.

**Operating hours:** The community center will be open weekdays from 6am to 9pm and weekends from 6am to 10pm. The center can remain open until 11pm for special functions.

In summary, Nepali people living in the DFW Metroplex desire to build a beautiful community center in Euless to promote the traditional Nepali principles of love, humanity, community service and friendship. The proposed center will bring prosperity, peace and order in this major city development in Euless, the city we love. This is an essential and vital endeavor that we are accomplishing for our Nepali community and our children. Know wholeheartedly that your family, neighbors, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren do appreciate you and your kind support. May God bless you and yours.