



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Michael Cataldo
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission

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

DATE: February 26, 2009

RE: Rezoning Petition # 2008-053 Whitehall Corporate Center (overland connector)

This is the fifth correspondence (2/20/08, 4/8/08, 5/30/09, 1/15/09) from Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department (MCPR) regarding rezoning petition #2008-053. 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 Southwest Park District on Arrowood Road just east of I-485. A Lynx light rail transit station exists at South Boulevard. The 1999 Mecklenburg County Greenway Master Plan identifies Steele Creek, Coffey Creek, Sugar Creek, Kings Branch and Little Sugar Creek as a future greenway corridors and a significant and lengthy overland connector for these greenways is planned for Arrowood Road/Starbrook Drive.

General comments

The petitioner has shown an 8' planting strip and a 6' wide sidewalk along Arrowood Road on sheets TDS.1.2 and 2.0 revised 2/20/09. MCPR notes that the petitioner is willing to provide an 8' wide planting strip along Arrowood Road and two bike lanes and

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is supportive of these features.

MCPR further requests that the petitioner increase the width of the sidewalk to 8' from the 6' width shown. The overland connector is an important part of the Mecklenburg County Greenway System. The requested change to an 8' sidewalk is listed on the last page of the LandDesign memo dated 1/9/09, Section V (5) but it is not reflected on the drawing TDS.2.0 revised 2/20/09. If the commitment can be documented by letter, there is no need to resubmit a complete package. Approval is supported upon receipt of a commitment letter.

MCPR has secured CDOT support for this request.

Feel free to contact me at (704) 432-1570 if you should have any further questions.

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