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PARKING AND HOUSING ISSUES NEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Citizen Advisory Group Meeting II

November 27, 2012

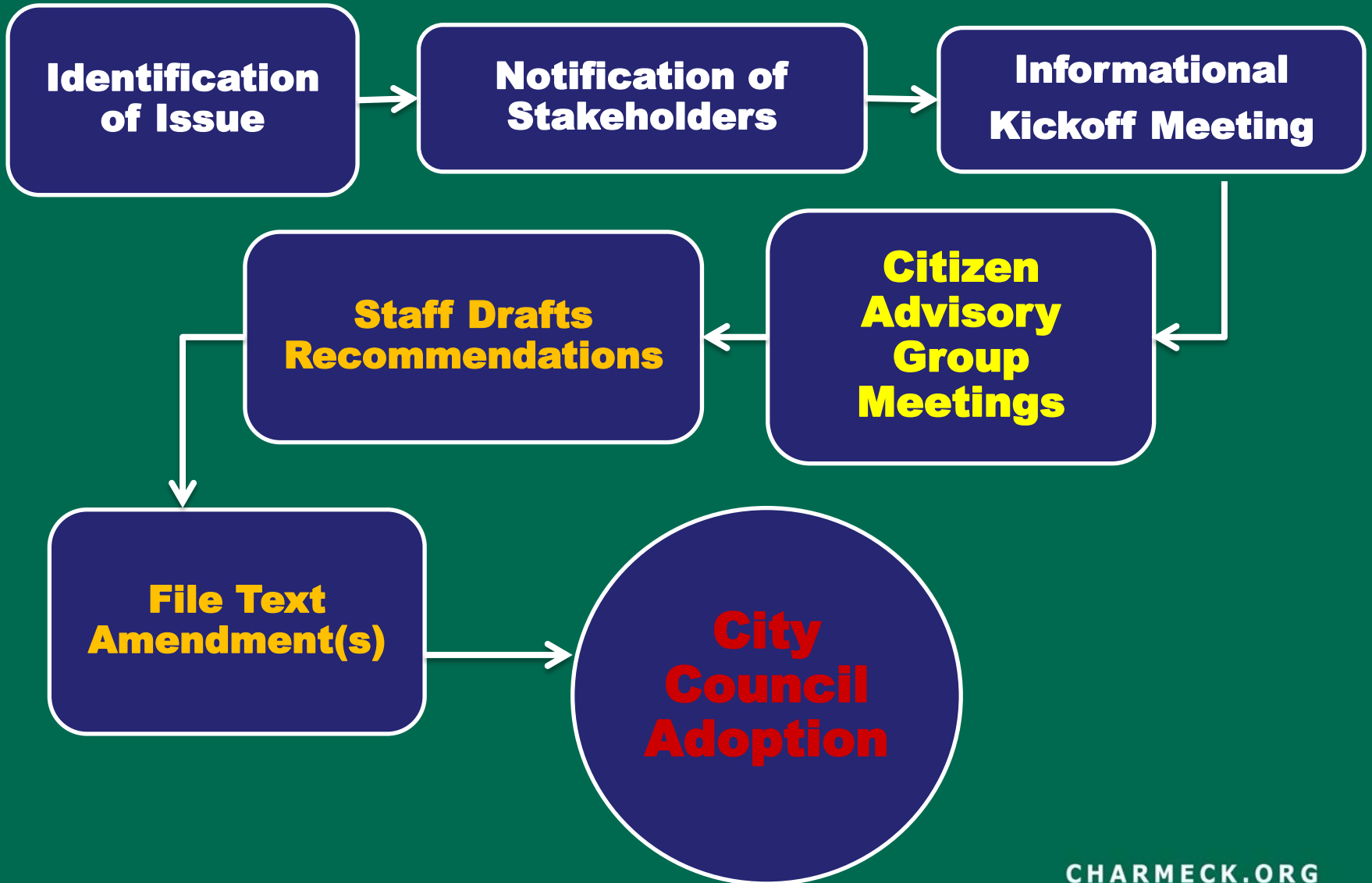
- **Ground Rules**
- **Current and Future Transit**
- **Transportation**
- **Public Safety**
- **Questions**
- **Next Steps**



