

## **Historic District Commission Action to Date on the Redevelopment Plans for Greater Galilee Baptist Church – Wilmore Local Historic District**

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On September 15, 2010, The Charlotte Historic District Commission reviewed the preliminary plans for the redevelopment of the existing church campus of Greater Galilee Baptist Church. The site plan and elevations the HDC reviewed were the same ones that have been submitted as part of Rezoning Petition 2010-064. This site is located in the heart of the new Wilmore Local Historic District.

At that meeting, the HDC voted to grant Approval in Concept to the site plan and preliminary building plans.

This action requires the Petitioner to submit revised plans to the HDC for future review, based on comments made by the HDC.

The comments of the HDC on the plans included:

### **Site Plan:**

Well conceived, and appears to meet HDC standards for such development

The parking arrangement will have as small as possible an impact on the neighborhood

The proposed relocation of some existing houses as shown will have a positive impact on the character of the neighborhood

The screening walls and street tree treatment, particularly along Spruce Street, need to be shown in more detail before final approval can be granted.

### **Building:**

Incorporating and connecting the historic sanctuary and the existing education building is a creative and positive approach to meeting the church's needs

The new building as shown has an appropriate scale and mass in relation to the existing historic sanctuary

The proposed new building needs to be more articulated and make better architectural reference to the existing historic sanctuary

Some of the existing characteristics of the of the historic sanctuary need to be incorporated in the design of the new structure to minimize the amount of blank wall shown on the current plans

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