Community Meeting Report

Petitioner: Stonehunt, LLC

Rezoning Petition No. 2014-024

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#### Subject:

This Community Meeting Report is being filed with the office of the City Clerk and Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission pursuant to the provisions of the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance. The Community Meeting for the above reference petition was conducted on Monday, March 3, 2014 at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, located at 517 Baldwin Avenue in the middle of the Cherry neighborhood. The meeting was held in the church's small conference room. The meeting was for the purpose to provide information on the filed UR-2(CD) (SPA) for the adjoining and adjacent property owners as well as to Homeowner's Association in the area of the site. The petition was filed by petitioner Stonehunt LLC. The petition was required primarily due to the proposed change of an approved multi-family development under an existing UR-2(CD) to a single-family development on individual lots. The overall site consists of 6.568 acres. The most recent approved Cherry future plan encourages the development for the area.

# <u>PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTED WITH DATE AND EXPLANTION OF HOW CONTACTED:</u>

A representative of the Petitioner mailed a written notice of the date, time and location of the Community Meeting to the individual and organizations set out on <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto by depositing such notice in the U.S. mail (February 28, 2014). A copy of the written notice is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>.

### PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT MEETING (see attached copy of sign-in sheets):

The Community Meeting was attended by those individuals identified on the sign-in sheet attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C.</u> The Petitioner was represented at the Community Meeting by (Anthony V. Hunt, Tom Wright and Robert L. Brandon).

#### **SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:**

Robert L. Brandon, the petitioner's agent welcomed the attendees to the scheduled Community Meeting. Mr. Brandon introduced Mr. Anthony A. Hunt, the petitioner's technical advisor and Tom Wright as the petitioner's architect assigned to the planned project. Mr. Brandon explained to the attendees that the filed rezoning petition is a site plan amendment petition, UR-2(CD) (SPA) from an existing UR-2 (CD) of the site consisting of 6.568 acres. He explained that the filed petition was required primarily due to a change form an approved multi-family development, to a single-family development on individual lots. Mr. Brandon emphasized that the current Cherry Future Plan requested more single-family development.

Mr. Hunt the petitioner's technical advisor then advised the attendees that he would her address all technical issues and questions.

In opening Tom Wright, architect for the petitioner, provided that the proposed development would be intended to save as much common area, save existing trees with a completed tree survey and comply with the city's connectivity requirements by the Planning Department. He explained the types of dwellings, designs and craftsmanship style houses with front porches that will fit in with the existing neighborhood character. See Exhibit D

He explained the types of dwellings that will have the one, two. or no-car garages, the types of building material proposed and explained the market would determine the dwelling sizes from approximately 2,000-1,200 sq.ft. for corner lot duplexes.

#### Concerns of attendees:

- -a resident was concerned that the architectural design would not be true to the Cherry community, because of the large square footage which is in contrast to what is currently there.
- -a resident exclaimed that it was not fair that the new proposal would displace her because she could no longer afford the new dwellings. She also stated that she is currently on a month-to-month leasing of an existing dwelling unit.
- -petitioner's Anthony Hunt stated that the number of affordable dwellings would be between 10-15% of the units provided. He stated that over 10 years ago, the residents were advised of the future development of the area, which resulted in a month-to-month agreement. He stated from the completion of the Senior Citizens 42 unit development on Avant Street, that many of the displaced senior citizens were relocated.

- -Mike Davis, CDOT addressed the residents and stated that from his perspective, Main Street will not be altered due to the proposed development. The planned abandonment of Main Street was tied to the existing petition. He stated typically when a street is closed a new one is required per connectivity requirements. He stated that CDOT does not have a problem with the existing streets and it would be OK to leave them as they are now.
- -petitioner's Anthony Hunt stated that he is OK with no change to the existing streets however, he has some concerns that the planning department would require some connectivity, especially to Luther Street.
- -a resident stated that if the proposed development were submitted in two separate plans, it would resolve the connectivity issue to include the Luther Street connection.
- -petitioner's Anthony Hunt agreed to support the non-closure of the streets.
- -a resident stated her concern about the height of proposed dwellings in comparison to existing dwellings.
- -petitioner's Robert Brandon stated that the proposed dwellings will comply with the zoning ordinance maximum 40ft restriction.
- -a resident expressed a concern that the name of Cherry would be changed to Myers Park 11.
- -petitioner's Hunt stated that there would be no name change.
- -a resident wanted to know when will the affordable units be built and where would they be located.
- -petitioner's Hunt stated that 10-15% of 42 units would be designated as affordable units and located throughout the area
- -a resident requested that Stonehunt LLC provide a neighborhood seminar for development strategies to help the Cherry residents.
- -petitioner's Hunt agreed to provide a workshop at the community's request.
- -a resident stated that he did not like the front-end type dwelling and larger houses adjacent to smaller ones similar to what is occurring in other neighborhoods.
- -another resident wanted to know is it the developer's intent to have an "a spec homes" or will homes be sold before completion.
- -a resident wanted to know if the same zoning would apply to other areas of the Cherry neighborhood.