- **Attend all meetings and arrive on time.**
- **Everyone's opinion is important.** We want to hear from everyone equally. Please do not monopolize the conversation nor just listen without participating.
- **Please identify yourself before speaking.** This will be helpful in learning names.
- **Don't be afraid to ask questions.**
- **Be courteous and polite.** Please don't interrupt others and limit side conversations.
- **Strive for general consensus.** Come with an open mind and be prepared to work towards agreement.



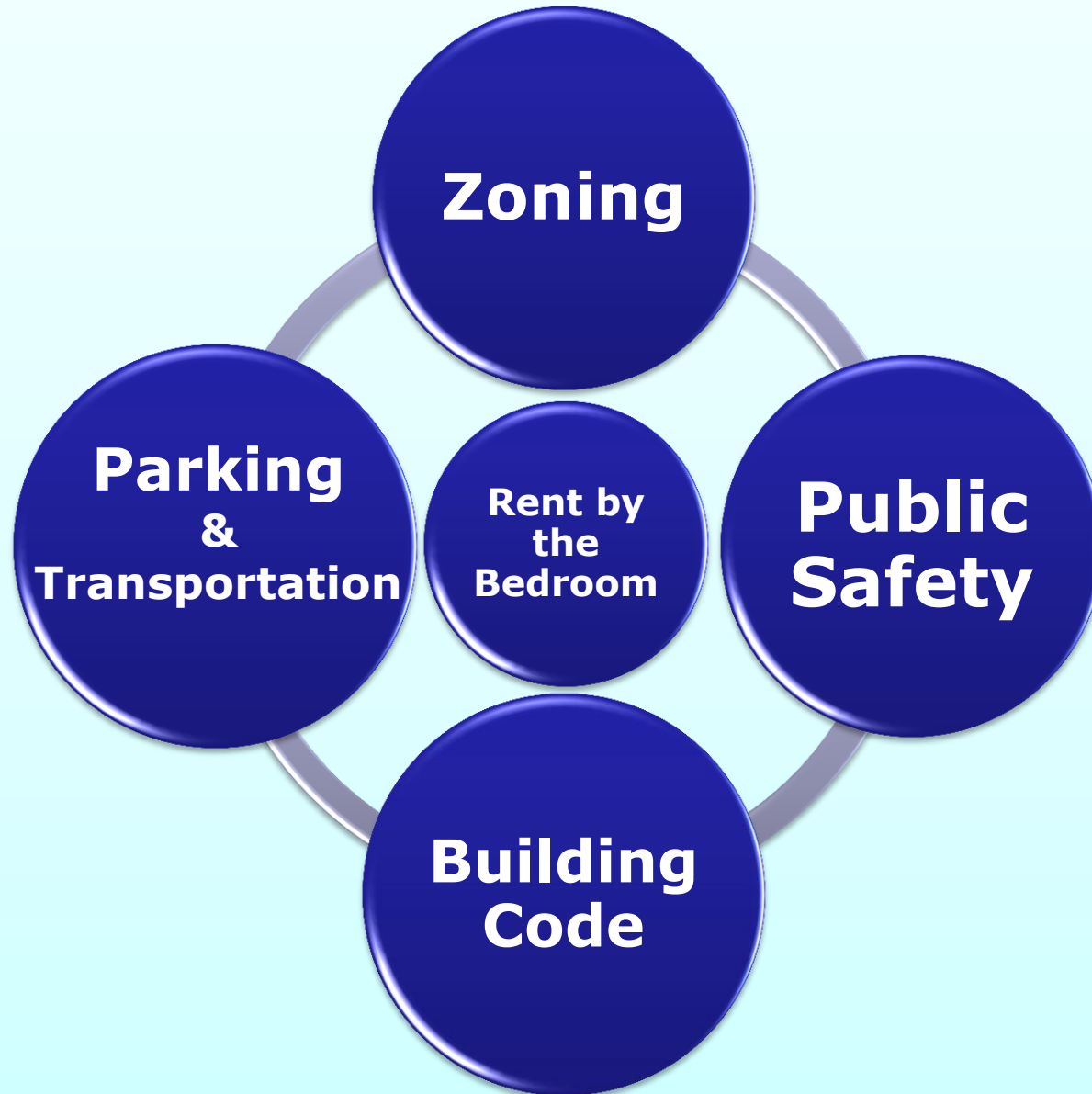
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Citizen Advisory Group Process

