



Agenda
Citizen Advisory Group Meeting 1
Thursday, January 20, 2011, 6 pm
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 517 Baldwin Avenue

- Welcome & Introductions
1. Background Information
 2. Policy Framework
 3. Plan Development Process
 4. Public Input Results
 5. Vision Statement
 6. Group Exercise
 7. Wrap-up and Next Steps
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Tentative CAG Meeting Schedule (3 week increments)

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| ○ Thu, Jan 20 | Vision |
| ○ Thu, Feb 10 | Land Use |
| ○ Thu, Mar 3 | Transportation |
| ○ Thu, Mar 24 | Parks, Open Space, Environment |
| ○ Thu, Apr 14 | Community Design |
| ○ Thu, May 5 | Infrastructure, Public Facilities |
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CITY OF CHARLOTTE **Greenway**

Midtown *Morehead* *Cherry*

Likes

- Greenway design, location, open space
- Bike trail along greenway
- New clock tower
- Thompson Park and Vietnam Memorial
- St. Mary's Chapel along Kings Dr.
- Pearl Street Park

Dislikes

- Aesthetics of greenway
- No access to Pearl Street Park from Greenwood Cliff area
- Ugly surface parking lot in Pearl Street Park
- Want bicycle education area at Pearl Park in place of parking
- Need more trees in open spaces along I-277
- Want right of way along I-277 to go more natural in landscaping

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CITY OF CHARLOTTE **Midtown**

Likes

- Metropolitan areas overlooking greenway
- Restaurants at the Metropolitan
- Target Store
- Farmers Market
- Proximity to hospital

Dislikes

- Target: no more big box retail
- Blank walls of Target facade
- Architectural style of Metropolitan
- Lack of storefronts in Metropolitan facing Kings Drive
- Appearance of former Baxter Street right of way
- Pedestrian safety, Kenilworth/Stonewall/Charlottetowne/I-277 intersection
- Pedestrian safety, Morehead/Kings/Henley intersection
- Need traffic signal, Charlottetowne at Metropolitan
- Bojangles traffic makes Torrence at 3rd difficult

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CITY OF CHARLOTTE **Midtown**

Dislikes

- I-277 and 3rd/4th Street weave
- 4th/Kings turn restrictions
- Kings Drive/Morehead dangerous
- Baldwin/3rd blind spot
- Torrence/3rd dangerous
- Left turn Kings to Baldwin dangerous
- Cherry/Charlottetowne dangerous
- Parking & traffic on Henley Place for Farmers Market
- Turn restrictions on Bromley force traffic onto Henley
- Pedestrian refuge causes blind spot left turn, Baldwin to Kings
- Sidewalk conditions, Cherry/3rd

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CITY OF CHARLOTTE **Morehead**

Likes

- Morehead streetscape (setback, trees)
- Tree canopy along Morehead
- Businesses at Morehead and McDowell intersection
- Black modern office building on greenway
- View from Greenwood Cliff (of uptown and greenway)
- Greenwood Cliff streetscape (street curve and trees)
- Morehead Sq. Dr. convenient cut through to South Tryon

Dislikes

- Need wayfinding from Morehead bridge to South Blvd and I-277
- Continual expansion of CMC Hospital into neighborhood
- Pedestrian crossings at Morehead
- Morehead Inn land use
- Wall on street of new office building should have been a railing
- Need signal, Kenilworth at Greenwood Cliff
- Need left turn, Kenilworth to Pearl Park Way
- Pedestrian safety and appearance, Morehead at McDowell
- Driveway conflict, Realtor Bldg Kenilworth/Pearl Park Way

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CITY OF CHARLOTTE **Cherry**


Likes

- Residential character of Cherry (Luther Street, etc.)
- Affordable housing in neighborhood
- Baldwin Street streetscape
- Torrence Street good location and streetscape
- Affordable multi-family along Luther Street
- Morgan School: area landmark
- Morgan Park: historic location and association with school
- History of neighborhood; need to educate citizens


