MANDATORY REFERRAL REPORT NO. 99-02 CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION PURCHASE OF LAND IN WINGATE COMMUNITY JANUARY 1999

PROJECT LOCATION

Project is located at 2849 Markland Avenue (tax code #115-028-07). There is an existing single family home on the property, which is zoned R-8 and is .533 acres in size.

PROPOSAL

The City is proposing to purchase the site, with the intention of demolishing the house upon it and redeveloping the land.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The City is buying and selling property in the Wingate community on a continuos basis due to the city revitalization efforts in the neighborhood. This revitalization effort is based on the Wingate Neighborhood Action Plan prepared in June 1996 by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission staff.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS

The site is located in the Central Planning District. The existing Central District Plan recommends a mixed-use residential use for the site. The Wingate Neighborhood Action Plan recommends a single family use for the site. The West Boulevard Corridor Plan makes no specific recommendation for the site. This project is consistent with all of these plans.

PROJECT IMPACT

The neighborhood is currently undergoing a revitalization effort to redevelop a mix of poorly maintained apartments and vacant, overgrown lots interspersed with a few owner occupied homes. The purchase of this site contributes to that revitalization effort.

PROJECT COST

The total purchase price of the site is \$16,500. This price is within the range of the appraised value of the parcel.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff supports the acquisition of this property to redevelop the Wingate community.

PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Planning Committee voted unanimously in favor of purchasing the site.

