



## **Citizen Advisory Group Meeting #7**

Carolinas Medical Center – Steele Creek

13640 Steelescote Parkway

December 10, 2009

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*Meeting Purpose: Discuss Area Plan Process, Review Existing Conditions, Concept Map Exercise.*

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (5 minutes)      Brent Wilkinson  
Housekeeping Items      *Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department*
  
2. **Discussion of Area Plan Process** (15 minutes)
  
3. **Existing Conditions**
  - Land Use (10 minutes)      Alysia Osborne,  
*Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department*
  - Transportation (10 minutes)      Brian Horton,  
*Charlotte Department of Transportation*
  - Transit (10 minutes)      Ramond Robinson,  
*Charlotte Area Transit*
  - Community Design (10 minutes)      Michelle Jones,  
*Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department*
  
4. **Concept Map Exercise** (30 minutes)      John Howard,  
*Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department*
  
5. **Wrap-up and Next Steps** (5 minutes)      Brent Wilkinson  
Next meeting: mid to late January 2010      *Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department*  
Concept Map Refinement

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Information about the plan will be posted at [www.charlotteplanning.org](http://www.charlotteplanning.org) throughout the planning process.

## **Draft Vision Statement**

*The vision for the Steele Creek area is to create a unique and sustainable community that is a great place to live, work, and recreate, while preserving the community's character by incorporating natural and historic features into new development. The community will implement this vision through the following actions:*

*Protecting the Catawba River, McDowell Nature Preserve, natural features, and historic places;*

*Providing a balanced mixture of land uses with enhanced public facilities that include quality schools and;*

*Developing a safe, accessible and efficient transportation system for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists;*

*Encouraging community design that recognizes the natural environment; and*

*Creating an interconnected network of parks, greenways, and open space amenities.*

## **Land Use, Transportation, and Community Design Opportunities and Constraints**

### **Opportunities**

#### **Land Use**

- *Convenience of activity centers for shopping, restaurants, and entertainment (Rivergate & Whitehall)*
- *Single family neighborhoods*

#### **Community Design**

- *Provide balanced mix of land uses that create incorporating context sensitive dev*
- *Build high quality housing*
- *Mixture of housing types*

#### **Transportation**

- *Develop safe, accessible and efficient transportation network for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists*
- *More public access to Catawba River*
- *Easy access to major transportation network, center city, and South Carolina*
- *More transit*
- *Safe bicycle and pedestrian access to retail centers and along major streets*

### **Constraints**

#### **Land Use**

- *Noise from airport*
- *Industrial impacts on the natural environment and transportation*
- *Lack of development controls*

#### **Community Design**

- *Retention of rural character*

#### **Transportation**

- *Road improvements*
- *Traffic congestion*
- *Traffic calming*
- *Intersection improvements*