



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 & Alliance Development Division

DATE: January 20, 2010

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

We suggest that this request be incorporated into the Planning Commission's staff review notes and written into the Staff Analysis to the fullest extent possible. This will ensure Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation's (MCPR's) comments are conveyed to and incorporated by the petitioner during plan revision.

This 16.7 acre tract is located in Historic South End, a rapidly growing community that is not currently served by a neighborhood park. MCPR requests that a portion of the property, adjacent to South Boulevard, be dedicated as a public park. MCPR, in association with Center City Partners, is currently working with Pros Consulting to develop a Center City Parks and Recreation Master Plan. One of the goals of the plan is to evaluate current service levels and determine locations for future parks near Uptown. Analysis demonstrates a definite need for a neighborhood park in South End, close to the development occurring along the light rail corridor. Although Latta Park is nearby, it is more than a ten minute walk for most residents that live along the light rail. A five acre neighborhood park along South Boulevard will:

- Provide a park to a neighborhood not currently served.
- Within a ten minute walk of most residents within in South End
- Great pedestrian linkages to Uptown, YMCA and transit
- A great asset to the development itself

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

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