



# Catawba

area plan

## Advisory Group Summary

### Meeting Notes for November 20, 2008

Shady Brook Baptist Church/Fellowship Hall

6:00 – 7:30 pm

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**Advisory Group Attendees:** Karen Bragg, Sheila Clark, Kevin Ebersold, Suzanne Gosney, Mike Hanberry, Lesa Houchins, Duke Jones, John Springsteed, Donald Tyson, Taren Wilkinson and Andy Zoutenelle

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department Staff:** Alberto Gonzalez, Melony McCullough, Alysia Osborne, Stuart Basham, Allen Goodwin and Linda Keich

**Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) Staff** - Brian Horton and Andrew Grzymiski

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Alberto Gonzalez (Planning Staff) welcomed everyone, reviewed the ground rules and introduced Linda Keich to the Advisory Group. He then gave a brief overview of the project to date. He let the group know the next meeting will be on December 9, 2008 and we will wrap up at that meeting. He also stated in January or February we will come back with a draft plan for them to review. He gave a description on how the adoption process is done and let them know how important their role is in the process. Alberto explained the Land Use and Transportation exercise. They then broke out into two groups.

#### 2. Land Use and Transportation Exercise

The group discussed what types of future land use developments should be, and where in the study area they should be allowed.

Some of the Advisory Group's concerns were as follows:

- Future plans for road improvements
- Recommendations for increases in residential density
- Help develop the vision for the plan
- Have roads clearly marked
- Where retail, office or industrial uses will be placed
- Concerns about schools

#### 3. Community Design

Alan Goodwin (Planning Staff) explained Community Design issues in the area. He explained Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department has four urban designers who review rezoning applications and certain projects with the responsibilities divided according to geographic location and project type. He went over the definitions of community design and introduced the exercise.

Advisory Group Concerns:

- Concerns about setbacks
- Impervious Driveways
- sidewalks

- connectivity and accessibility to Catawba river
- what can we do to keep community green
- wastewater treatment plan 100' buffer all the way around

#### **4. Wrap Up and Next Steps**

Alysia Osborne (Planning Staff) wrapped up the exercise indicating they can email us the exercise. She told them our next meeting date is December 9<sup>th</sup>.