

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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

- TO: Tammie Keplinger, Land Development Coordinator Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission
 FROM: Joe Mangum, Greenway Planner Greenway Planning & Development Division
- **DATE:** July 7, 2009
- **RE:** Rezoning Petition # 2009-063 (North Pointe Business Park)

This is the first correspondence from Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation (MCPR) regarding rezoning petition #2009-063. 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 properties are located in the North Park Region adjacent to Stewart Creek, a greenway corridor identified in the 2008 Mecklenburg County Greenway Master Plan. The properties are also within 1/2 mile of existing Firestone Park, which will connect to the subject properties via Stewart Creek Greenway in the future.

In the Development Notes on the rezoning map it states "In the event that the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreations Department develops the proposed Stewart Creek Greenway, owner agrees, upon request of the County, to dedicate land within the 100' SWIM buffer to the County for greenway purposes". MCPR requests, however, that the petitioner dedicate the 100' SWIM buffer to the County at this time. Although greenway development on this property is not likely for at least ten years, MCPR would prefer to accept a dedication at this time to expedite planning and development in the future.

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

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