# **COMMUNITY MEETING FORM**

# Johnson C. Smith University Re-Zoning Petition

Date of Original Contact: Emails were sent on August 8, 2012 and August 9, 2012 for the first

Community Meeting, which was held on August 11th. In addition, a notice was mailed to applicable persons on August 10<sup>th</sup> in regard to the second Community Meeting, which was held on August 16,

<u>2012</u>.

# Persons and Organizations Contacted with Date and Explanation of How Contacted:

The first meeting was held on August 11<sup>th</sup> in association with the monthly meeting of the Historic West End Neighborhood Association, which is the monthly gathering of seventeen (17) neighborhood presidents and representatives of other CBOs along the Beatties Ford Road/Northwest Corridor. As stated above, emails were sent to these individuals providing them with notice of the meeting and reason for the re-zoning petition. Attached is a copy of the mail sent.

The second community meeting was held on August 16<sup>th</sup> in association with the Biddleville/Smallwood/Five Points Community Organization Meeting. Johnson C. Smith University sits in the Biddleville Neighborhood. Meeting notice and reason for the re-zoning petition was mailed to persons on the list provided by the Char-Meck Planning & Zoning Department. In addition, a meeting notice and reason for the re-zoning petition was forwarded to the Biddleville/Smallwood/Five Points Community Organization's Board of Directors on August 9, 2012. Attached is a copy of the meeting notice and mailing list used for persons who are in 300 feet of the proposed project.

## Date/Time/Location of Meeting(s):

The first meeting was held at 1705 Rosa Parks Place, Beatties Ford Road (old Fighting Back Building behind Mecklenburg County Health Department).

The second meeting was held at the Smallwood Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Gardner Avenue.

## Persons in Attendance at Meeting(s):

The sign-in sheets for both meetings are attached, along with a copy of the meeting agenda.

## Summary of Issues Discussed and Changes Made to the Petition as a Result of the Meeting:

Both meetings followed their outlined agenda. At the appropriate time during the meetings, Ms. Sherrill Hampton thanked the hosts and introduced Mr. Stefan Pienkny. She also provided the audience with a rationale for the meeting, which included an overview of JCSU's revitalization efforts along the Beatties Ford Road/Northwest Corridor. Mr. Pienkny introduced his colleagues in attendance and provided the audience with an overview of the proposed project. His presentation included a power point which provided the audience with views of the proposed project site, new building, parking and landscaping amenities to be installed, as well as views of the existing site and project proximity to streets and houses. Mr. Pienkny also explained the requirements of the Pedscape Plan or Pedestrian Overlay District and why a re-zoning petition had been filed. He explained that the re-zoning petition was only for the area around the proposed project and not the entire campus. His presentation also included an explanation of strategies and/or remedies proposed to mitigate any effects the proposed project would have on the surrounding area.

After the presentation, the floor was opened for questions or comments from the audience. At the first meeting, the audience commented that the project was a great addition to campus. One person wanted to know what the University was going to do with the land near Highway 16. Ms. Hampton responded to this question. She stated that the University was revising its Master Plan and would make sure that the property is utilized at its highest and best use in keeping with the Plan, vision and needs of JCSU. Another question raised was in regard to taking the current parking lot at the back of campus and making it a parking garage similar to what UNC-Charlotte installed on their campus. Ms. Hampton replied that the Master Plan would take into consideration all potential land uses and future growth needs of the University.

At the second meeting, the main question was what was going to happen to the geese. Mr. Pienkny responded to this question and explained that the proposed landscaping amenities and water treatments actually increased the natural habitat for the geese. The proposed project would not adversely affect the geese over the long term. The president of the organization, Mr. James Turner commented that he was happy that the University shared the information and sought neighborhood input before the proposed project was implemented. Mr. Polito, a resident living near the campus asked that Mr. Pienkny re-explain the height of the building and Pedscape requirements so he could be clear about what was being proposed.

At both meetings, with all questions answered and audience comments made, there were no objections to the proposed project or the re-zoning petition. As a result, no additional changes to project plans will be made unless so required by the Planning & Zoning Department.

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1705 Rosa Parks Place, Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28216 Monthly Meeting
August 11, 2012

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