

MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 97-10
CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE HUNTERSVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY
TO THE TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
APRIL 1997

PROJECT LOCATION

The Huntersville Branch Library is located on the easterly side of Old Statesville Road, approximately 200 feet south of Huntersville-Concord Road (tax parcel #019-042-06/see attached map). This property is located within the Town of Huntersville.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County wishes to transfer ownership of the Huntersville Branch Library from the Library to the Town of Huntersville.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The Library is scheduled to open the new North Regional Library in the third quarter of 1997. When the new library opens, the Huntersville Branch Library will be closed. The Town of Huntersville has expressed an interest in acquiring the facility for use as a Community Center. Some of the activities that the building would be used for include Park and Recreation classes, civic meetings, and to host other events. This transfer would allow the continued use of the building for public use.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROJECTS

The subject property is located in the middle of the downtown area of Huntersville which is currently being revitalized. A public use facility in this area will enhance improvements that are underway.

PROJECT IMPACT

This project would not have a negative impact on the surrounding businesses and development in the area and will enhance the revitalization process currently underway in the Town of Huntersville.

PROJECT COST

There is no cost associated with this transaction.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff supports the transfer of the Huntersville Branch Library to the Town of Huntersville. The project will have no adverse impact on the surrounding area and should complement the revitalization process in the Town of Huntersville. This proposal would allow a building intended for public use to be continued to be used in such a manner.

PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Committee recommended approval of this mandatory referral at their April 15, 1997 meeting.