

## 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 Department

**FROM:** Julie Clark, Senior Greenway Planner

Greenway Planning & Development Division

**DATE:** March 14, 2007

**RE:** Rezoning Petition #2007-059 (Briar Creek Rd/Briar Creek Gwy)

We encourage staff and the Planning Commission to consider Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department's (MCPR) comments on rezoning petition #2007-059. 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 Central Park District III, the southern and eastern boundaries parallel Briar Creek Road and the access ramp to Hwy 74. The petitioner identifies a proposed 15-foot bike trail easement parallel to the access ramp to Hwy 74. Although MCPR would not be inclined to accept the easement, staff encourages the City to consider the collection of the easement as a future means of connectivity from Shenandoah Avenue.

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