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Connerton Commerce Park Approved for Construction

Plans Include Phase One of University Community Hospital's Medical Campus

TAMPA, Fla. (October 5, 2007) – The Pasco County Development Review Committee has approved a 175-acre Connerton Commerce Park in the nearly 5,000-acre New Town currently under development in Pasco County. It is planned to include a 50,000-square-foot county building, 50,000 square feet for office/industrial use and 90,000 square feet of medical offices.

First to be developed at Connerton Commerce Park is University Community Hospital's (UCH) 50-bed long-term acute care facility (LTAC). The planned 48,000-square-foot, one-story facility will feature all private rooms, an operating room for in-patient minor procedures, chapel, gift shop, inner courtyard and dining area. It will serve those with chronic illnesses who need hospital care for two to three weeks. Construction is scheduled to start in January.

In a second phase of the project, UCH also plans to provide services including imaging, outpatient surgery and medical office space.

About University Community Hospital

Opened in 1968, University Community Hospital is a 465-bed facility that is home to six Centers of Excellence, which focus resources on major disease areas including orthopaedics, cancer treatment, cardiac care, women's health, pediatrics and diabetes management. The hospital is part of the University Community Health network of hospitals, which was created to reflect the combined strength and partnership achieved through the union of University Community Hospital (UCH) and UCH-Carrollwood in Tampa, and Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital in Tarpon Springs. University Community Hospital is a regional health care leader committed to providing the community with safe, knowledgeable, compassionate care and a comprehensive range of services. Pepin Heart Hospital & Dr. Kiran C. Patel Research Institute, the new hospital in the University Community Health network of hospitals, is positioned to transform the delivery of healthcare with its all-digital technology. University Community Hospital is located at 3100 East Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, Fla., (813) 971-6000.

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About Connerton

Connerton is a 4,800-acre mixed-use master planned community in Central Pasco County, and the only “New Town” currently under construction in the greater Tampa Bay area. In total, approximately 8,500 residential units are planned with more than 3 million square feet of commercial space for office, retail and industrial uses. The Arbors, the first village in Connerton, is nearly sold out. Village Two, the Gardens, is now selling.

The community currently features amenities including a Village Center with a Publix Super Market, banks and other convenient shops and services; and walking trails, boardwalks, neighborhood parks and conservation areas. A fitness and aquatics complex, an amphitheatre and parks are under development; and a hospital, medical offices, a regional park and three schools and a town center are also planned.

For more information on Connerton, call (813) 995-2460 or visit www.connerton.com.

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