Citizen Advisory Group Meetings

- **November 15th – CAG Workshop #1 – What are the issues?**
- **November 27th – CAG Workshop #2 –Transportation and Public Safety**
- December 13th – CAG Workshop #3 – Parking, Zoning and Land Use
- January 10th – Draft Staff Recommendations and CAG response
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Charlotte Area Transit System

Jason Lawrence

Existing

- Multiple local bus routes along West Trade Street including express route service at Johnson & Wales.
- High level of service with 10 minute peak frequency on Route 7, CATS 3rd highest ridership route.
- Gold Rush, the free uptown shuttle, provides 15 minute weekday service.

Future

- Continued high level of bus service planned.
- Extension of the Streetcar to French St. and Rosa Parks Community Transit Center.
- Future Gateway Center planned at West Trade St. and Graham St. that will serve as an Amtrak station and terminus for the proposed LYNX Red Line.



Existing

- Multiple local bus routes along Elizabeth Ave and Kings Dr.
- High level of service with 10 minute peak frequency on Route 9, CATS 2nd highest ridership route.
- Gold Rush, the free uptown shuttle, provides 15 minute weekday service.
- High transit usage by students.

Future

- Continued high level of bus service planned.
- Streetcar Starter project estimated to begin service in 2015

Existing

- Routes 18 and 20 provide service near the campus.
- 40 minute to 1 hour service frequency throughout the weekday.
- No Sunday service on either route, however Route 20 provides hourly Saturday service

Future

- Bus service planned to be maintained at current service levels.



Existing

- Consistent 20 minute frequency throughout the day and 10 minutes during the PM peak on Route 11, CATS highest ridership route.
- Crosstown service to SouthPark mall on the Route 29.
- Shuttle Routes 47, 49, and 50 provide weekday service on campus as well as Mary Alexander Rd and Mallard Creek Church Rd. Frequency on the routes range between 15 and 20 minutes.

Future

- LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE) is scheduled to begin operations in 2017.
- Out of the 11 stations, 4 will have Park and Rides with a total of 3100 spaces.
- Bus service will be restructured to maintain service levels throughout the corridor



