

MECKLENBURGCOUNTY Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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TO:	Zenia Duhaney, Associate Planner Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department
FROM:	Kevin Brickman, Planner Capital Planning Services
DATE:	April 7, 2014
RE:	Rezoning Petition #2014-030–Golden Triangle #2, LLC (PID #125-227-05)

This is the third communication concerning this petition. We encourage staff and the Planning Commission to consider Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department's (MCPR) comments.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 revisions.

The property is located in the Central Park Region at 1200 Metropolitan Avenue. MCPR has the following comments/clarifications on this revised petition:

- The architectural guidelines for the "Greenway Entry" side pertains almost exclusively to the northern facade of the building. We would like a better idea about how the building relates to the greenway itself (the northwest facade) in addition to the 60% glass and excluding any service uses described in the guidelines.
- P & R would be most interested in the shared site elements, particularly the bathrooms and the storage since there is already seating, gathering space and landscaping in Midtown Park.
- On the "Park Projection" side could there be some architectural response to the artwork located in the center of Midtown Park. The publicly funded piece is a favorite location for the public to take pictures so an appropriate and attractive backdrop should be considered.

We would be happy to answer any questions with the petitioner.

Copy to: James R. Garges, Director W. Lee Jones, Division Director, Capital Planning Services Gwen Cook, Greenway Planner, Capital Planning Services