Dislikes

- Senior housing building
- Color scheme of new senior housing building
- Condition of Cherry Street sidewalks south of Baxter Street
- Difficulty of left turn from Torrence Street to Kings Drive
- Age and condition of public housing within Cherry


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Vision Statement



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Visioning

Vision Guidelines

- Community based strategic planning effort in which citizens and staff work together to identify the kind of community that people who live, work, play, and do business in the Midtown Morehead Cherry Area would like to see it become over the next 20 to 30 years.
- It will be used to set priorities for capital projects, direct city services, and guide decisions impacting the community.


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Visioning

- **Statement or list of characteristics.**
- **Creative but grounded in reality.**
- **Achievable.**

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Dilworth

Dilworth is a unique urban location that must balance pressure for new development with conservation of the existing neighborhood. This will be achieved by:

- Protecting Dilworth's historical character;
- Conserving the existing housing stock;
- Encouraging a variety of housing types and a diversity of residents;
- Identifying opportunities for higher density housing at appropriate locations;
- Encouraging commercial revitalization at a scale appropriate to the neighborhood;
- Continuing to encourage projects containing an appropriate mixture of residential, office and commercial uses;
- Emphasizing a connected, community friendly and balanced transportation system that appropriately accommodates pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users while fostering neighborhood-friendly automobile speeds for motorists traveling to and through the Dilworth community;
- Improving access to parks and greenways; and
- Being sensitive to the natural environment.

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Elizabeth

Elizabeth is a community that embraces its urban vitality, preserving its historic heritage and diversity of residents, businesses, and institutions.

The area is a finely-woven tapestry that delicately balances the buildings, open spaces, landscapes, and pedestrian scale.

Elizabeth will strive to accommodate area-contextual housing types for various income levels.

Well-conceived infill development, important to the ongoing vitality of the area, will be encouraged and balanced with neighborhood preservation.

There should be broad community participation in planning and development decisions that affect the fabric of the community.

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Tyvola & Archdale Transit Station Area Plan

The Tyvola & Archdale plan area will become part of the series of vibrant, high density transit villages along the South Corridor. Within its boundaries, there will be three distinct areas:

- **Transit Station Area:** The core of the study area, encompassing both the Tyvola and Archdale transit stations, will transform into a pedestrian-oriented urban district. This district will include opportunities for living, working, and shopping.
- **General Corridor Area:** The area between the Transit Station Area and I-77 will include a range of uses appropriate for a Growth Corridor. Existing light industrial, warehouse, office, retail, and hotel uses will remain, especially in the areas close to the I-77 and Tyvola Road interchange. Over time, some of these uses closest to the transit station may redevelop as higher density mixed uses. Existing multi-family areas may remain or redevelop with higher density housing. The single family Montclair South neighborhood and the neighborhood around Silverleaf Road and Green Hill Drive will be preserved and protected from incompatible uses.
- **Wedge Neighborhood Area:** The lower density residential character of the existing Madison Park, Montclair, and Starmount neighborhoods will be maintained.

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MMC "Draft"

The Plan Area is a diverse community of residents, businesses, and institutions located just south of Charlotte's Center City. The area is united by the new Little Sugar Creek Greenway, _____.


This plan sets forth a vision for the three neighborhoods within the area, each moving forward with its unique focus:

- **Midtown** is _____. It seeks to be _____.
- **Morehead** is _____. It seeks to be _____.
- **Cherry** is _____. It seeks to be _____.


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Group Exercise



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Group Exercise

- Divide into neighborhood groups: 20 minute exercise.
- On sticky notes provided, write words or phrases that describe the desired future for your neighborhood and/or the larger area.
- Place note on the board in appropriate neighborhood group.
- With facilitator's help, group similar notes and fine tune a "manageable" list of desires for the larger area, own neighborhood, and other adjoining areas.
- Report back to larger group and compare notes.

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