



## **Citizen Advisory Group Meeting**

February 4, 2010

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### ***Draft Meeting Highlights***

***Citizen Advisory Group Attendees:*** James Baysinger, Matthew Browder, Madeline Campos, Martha Edwards, Walter Fields, Karla Hammer-Knotts, Virginia Keogh, Linda McCaw, Andy Munn, Walter Neely, Patrick Pierce, Derrel Poole, Shelley Schiff, Randy Martin, and Tom Henson

***Planning Department Staff:*** Alberto Gonzalez, John Howard, Crissy Huffstickler, Michelle Jones, Alysia Osborne, Melony McCullough, and Brent Wilkinson

***Charlotte Department of Transportation Staff:*** Brian Horton and Andy Grzynski

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Melony McCullough, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department, welcomed advisory group members; proceeded with introductions and reviewed meeting materials provided to the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG).

### **Follow Up Discussion of Area Plan Process**

Ms. McCullough led the discussion about the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) Issues and Concerns Table developed in response to concerns the CAG expressed about the planning process. The table summarizes specific issues, staff's response and is organized by the following topics:

- Meeting Facility
- Plan Development Process
- Public Input
- Notification
- Information Sharing (timeliness and simplification)
- Meeting Participation

Questions from the advisory group focused on:

- Identifying locations for institutional uses in future land use plans
- City Council's role in the development approval and plan approval processes
- Staff's role in the approval of public and private development (e.g. schools, transportation)

### **Concept Map Exercise**

Ms. Michelle Jones, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department, led this group exercise that was a continuation from the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The purpose of this exercise was to continue organizing land use intensities to guide development of land use recommendations for the plan. CAG members were asked to confirm the location of nodes they recommended and to discuss the areas that were not covered in the previous meeting. After completing the group exercise, the CAG requested an additional meeting to review the final draft of the concept plan before the community workshop. A request was also made to share the issues associated with each node, so that the broader public will have the context for the placement of the nodes.

### **Wrap-up and Next Steps**

Ms. McCullough advised the group that they will be contacted in the coming weeks about the next advisory group meeting date and location. It is expected to be held February 18, 2010. The focus will be refinement of the Concept Map and to discuss the land use and transportation goals.