



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Solomon Fortune, Associate Planner
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department

FROM: Gwen Cook, Greenway Planner
Greenway Planning & Development Services

DATE: September 12, 2007

RE: Rezoning Petition #2007-132 (Clems Branch Greenway)
Ballantyne property (PID #223-132-11)

This is the third communication (8/9/07, 8/22/07) concerning this rezoning petition. We encourage staff and the Planning Commission to consider Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department's (MCPR) comments on rezoning petition #2007-132. We suggest that these comments be incorporated into the 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.

Located in the South Park District, the petitioner should be aware that this development will be the beginning of an important overland connector between future Clems Branch Greenway and McAlpine Creek Greenway. The overland connector is planned to continue north on Hwy 521, turn west on Ballantyne Commons Parkway and connect to McAlpine Creek along a tributary just west of Rushmore Drive. MCPR requests the following:

- The petitioner for Ballantyne Property has agreed to provide a minimum sidewalk width of 6' (8' preferred) along the proposed public road that is interior to the project as well as a minimum 8' wide public sidewalk along Providence Road. It is important that the 60' public ROW for the interior road abut the west property line as shown on the site plan as well. MCPR is in agreement with these conditions and has no further comment.

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