



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Park and Recreation Department
MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mr. Tim Manes
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission

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

DATE: April 5, 2010

RE: Rezoning Petition # 2010-022
Charlotte Housing Authority Strawn Apartment Redevelopment

This is the second correspondence from Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation regarding this petition. MCPR's first correspondence, dated January 10, 2010, asked that a portion of the property along South Boulevard be dedicated as a public park to serve the greater South End Neighborhood. Current MCPR analysis of neighborhood parks in the Uptown area show much of the rapidly growing South End community does not have walkable access to a neighborhood park.

As proposed, the current size and location of open space may serve residents within the immediate development, but will not function as a neighborhood park for the greater South End community. The proposed open space falls within the service radius of Latta Park and is further away from residents along the light rail corridor. A wide, park like, open space connection to South Boulevard, would greatly increase park usability to the nearby community. MCPR will continue to pursue partnership opportunities with CHA to make this a great amenity, available to the South End residents. Unfortunately, Mecklenburg County cannot commit to purchasing or contributing additional property or funds in the near future.

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

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