-petitioner's Robert Brandon stated that it would apply only in the UR-2 zoning district and not in other areas zoned R-8 single family developments.

-a resident requested to know what variety of housing plans are proposed.

-petitioner's Tom Wright stated that there will be a variety of house plans, some one or twostories. The types could vary on site elevations and some without garages.

-a resident stated that there was a promise made to provide affordable priced houses in the neighborhood with a 2004 agreement from Stonehunt LLC.

-petitioner's Hunt stated that the letter of agreement in 2004 between Stonehunt LLC and the Cheery organization was complied with.

-a resident asked what are the price points, where affordable units are to be located and where are the design guidelines for the dwellings to be constructed.

-petitioner's Anthony Hunt stated that there are no price points available at this time. The design guidelines are not ready yet.

-a resident stated that when Stonehunt LLC got this land in 2004, there was promise made to renovate approximately 54-58 dwellings to affordable housing units and that the displaced residents could move back into those renovated dwellings upon completion.

The Community Meeting ended without the final request resolved.

Respectfully submitted, this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2004

Robert L. Brandon, CZO.

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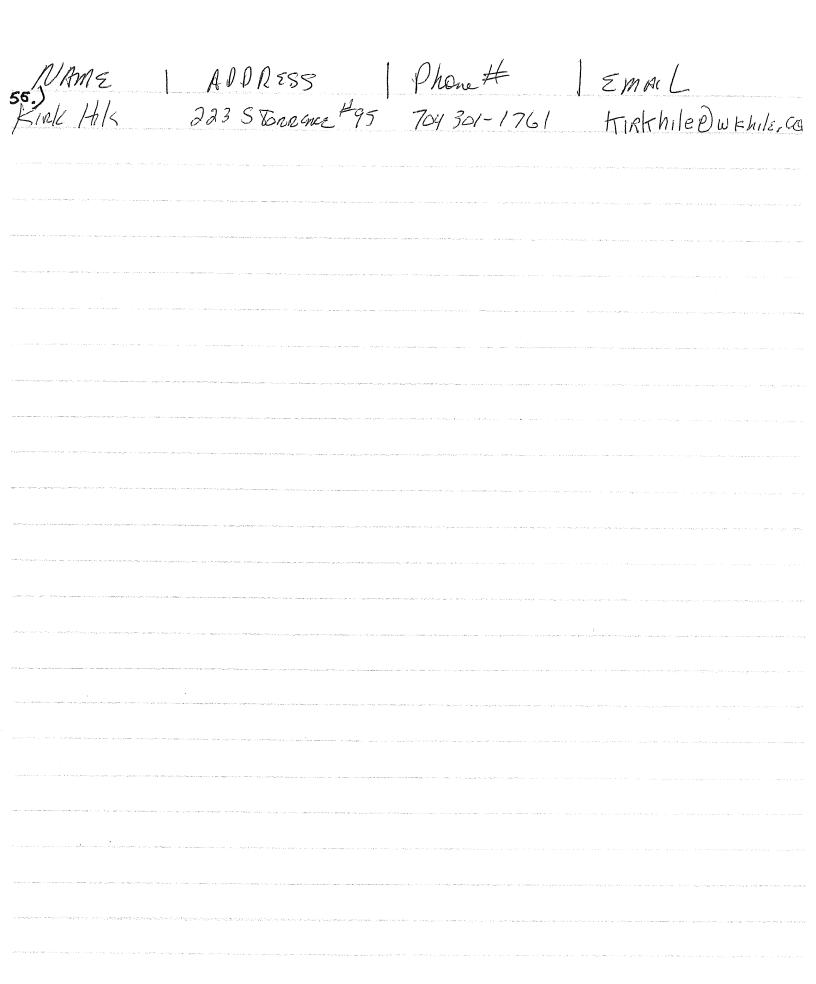
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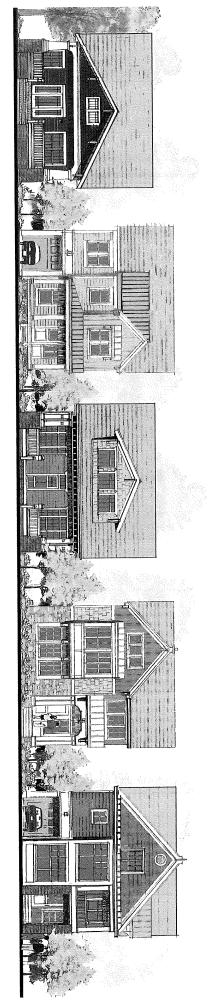
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