



Catawba

area plan

Advisory Group Summary

Meeting Notes for December 9, 2008

Shady Brook Baptist Church/Fellowship Hall

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Advisory Group Attendees: Sheila Clark, Ken Ebersold, Mike Hanberry, Duke Jones, Elaine Powell, Andy Zoutwelle, Donald Tyson, and Taren Wilkinson

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department Staff: Alberto Gonzalez, Melony McCullough, Alysia Osborne and Crissy Huffstickler

Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) Staff - Brian Horton

1. Welcome and Introductions

Alberto Gonzalez (Planning Staff) welcomed everyone, reviewed the ground rules and spoke to everyone about their contact information.

2. Land Use Concept Plan Revisions

Alberto Gonzalez then gave a brief overview of the project to date and stated that at this meeting the staff would be presenting the draft Concept Plan for the area and the preliminary land use recommendations. Ms. Taren Wilkinson questioned if and when the City would possibly be annexing the whole area. Alberto stated that the possible annexation date is not known and areas to be annexed are reviewed every two years by the Planning Department with one of the criteria being the areas density, which this area does not meet at this time. Melony McCullough gave an overview of the different land use colors used and explained the differences in among variety of maps. Mr. Ebersold questioned a usage that is showing on the draft plan map. He said that there was one section that he feels should be multi-family and not R-4 single as shown.

3. Draft Land Use Recommendations

Alysia Osborne (Planning Staff) presented the draft land use from the past meetings and stated that the plan and maps being submitted tonight were not the final maps and that these were subject to changes down the line until there is a final plan. She stated that the vision and the proposed draft plan may not be alike. Melony stated that there was a question about the areas and that there were questions from the maps and will be looked into in the future.

4. Vision Statement Revision

Melony McCullough (Planning Staff) then explained that the first step in developing land use recommendations is to develop a concept plan. She showed an example of a concept plan and, with feedback from the Advisory Group, began to draw “bubble” areas for various land use categories, such as parks (recognizing Historic Tuckaseegee Ford park and the USNWC), the industrial corridor (area along I-485), residential neighborhoods (existing and approved residential areas) retail nodes (at appropriate locations with road network in place).

5. Wrap Up & Next Steps

Melony McCullough wrapped up the exercise by indicating that staff will further refine the concepts discussed tonight and the next meeting date is not yet finalized but it is anticipated that it would be either in January or February of 2009.