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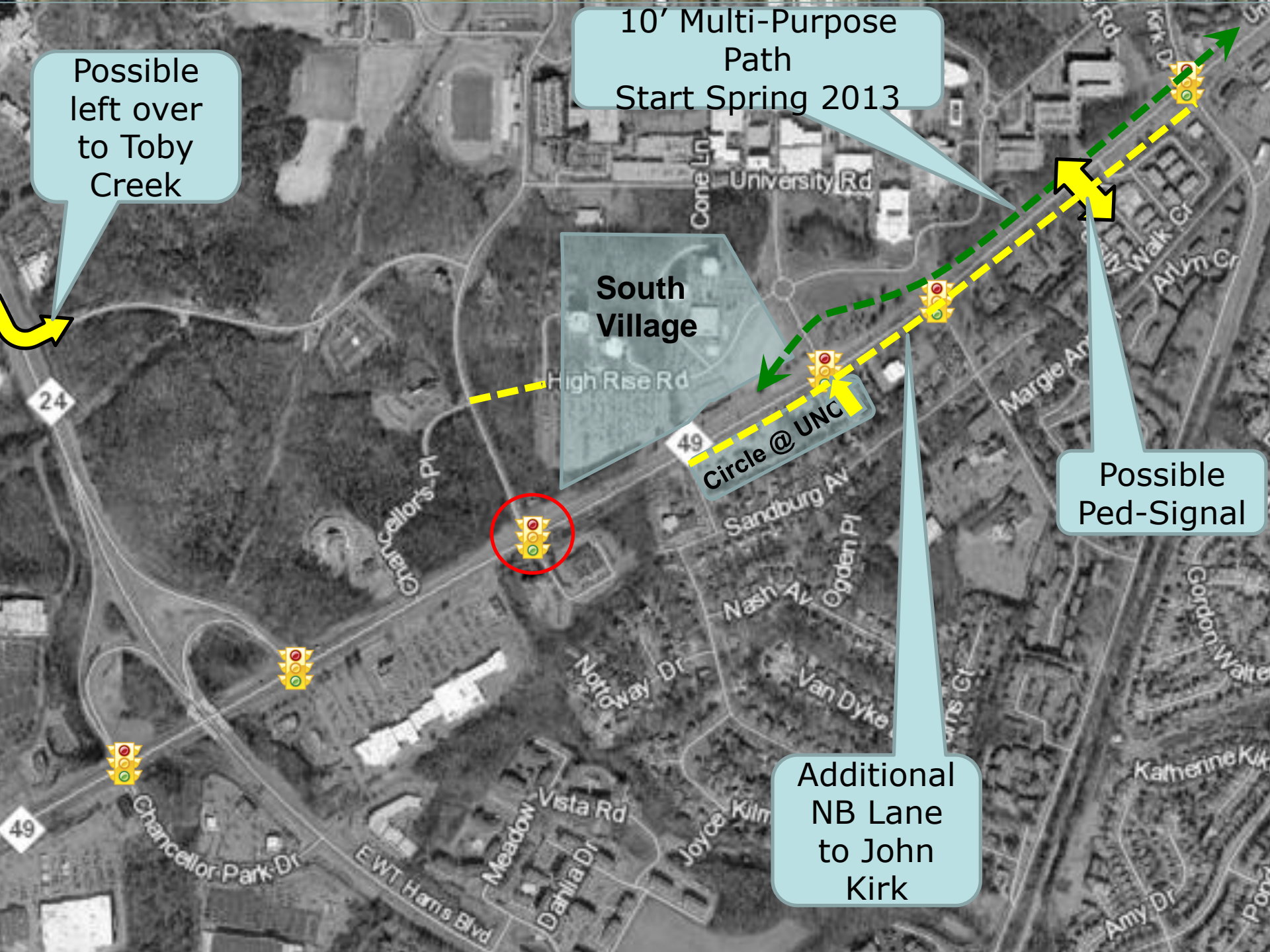
Charlotte Department of Transportation

Rick Grochoske

- ITE Trip Generation Does Not Address Student Housing
- Trip Generation and Parking Demand Dependent Upon:
 - Number of Bedrooms Not Units
 - Proximity To Campus Core
 - Adequate Pedestrian/Bike Paths
 - Walk Time To Class
 - Campus Shuttle Service /Headways / Fare
 - On-Campus Parking Availability and Cost to park
- Majority of Students Come With a Vehicle

Student Housing Trip Generation/Parking Research

- Several Studies have documented Student Housing Generates Approx. 1/3 the Amount of Traffic as Compared to A Similarly Sized, Generic Apartment Building
- Auburn University Has Documented Peak Hour Trip Generation Rates For Off-Site Student Housing Based Upon Transit (Shuttle) and No Transit Service
- Discussion With Several Major Student Housing Developers Indicate --1.1 Parking Spaces Per Bedroom, Including Staff and Visitor Parking



