



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: May 19, 2008

RE: Rezoning Petition # 2008-111 Ruckus House Development (overland connector)

This is the second correspondence (5/19/08) from Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department (MCPR) regarding rezoning petition #2008-111. 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 Brown Grier Road just west of Sandy Porter Road. Steele Creek, identified in the 2008 Greenway Master Plan as a greenway corridor is a short distance west on Brown Grier Road. The road corridor of Brown Grier Road/Arrowood Road/Starbrook Drive has been identified as a significant overland connector allowing bicycle and pedestrian routes between Steele Creek, Coffey Creek, Sugar Creek, Kings Branch and Little Sugar Creek all greenway corridors. In addition, a Lynx light rail transit station exists at South Boulevard.

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General comments

MCPR requests that the petitioner provide a minimum 8' wide planting strip and an 8' wide sidewalk along Brown Grier Road only. This is consistent with other rezoning requests along this corridor, except that a bike lane is not provided in this instance. A sidewalk narrower than 8' is not conducive to two-way bicycle traffic mixed with pedestrians, baby strollers, dogs and other greenway users.

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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