



Citizen Advisory Group Meeting

September 03, 2009

Draft Meeting Highlights

Citizen Advisory Group Attendees: James Baysinger, Madeline Campos, Elizabeth Cribb, Martha Edwards, Wilma Leave, David Marren, Linda McCaw, Brian McKeon, Laura Miller, Walter Neely, Derrel Poole, Shelley Schiff, Ann Voortman, Frank Voortman, and David Wiggins

Mecklenburg County Commissioner: Vilma Leake

Staff: Gwen Cook, Alberto Gonzalez, John Howard, Tom Johnson, Linda Keich, Mike MacIntyre, John McCulloch, Melony McCullough, Alysia Osborne, Rusty Rozzelle, Sonja Sanders, and Brent Wilkinson

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Melony McCullough, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department staff, welcomed advisory group members and reviewed housekeeping items, meeting ground rules, and explained the advisory group's purpose and role.

Draft Vision Statement

Ms. McCullough led the discussion on drafting a vision statement for the Steele Creek area. She first shared some basic guidelines and considerations that are essential to the visioning process. Meeting participants were then asked to review and provide comments on two draft vision statements developed by staff. The vision statements were based on the community's input to date. Meeting participants favored Option 1 and requested that a statement be added to address the need for quality schools in the area. Please review the meeting presentation online at www.charlotteplanning.org or to view the draft vision statements.

Natural Environment Background Information

City and County staff from various departments shared information about the existing conditions and policies for the natural environment. Ms. McCullough shared the environmental opportunities and constraints identified by the public and environmental policies in the General Development Policies (GDPs). Other City staff provided information on the history of the Catawba River, greenways and nature preserves, water quality, tree canopy, and stormwater services. Please review the meeting presentation online at www.charlotteplanning.org for additional information.

Questions and Answers

Information summarizing questions and answers asked throughout the meeting will be added to the list of Frequently Asked Questions on the website prior to the October 1st meeting.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Ms. McCullough wrapped up the meeting and explained that additional staff will be available at the September 17th meeting to continue discussing the natural environment.