Possible left over to Toby Creek

10' Multi-Purpose Path
Start Spring 2013

South Village

Circle @ UNC

Possible Ped-Signal

Additional NB Lane to John Kirk

24

49

49





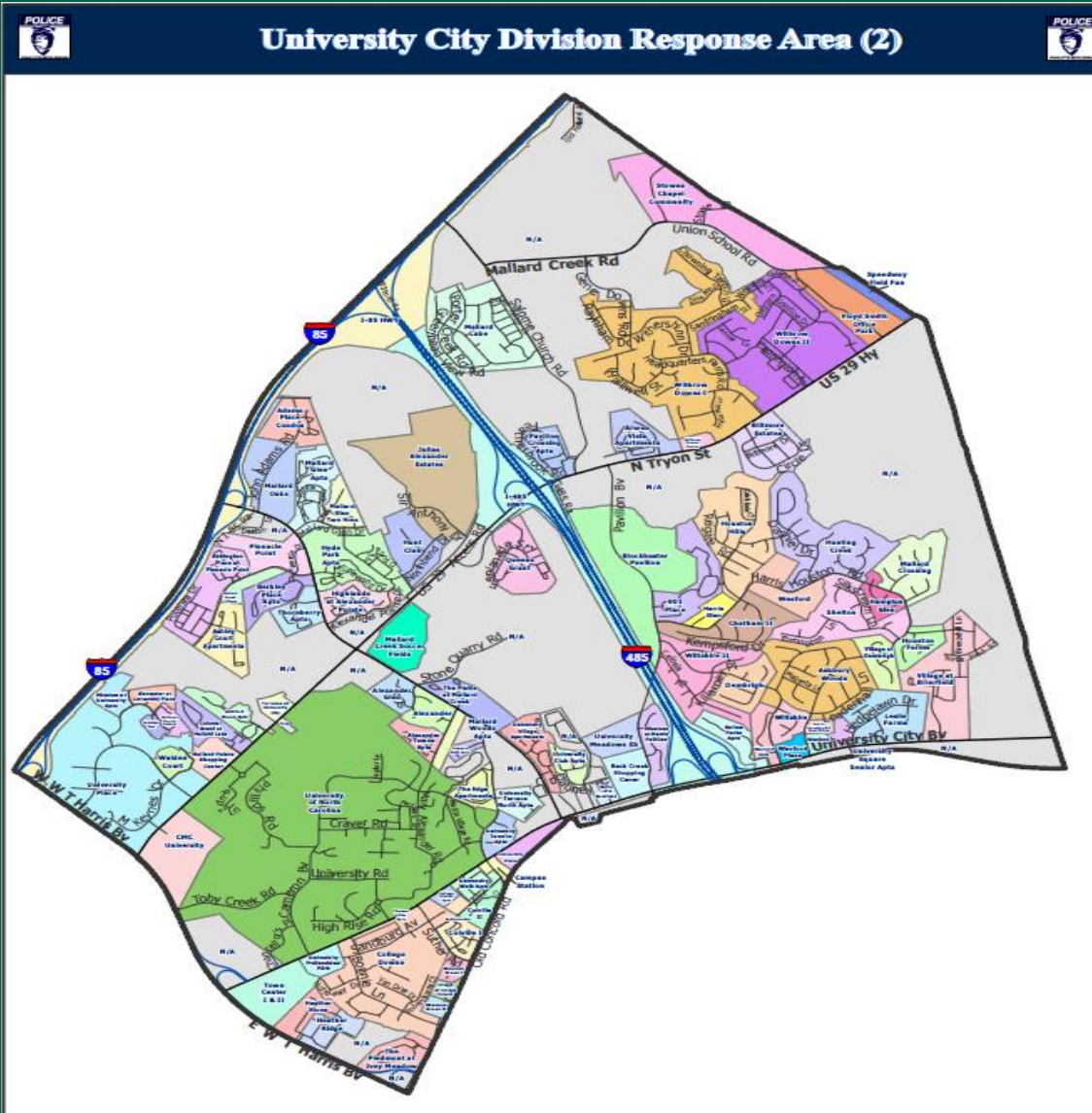
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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department

