

Prosperity Hucks area plan



DROP-IN PUBLIC FORUM AGENDA

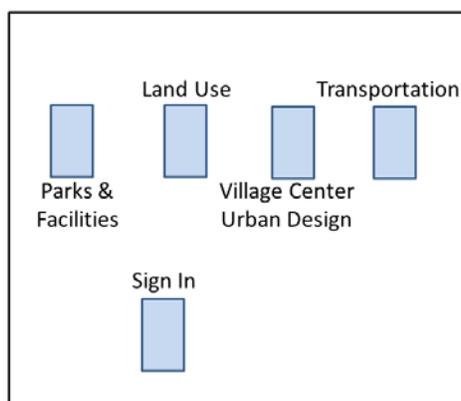
Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 6 pm to 7:30 pm

CrossWay Community Church, 6400 Prosperity Church Road

DRAFT PLAN: The full text of the Draft Prosperity Hucks Area Plan is available for review online at www.charlotteplanning.org (Click on "Prosperity Hucks Area Plan" along left edge of screen, and then on the "DRAFT PROSPERITY HUCKS AREA PLAN" link.)

PLAN CHANGES TO DATE: The plan reflects changes made as a result of comments at the last meeting on August 8, 2013, as well as other comments received since that time. It includes information on market forces, crime, and traffic impacts, and expanded urban design standards for the Village Center. Charlotte Department of Transportation is working with neighborhood leaders on a reconsideration of street names within the Village Center; the street naming process will proceed independent of this plan.

FORMAT FOR THIS MEETING: This public forum is an opportunity for area residents and stakeholders to drop in on their own schedule, to stay as long or as short as they wish, and to review plan elements with staff on hand to respond to individual questions. Materials are displayed on boards arranged generally as shown on this diagram.



COMMENT SHEET: Attached to this agenda is a Comment Sheet similar to the ones you have seen at prior meetings, as a part of our ongoing effort to register your level of support and your concerns. Please complete it and leave it in the box provided, or send it along later by fax, mail, or e-mail.

FURTHER CHANGES TO THE PLAN: Although the Draft Plan is now published, changes are still possible. As the adoption process moves forward, further changes will be recorded in a tabular form for consideration by City Council; text and map changes will be incorporated into the final adopted version after its approval. Changes to street names also will be incorporated when finally approved.

PLANNING COMMITTEE PUBLIC COMMENTS: As the beginning of the official plan adoption process, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Committee will receive public comments on this plan:

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 5 pm
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
600 East Fourth Street, Room 280

What We Heard at the August 8 Meeting and Actions Taken

Street Names within the Village Center was a source of confusion. There was strong support for keeping the Prosperity Church Road name on existing street; also interest in naming other streets for people with local roots.

- *CDOT is working with neighborhood leaders on a reconsideration of street names within the Village Center; the street naming process will proceed independent of this plan. Maps of names presently under discussion are available. Changes to street names will be incorporated into the final approved plan document.*

Traffic Congestion was a concern and has been evident as freeway construction has proceeded. More information on traffic studies was requested.

- *CDOT and NCDOT conducted a meeting on December 12 with concerned neighbors to review traffic issues and street design, with about 150 in attendance. Specific questions were answered and additional short-term remedies discussed.*
- *Additional material was added to the Transportation section of the Draft Plan concerning the street network proposed.*
- *One element in making the future street network function is the provision of new street connections and extensions to provide multiple routes to most destinations.*

Market Viability of proposed Village Center uses was a topic of discussion, with concern for the potential to overbuild some uses, especially in light of recent area commercial vacancies.

- *The Market Analysis section of the Draft Plan (page 74) outlines strong expected demand as the recession comes to an end and new freeway access comes online. Additional material concerning the capacity of the Village Center to absorb expected demand was added; it indicates that there is sufficient market demand over the next 20 years for all the available vacant land within the Village Center.*

Public Safety was discussed, with questions of whether crime might become an issue with the new development expected in the coming years.

- *Staff worked with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department to evaluate the impact of future growth in the Village Center. It compared the crime data in the plan area with a South Charlotte area with similar demographic and locational characteristics, but with substantial commercial and multi-family residential components already in place. On a per capita basis, the crime rates were quite similar, and both were far better than the City as a whole. Details are on page 79 of the Draft Plan.*

Village Center Urban Design Standards have been expanded, with a new Illustrative Vision plan shown on page 14.

- *The Illustrative Vision is intended to show one potential build-out scenario, recognizing that other equally valid scenarios will likely be proposed. There are also Key components of the vision discussed, with enlarged graphics to illustrate the points.*

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**Draft Plan
Public Forum Comments**

January 14, 2014

Name (optional): _____

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The Draft Plan Document is now available for review at www.charlotteplanning.org. (Click on “Prosperity Hucks Area Plan” along left edge of screen, and then on the “DRAFT PROSPERITY HUCKS AREA PLAN” link.)

Based on the information available at the forum, what is your opinion of the following:

1. Plan Area Land Use Recommendations

Strongly Agree _____ Agree _____ Neutral _____ Disagree _____ Strongly Disagree _____

Comments:

2. Village Center Land Use and Urban Design

Strongly Agree _____ Agree _____ Neutral _____ Disagree _____ Strongly Disagree _____

Comments:

3. Transportation/Street Network Recommendations

Strongly Agree _____ Agree _____ Neutral _____ Disagree _____ Strongly Disagree _____

Comments:

4. Parks and Open Space Recommendations

Strongly Agree _____ Agree _____ Neutral _____ Disagree _____ Strongly Disagree _____

Comments:

5. Overall/General Comments on Plan and Process

Strongly Agree _____ Agree _____ Neutral _____ Disagree _____ Strongly Disagree _____

Comments:

Please leave this form at the front table or send to:

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.