



Elizabeth Area Plan

Elizabeth Area Plan Citizen Advisory Group

Meeting No. 4

January 6, 2010

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**Room 280, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, NC 28202**

Meeting Notes

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. The following Citizen Advisory Group members were present:

Nick Allmon, Chris Branch, Steven C. Burke, Tim Cleveland, Patrick Frye, John Hadley, Peggy Hey, Micki McDonough, Lee McLaren, Matt Nurkin, Monte Ritchey, Rich Rosenthal, Elaine Scott, Clifton Settlemeyer, Kris Solow, Rick Solow, Adrienne Thompson, Todd Williams, Phyllis Wingate-Jones, Robert Zabel, Ken Lambla, Eric Boyd; Andy Zoutewelle; Nina Lipton (Planning Commission).

City and County staff present were:

- Alan Goodwin, Planning Department - Project Manager
- Kathy Cornett, Planning Department
- Rusty Rozzelle, Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services
- Heather Sorenson, Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services
- Brian Conroy, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation
- Gwen Cook, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation
- Robert Billings, Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services
- Greg Cole, Charlotte Storm Water
- Jim Kimbler, CDOT
- James Alsop, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation

Alan began the meeting with introductions and general housekeeping items. He then reviewed the overall group meeting schedule, where we are in the process and the area plan adoption process and tentative schedule. Matt Nurkin and Monte Richey had questions about the public comment portion of the review and adoption process (Planning Committee and City Council) and if those were open sessions. Staff and Nina Lipton responded that they are open public comment sessions for both verbal and written comments. Alan then recapped meeting #3, topics discussed, feedback received and responses to the comments and feedback, and the results of the 7th Street break-out exercise.

Rusty Rozzelle presented information on surface water resources and water quality conditions in Elizabeth and the surrounding area, what is being done to protect these resources, and how the public can get involved. Kris Solow asked if the maps from the presentation are available on the website and how to educate the public on leaves in the sewers. The maps are available on the Storm Water Services website and are updated monthly (and on the Planning website as part of the presentation) and a variety of techniques were discussed to prevent the disposal of leaves in the storm water sewer. Ms. Solow had several other questions and will follow-up with

Mr. Rozzelle. Nina Lipton asked Mr. Rozzelle to put together information for the group about innovative techniques that infill development can use to meet the PCCO standards. Staff will follow-up at the end of the February 3rd meeting to see if there are any other questions or outstanding issues.

Brian Conroy and Gwen Cook presented information about the Uptown Park Master Plan, Little Sugar Creek Greenway, "Elizabeth Park," Memorial Stadium, a Greenway Connector and Independence Park. Ken Lambla asked who writes the programs for parks such as "Elizabeth Park" and Gwen Cook responded that there was a public process and a variety of partners. Monte Richey, Ken Lambla and Peter Tart had a variety of questions regarding the cross-section of the "greenway connector" that will run through CPCC and near Memorial Stadium. Rich Rosenthal and Park and Rec staff will organize a separate meeting to discuss these questions in detail. Matt Nurkin and Monte Richey asked about the Table Tennis Association lease on the Hawthorne Center. The group then broke out into two groups to discuss park and greenway needs, issues, etc. in the Elizabeth community using maps and markers.

At the end of the break-out activity, the group reconvened to briefly discuss the notion of having two hour, rather than 1-1/2 hour meetings. Alan will poll the CAG by email. Alan also mentioned that the February 3rd meeting will have a very different format than has been used to date.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:35 p.m.

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