

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

<u>SENT ELECTRONICALLY THIS DATE</u> NO HARDCOPY TO FOLLOW

TO: Solomon Fortune, Associate Planner

Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission

FROM: Joe Mangum, Greenway Planner

Greenway Planning & Development Division

DATE: July 18, 2007

RE: Rezoning Petition # 2007-106 (PID #s 069-041-26, 069-041-24, 069-041-23, 069-

041-01)

We encourage staff and the Planning Commission to consider these Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department (MCPR) comments on rezoning petition #2007-106. We suggest that these comments be incorporated into the Planning Commission staff review notes and written into the Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis to the fullest extent possible. These steps should ensure MCPR's notes are conveyed to and incorporated by the petitioner during plan revision.

The petitioner's property is located in the Central I Park District on Rozzelles Ferry Rd., and borders Stewart Creek to the east. The 1999 Mecklenburg County Greenway Master Plan identifies Stewart Creek as a future greenway corridor. This section of Stewart Creek Greenway, from W. Trade St. to State St., is on MCPR's 10 year Capital Needs Assessment and will connect to the existing Stewart Creek Greenway and Martin Luther King Park to the south.

MCPR has been in previous negotiations with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Development Corporation (CMDC) regarding the dedication of 10 acres of this site for floodplain protection and greenway development. MCPR desires to continue these negotiations and requests that CMDC construct the greenway on this property to MCPR standards. Design of the greenway should incorporate the plans for the City's streetscape improvements along Rozzelle's Ferry Rd. The greenway should tie into the sidewalk. Internal greenway connections to the site should also be identified and constructed. The dedication shall be clearly labeled and illustrated on all future site plans, and shall include the acres to be dedicated.

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Feel free to contact me at (704) 353-1911 if you should have any further questions.

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