Lt. Dave Johnson



Rent by the Room



Rent by the Room

- University City Division
Response Area Two
- Home to UNCC
- 2011 enrollment: >25,000
 - Projected to be >30,000 in a few years
- Can only house 5,200
 - Two additional dormitories set to come on line in 2013
- High demand for student housing
- As new communities are built, older properties become less attractive



Rent by the Room

- University City Division Response Area 2
- 53 multi-family communities, 14 (**26%**) of those rent by the room



Response Area Two Part I Crimes

Homicide, Aggravated Assault, Robbery, Rape, Burglary, Larceny, Arson

RA2	2011	2012
Total Part I	961	859
Multi-Family	533 (55%)	447 (36%)
Rent by the Room	230 (43%)	161 (19%)

Crime Statistics

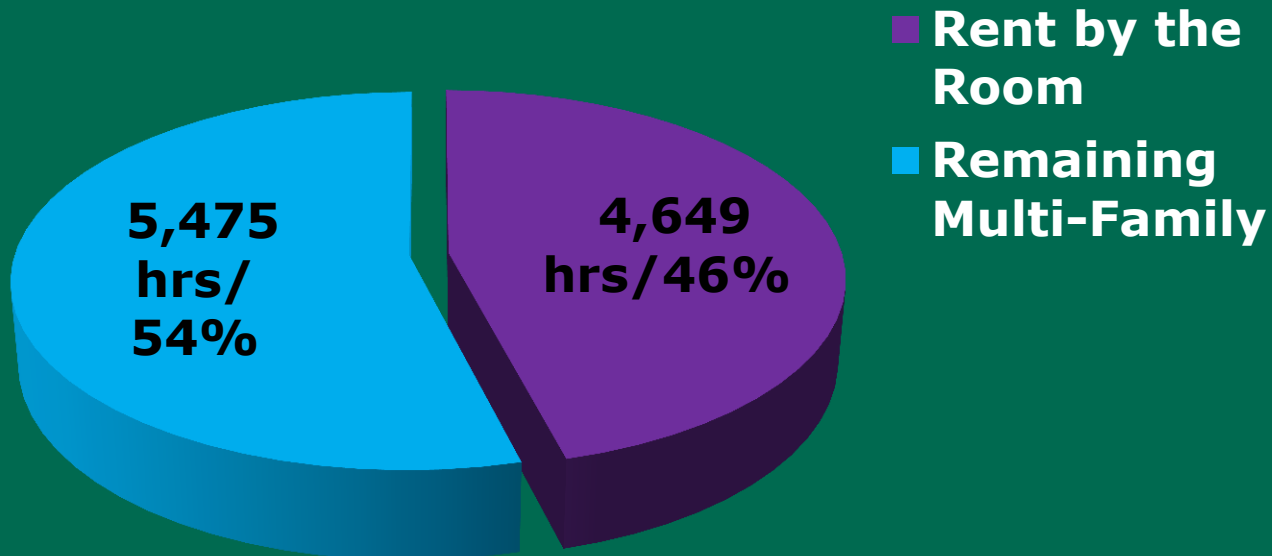
2011	Multi-Family	Rent by Room	Percentage
Robbery	28	15	54%
Agg. Assault	16	6	37%
Rape	5	3	60%
Burglary	131	66	50%
Larceny	350	140	40%
2012			
Robbery	23	11	49%
Agg. Assault	15	6	40%
Rape	2	2	100%
Burglary	90	40	44%
Larceny	313	100	32%



