



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Park and Recreation Department
MEMORANDUM

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TO: Michael Cataldo
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission

FROM: Brian Conroy, Central Region Park Planner
Capital Planning & Alliance Development Division

DATE: January 8, 2010

RE: Rezoning Petition # 2009-039 Charlotte Area Transit BOD Facility

This is Park and Recreation's second correspondence regarding this rezoning. We are hopeful that this request will be incorporated into the Planning Commission's staff review notes and written into the Staff Analysis to the fullest extent possible.

As strongly expressed by the community, surrounding neighborhoods and as outlined in City Council's adopted 2003 Belmont Area Revitalization Plan, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation asks that the Planning Commission recommend this space be left as green space. We feel this 3.65 acre parcel will be a greater asset to Charlotte if maintained as public flexible green space rather than what is currently proposed.

Current demand analysis highlights Uptown Charlotte is short nearly 56 acres of parkland - as compared to similar cities and National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) guidelines. With the Uptown area population expected to increase by 10,000 to 15,000 people over the next 10 years, it is increasingly important to provide a balance of active and passive recreational opportunities to Charlotte residents.

If you require additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience at 704.336.7694.

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