





Agenda Citizen Advisory Group Meeting 4 Thursday, March 24, 2011, 6 pm Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 517 Baldwin Avenue

- 1. Background & Vision
- 2. Transportation Issues: Brian Horton, CDOT

Policy Framework

Existing Conditions

Survey Results

Group Exercise

3. Wrap-up and Next Steps

REVISED Tentative CAG Meeting Schedule (3 week increments)

✓ Thu, Jan 20 Vision

✓ Thu, Feb 10 Vision & Land Use

✓ Thu, Mar 3 Economics/Market Study

✓ Thu, Mar 24 Transportation

o Thu, Apr 14 Land Use

o Thu, May 5 Community Design

o Thu, May 26 Parks, Environment, Infrastructure

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Midtown Morehead Cherry Area Plan

Draft Vision Statement as of March 3, 2011 to be revisited later in plan process

The Midtown Morehead Cherry Area is a **diverse community** of residents, businesses, and institutions located just south of Uptown Charlotte. The Little Sugar Creek **Greenway** provides a common amenity and focal point for **continued evolution** as **sustainable**, **pedestrian-friendly mixed use** neighborhoods surrounding and **interacting with Uptown**. The area is composed of three neighborhoods, each with distinct character and aspirations.

- Midtown is emerging as an urbanized district drawing energy from Uptown, Elizabeth Avenue, and nearby hospital and community college campuses. It seeks to evolve as a pedestrian-oriented gathering place for surrounding neighborhoods and the larger city where people live, work, play, and shop, building upon the greenway, farmers market and natural features, while establishing a respectful transition to the Cherry neighborhood.
- Morehead was a primary residential street of historic Dilworth which has become an office and mixed use element of the community. It has distinctive wide setbacks and dense mature tree canopy along East Morehead Street which should be maintained. It seeks to become more pedestrian friendly and strengthen its mix of uses, while still preserving its historic character and sensitivity to the scale of the Dilworth neighborhood.
- Cherry began in the late 19th Century on the outskirts of Charlotte, and became one of the City's earliest African American neighborhoods. As it increases in cultural diversity, it seeks to:
 - o preserve its history and character,
 - stabilize its existing single-family housing,
 - o continue to provide viable affordable housing opportunities,
 - o retain its close-knit community spirit,
 - o enhance its **pedestrian** network and **tree lined** streets, and
 - o protect its fragile edge from intrusion of higher density uses incompatible with its residential character and scale.