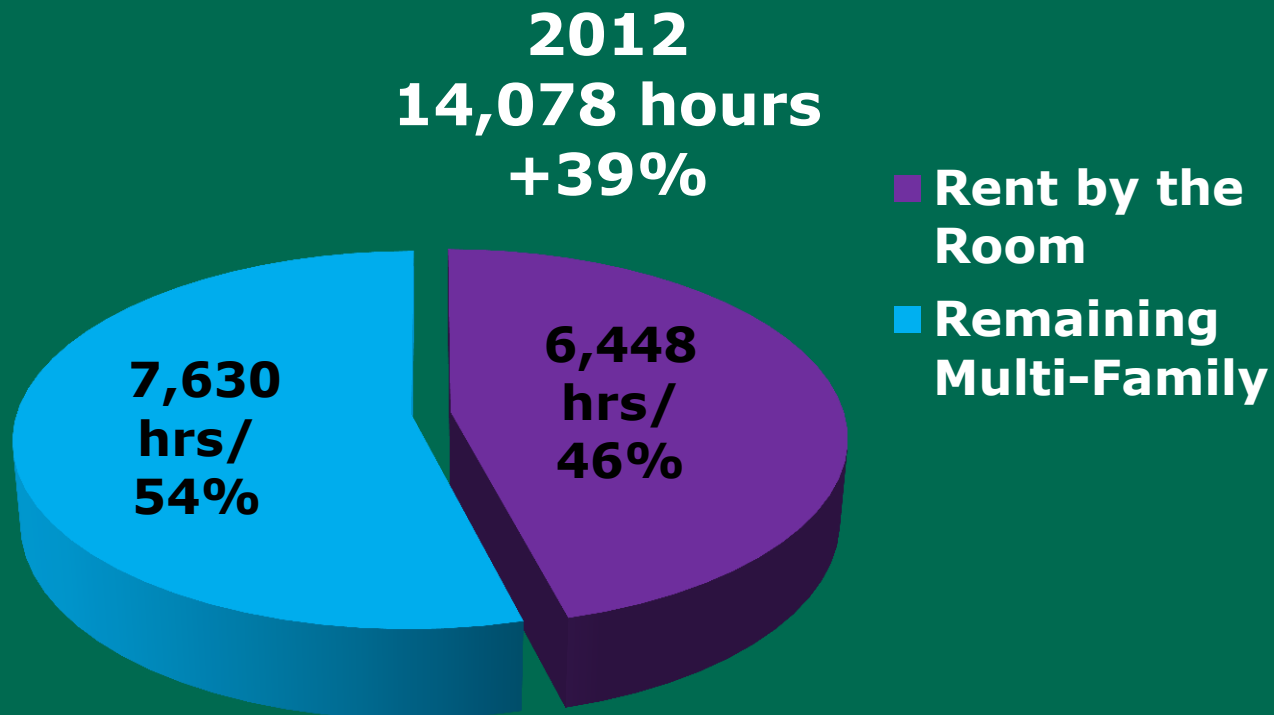
Service Time

- Citizen and Officer Initiated Calls for Service

2011
10,124 hours

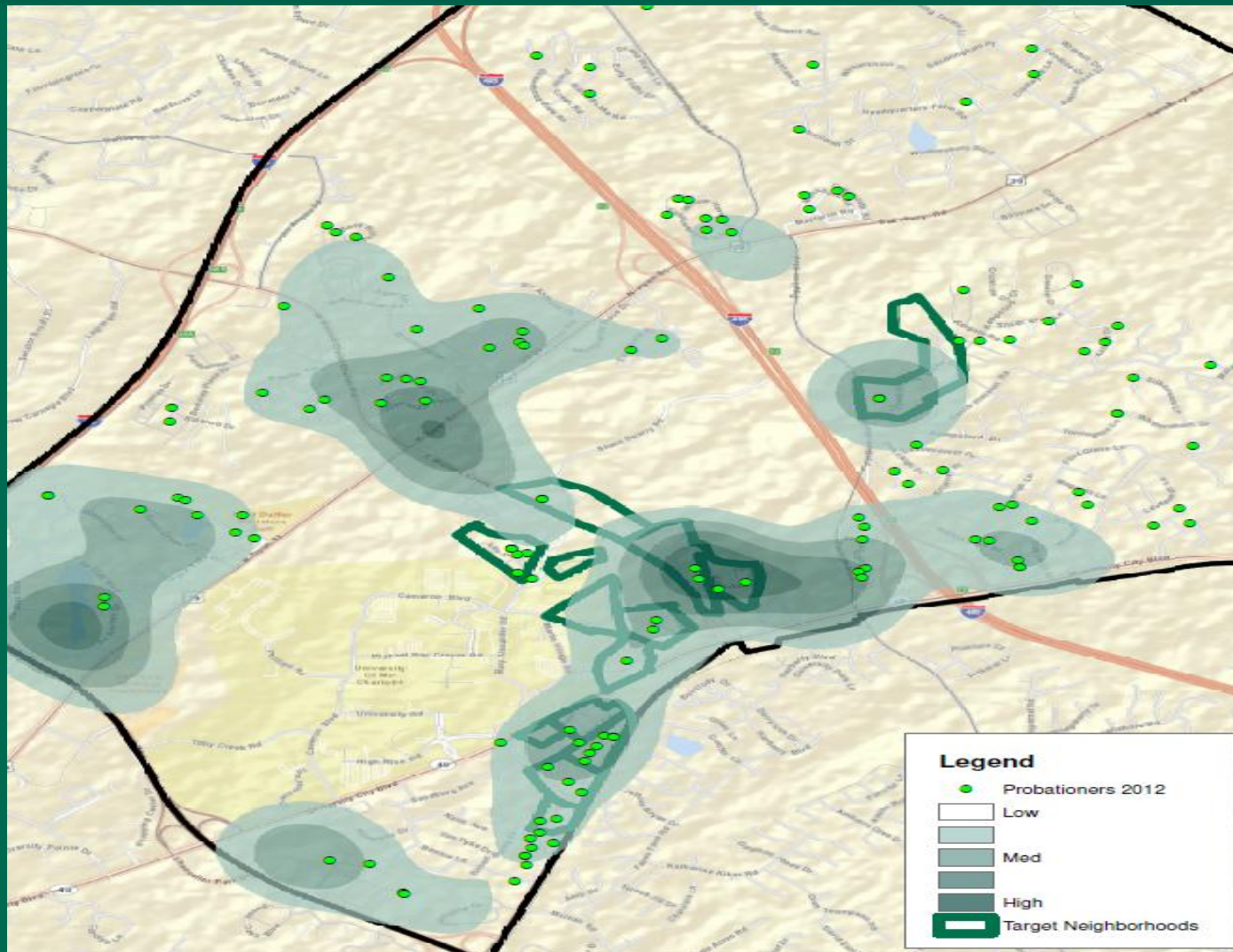


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2012 Probationers Overlay



University City: Response Area 2

Probationers overlaid with 2012 YTD Part 1 Crimes Concentration

Probationer Charges

- 24 probationers residing in Rent by the Room communities
 - Assault on a Female
 - Felony Burglary
 - DWI
 - Sell/Deliver Marijuana
 - Possession of Cocaine
 - Possession of Schedule 2 (ie: Oxycodone)
 - Possession of Schedule 5 (ie: Opiates)
 - Breaking/Entering a Motor Vehicle
 - Felony Larceny from Person
 - Communicating Threats
 - Forgery
 - Resisting an Officer



- As new student housing communities are built, the older communities become less attractive/competitive
- Non-students are being housed with students
 - Student status is not a protected class under the Fair Housing Act of 1968
 - Department of Justice
 - Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations
 - *Wilson v Intermountain Properties*, 10th Circuit, US Court of Appeals, 1996



- Low-cost housing option
- Unwanted guests/couch roommates
- Drug dealers/users
 - Large customer base
 - Low overhead
 - Breeds violence/robberies
 - Drug related/Home invasion
 - 2011: 4 of 15
 - 2012: 7 of 11



- Security standards well below that of campus housing
 - Doors
 - Hollow core, inferior hardware (knobs/locks/screws)
 - Video surveillance
 - Non existent or inadequate
 - On site security
 - Non existent or ineffective
 - No “Blue light” emergency phones
 - Flawed or relaxed screening of applicants





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Questions?

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