















# **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission**

Year in Review & Outlook

**July 6, 2015** 





Livable city

Vibrant economy

Thriving natural environment

Diverse population

Choices for housing, education, employment

Safe & attractive neighborhoods

Citizen involvement



#### **Charlotte – Mecklenburg Planning Department**



**Assistant Director** 

#### Long Range Planning Services

Develops plans and policies that help to enhance livability, strengthen economic competiveness, provide transportation options, and ensure the orderly growth of our community.



Assistant Director

#### Strategic Planning Services

Implements Charlotte's community vision by providing urban design guidance, design services, community outreach, and strategic planning for developing and redeveloping areas.



Assistant Director

#### Development Services

Provides regulatory services designed to help achieve the community vision. These include managing the rezoning, subdivision and historic district processes; updating the Zoning Ordinance; administering the variance and appeals processes; and making ordinance interpretations.



#### City Council Focus Area Plans



#### FY2014 Strategic Focus Area Plan

Charlotte will be one of America's safest

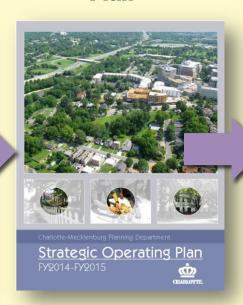
Community Safety is one of the major priorities for the City of Charlotte. The City's approach to building a safe community is founded on recoing crime and the loss of life and property resulting from fires. The Charlotte-Recidenburg Police Department takes a partnerships with Cutters and other service providents to address crime and the conditions that enable it. The Charlotte fire Department takes a proactive approach to fire prevailed that the conditions that enable it. The Charlotte fire Department takes a proactive approach to fire prevailed that the conditions that the conditions are considered to the conditions of the conditions are considered to the conditions of the conditions are considered predistrial work forces that are reflective of the communities they service. Police and fire personnel are provided to detail the conditions of the communities that the conditions that the conditions that the conditions are considered to the communities of the communities that the conditions are considered to the communities that the communities that the conditions are considered to the communities that the conditions are considered to the communities that the communities that the communities that the conditions are considered to the communities that the communities that the communities that the communities are considered to the communities that the communities are considered to the communities are consid

Focus Area Initiative	Measure	FY2
Reduce crime and life/property damages from fires	Number of FBI UCR Part One Crimes and rate of UCR Part One Crimes per 100,000 population	3% reduction UCR Part One crimes and 3° UCR Part One per 100,000 c
	Percent of arson cases cleared by investigators	36% dearance rate
	Percent of incidents where first fire unit arrives on scene within six minutes or less of 911 call	80%
Enhance citizen perception of safety through citizen partnerships and crime and fire prevention and education activities	Survey ratings on citizen satisfaction with police and their safety in neighborhoods in Spring 2014	Ratings of 7% or above on 10 point scale
	Percent of fire code inspections conducted within state mandated frequencies	95%
Develop recruitment strategies that attract diverse applicant pools to the Police and Fire Departments	Percentage of women and minorities in police officer and firefighter applicant pools	30% of police officer applicants
		20% of firefighter applicants

Community Safety |

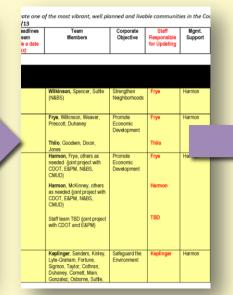
City-wide vision as defined by Council

# Department Strategic Operating Plan



Includes budget & organizational needs + Balanced Scorecard to measure success

# Department Work Program



Project specific, identifies managers & teams, updated throughout the year

# Employee Work Plan

#### Charlotte Mecklenburg F Performance Review & De

Employee Performance Work Plan – (Janet S

Performance Expectations and Deadlines from Work Program

- Lead a coordinated effort, by 10/09/12 between Planning, CATS, E&PM and Corp. Co to get public input on the SAPs and NECI projects
- Hold final public meeting by 2/15/12
- Ensure that a detailed schedule is approved prior to the kick-off meeting
- Help project manager and team prepare for follow-up workshops
- Assure that the notification, review and adoption processes and other regular area planning process steps are followed
- Attend and participate in all public and CAG meetings;

