



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Solomon Fortune, Associate Planner
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission

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

DATE: February 20, 2008

RE: Rezoning Petition # 2008-059 Belgate (Doby Creek)

This is the first correspondence from Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department (MCPR) regarding rezoning petition #2008-059. 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 Northeast Park District between North Tryon Street and I-85. A Lynx light rail transit station is planned at North Tryon Street just south of Clark Drive and near the proposed Shopping Center Drive. The 1999 Mecklenburg County Greenway Master Plan identifies Doby Creek as a future greenway corridor.

General comments

- These comments are made based on Doby Creek Greenway being a significant connector for a Lynx Light Rail Stop, CMS schools, shopping, office and other area amenities as well as an entry into University City on both City Boulevard and Shopping Center Drive.
- This development is to be an important part of the fabric of University City.

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- MCPR will continue to work with CDOT to refine comments.
- MCPR requests that the petitioner provide 8' wide sidewalks on both sides of Shopping Center Drive and bike lanes that connect to the proposed Lynx transit station..
- MCPR requests that the petitioner provide an 8' wide sidewalk on the west side of Ikea Boulevard (both sides preferred) and bike lanes.
- MCPR requests that plans for the future bridges over I-85 allow 8' wide sidewalks on both sides and bike lanes.
- MCPR requests that the petitioner provide an 8' wide sidewalk on both sides of City Boulevard and bike lanes.

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

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