



# COMMUNITY PLANNING ACADEMY

## 2017 Community Planning Academy Syllabus

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### Course Description:

The Community Planning Academy is an educational program accessible to any resident who is interested in learning more about the role planning plays in building community. The goal of the program is to empower citizens with a better understanding of community planning so they can effectively engage in planning efforts both in their neighborhoods and the city.

### Course Topics:

- I. The Big Picture ..... April 4th
  - a. What is Planning?
  - b. Why is Planning important?
  - c. History of the Planning profession
  
- II. Community Planning ..... May 2nd
  - a. History of Planning and its impacts on the built environment in Charlotte
  - b. Previous and current planning efforts in Charlotte
  - c. Importance of Community Planning and how to be involved
  
- III. Transportation & Mobility ..... June 6th
  - a. Charlotte’s transportation legacy and key policy changes since the 1990’s
  - b. How Charlotte integrates land use and transportation
  - c. How does Charlotte deal with traffic?
  
- IV. Zoning & Other Regulatory Tools ..... July 12th
  - a. Introduction to the Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance
  - b. Importance of regulatory tools
  - c. Role of zoning & subdivision in the development process
  
- V. Rezoning ..... Aug. 1st
  - a. Overview of the rezoning process
  - b. How and when residents can be involved in the process
  
- VI. Urban Design & Community Character.....Sept. 13th
  - a. What is Urban Design & Historic Preservation
  - b. Top 10 urban design elements that create a great place
  - c. The importance of protecting community character

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