

MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 06-07
Proposed Expansion of Kilborne Park

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:

Mecklenburg County Real Estate proposes to acquire 2.711 acres of land (tax parcel 101-163-36) for the expansion of Kilborne District Park. This park is located off Kilborne Drive (between Central Avenue and Eastway Drive) within the East Park District. The subject parcel is located at the end of Temple Lane, a street lined with single family homes. The parcel is vacant and zoned R-4 for single family residential development. Acquisition of this parcel will increase the park size from 48.84 acres to 51.55 acres, provide a pedestrian access point for Temple Lane residents and increase the amount of passive open space available to park users.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

This project provides the opportunity to expand an older inner-city park site and provide pedestrian access from an adjoining neighborhood. The park is partially landlocked and providing enhanced pedestrian access to adjoining residential neighborhoods will likely increase its use and help meet the growing demand for open space within the more densely populated areas of the City. This acquisition was suggested by area residents.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:

According to the 1989 Charlotte Mecklenburg Parks Master Plan, a district park should be between 40 and 200 acres. The addition of approximately 2.7 acres will increase the size of this park to slightly over 51.5 acres. Parkland expansions in developed areas of the City are often challenging. This increase in parkland is an asset to this community.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:

The *East District Plan* (adopted 1990) acknowledges the existing park and recommends distributing open space throughout the area. The expansion of this facility is consistent with publicly adopted plans for the area.

PROJECT IMPACT:

The expansion of this park site will provide additional pedestrian access from an existing residential area. This additional access point could increase the utilization of this park.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS:

There are no identified relationships between this proposal and other public or private projects.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:

Funds for acquisition of this land will come from the 1999 Land Bonds.

JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:

This item was on the Joint Use Task Force March 1, 2006 meeting agenda and no comments were offered.

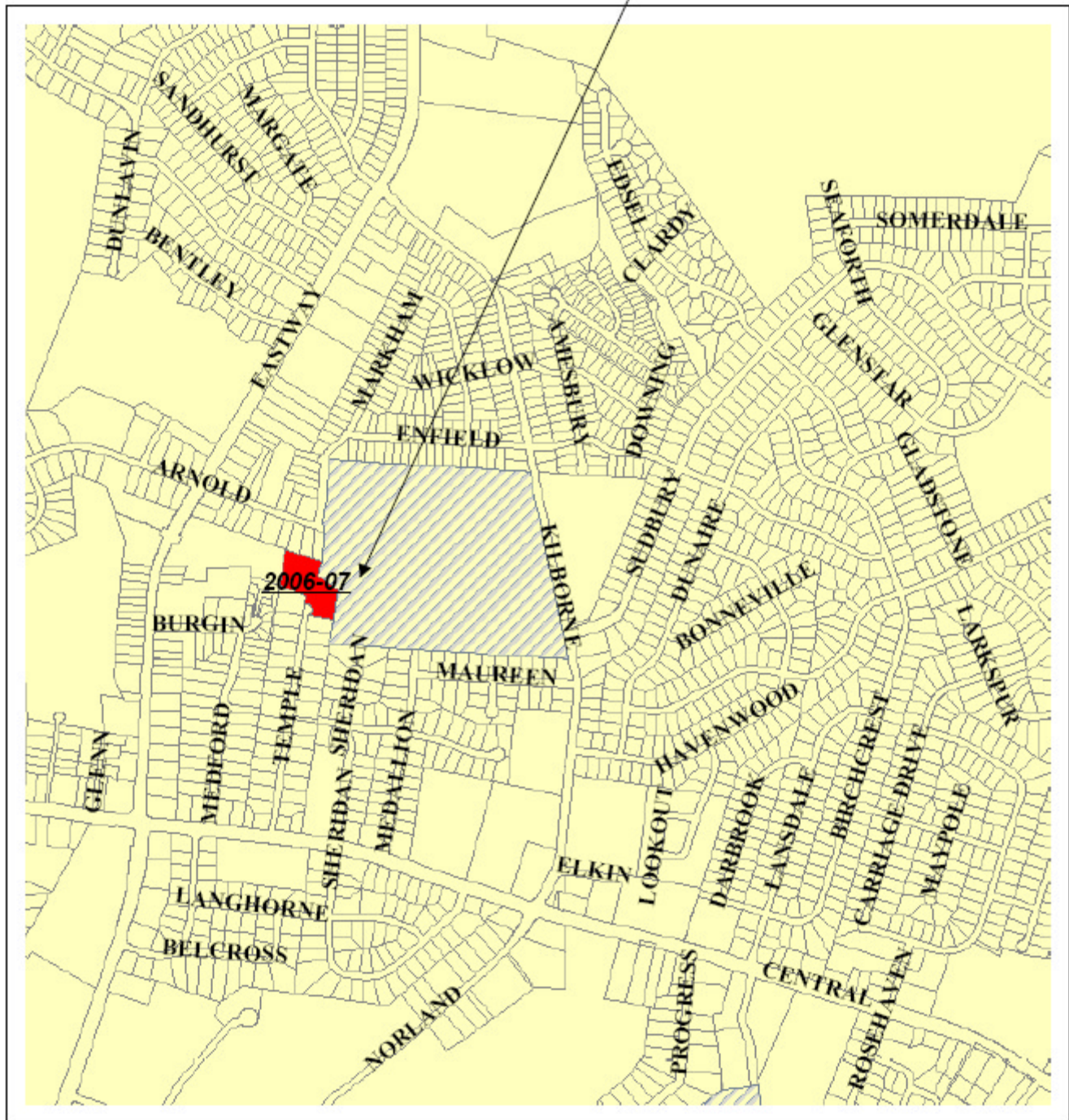
CMPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff supports the acquisition of this property to expand Kilborne Park.

CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At their March 21, 2006 meeting the Planning Committee recommended approval by a 5-0 vote.

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