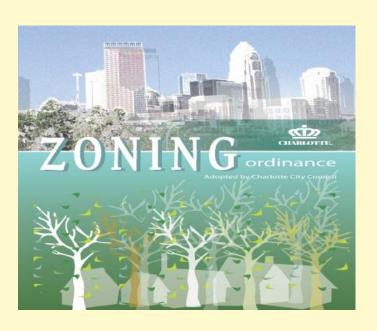
Performance Review & Development (PRD) to measure employee success



# 2015 Year in Review



# **Development Services**

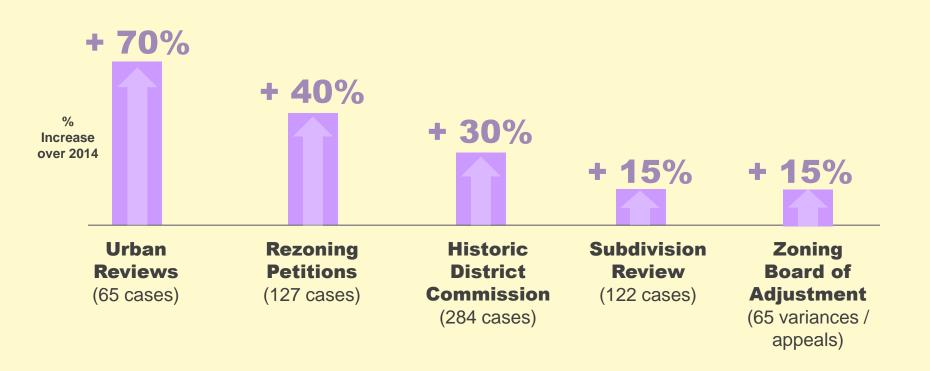


- Zoning Ordinance Update (consultant selection & scope of work)
- Permit Development Review
   Process (Joint County/City review of approval, permitting & inspections process)
- Development Response (Golf Links)
- Significant increase in development activity



### Development Services:

### **Regulatory Reviews (2015)**







### Historic District Commission



- New staff member (Principal Planner)
- Expanded community engagement (postcards, neighborhood meetings, etc.)
- Quarterly Commission Retreats
- Strengthened communication with zoning enforcement staff
- Updated meeting procedures (time, workshop, building surveys, etc.)



# Area Planning & Community Outreach



- Adoption of University City Area Plan & BLE Station Plans
- Pending adoption of Prosperity Hucks Area Plan
- + 65 community meetings and presentations
- Significant role in Community Investment Plan



# Community Investment Plan &

# Comprehensive Neighborhood Improvement Plans (CNIP)



- Staffing 4 interdisciplinary
   Strategy Teams
- Staffing CNIP Teams
- Project support on all CIP projects
- Extensive Community Engagement



# Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization



- Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) Legislation (new state funding model)
- Established Bicycle & Pedestrian Work Group
- Bonus Allocation Funds (part of STI and based on toll bond revenue)
- Implemented new TIP Database (www.tip.crtpo.org)





People

82%

**56** Total Positions

#### **Currently being filled:**

Planning Director Planning Coordinator – Temp Zoning Ord. Senior Principal Planner Planning Coordinator Office Assistant V

#### **2016 Budget Reductions**

#### People

- Frozen Positions (prior to 2015)
- Admin 4 Position (vacant)

#### **Operations**

- Travel, training, office supplies
- **Contractual Services**

**3%** Reduction

**Operations** 

**18%** 

**Department Budget** 



# Planning Commission Support

- Full Commission Work Sessions
- Zoning Committee
- Planning Committee
- Executive Committee
- Ad Hoc Zoning Ordinance Committee (New)
- Planning Commission Retreat



# City Council Transportation & Planning Committee Support

- Committee provides direction on a range of transportation and planning issues referred by full Council
- Committee creates and directs
   Focus Area Plan
- Planning Director/Department provide staff support
- Key issues will include the Zoning Ordinance Update and implementation of transit station area plans



## Zoning Ordinance Update

- Contract approval & project kickoff (fall 2015)
- Significant Community Engagement Process
- Community Character dialog (what kinds of places are we creating?)
- Creating new/updated zoning districts, tools and process



# **On-Going Priorities**

- Rezoning process enhancements
- Station area plan implementation (BLE zoning strategy)
- Economic development support (Eastland Mall, Uptown, Airport)
- Development Permitting Process implementation
- Continued support Community Investment Plan & Comprehensive Neighborhood Improvement Plan
- Customer service & community engagement



# Questions