



# COMMUNITY PLANNING ACADEMY

## 2016 Community Planning Academy Pilot

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### Course Description:

The Community Planning Academy is an educational program accessible to any citizen who is interested in learning more about the role planning plays in building community. The goal of the program is to empower citizens with a better understanding of community planning so they can effectively engage in planning efforts both in their neighborhoods and the city.

### Course Topics:

- I. The Big Picture ..... March 1st
  - a. What is Planning?
  - b. Why is Planning important?
  - c. Overview of the history of the Planning profession
  - d. Ethics of Planning
  
- II. Community Planning ..... April 5th
  - a. History of Planning and its impacts on the built environment in Charlotte
  - b. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department's role and responsibilities
  - c. Previous and current planning efforts in Charlotte
  - d. What is Community Planning and how is it done?
  
- III. Transportation & Mobility ..... May 3rd
  - a. Who is responsible for what? (CDOT, CATS, NCDOT, MPO, etc.)
  - b. How Charlotte integrates land use and transportation
  - c. Charlotte's Transportation Legacy
  - d. Charlotte's key policy changes beginning in the 1990's
  - e. How do we deal with traffic?
  
- IV. Zoning & Other Regulatory Tools ..... June 7th
  - a. What is zoning? ..... July 5th
  - b. The rezoning process in Charlotte ..... August 2nd
  - c. The Subdivision Ordinance, Historic Districts Commission, ..... September 6th  
and Zoning Board of Adjustment ..... October 4th
  - d. Urban Design and creating unique places

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