

COMMUNITY MEETING REPORT
**Petitioner: Michael T. Whitehead &
Elizabeth M. Whitehead** Rezoning
Petition No. 2013-099

This Community Meeting Report is being filed with the Office of the City Clerk and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission pursuant to the provisions of the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance.

PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTED WITH DATE AND EXPLANATION OF HOW CONTACTED:

Karen Holt from Whitehead Manor, LLC mailed a written notice of the date, time and location of the Community Meeting to the individuals and organizations set out on Exhibit A attached hereto by depositing such notice in the U.S. mail on October 31, 2013. A copy of the written notice is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF MEETING:

The Community Meeting was held on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 3:00pm at Whitehead Manor Conference Center, 5901 Sardis Road, Charlotte, NC 28270

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT MEETING (see attached copy of sign-in sheet):

The Community Meeting was attended by those individuals identified on the sign-in sheet attached hereto as Exhibit C. The Petitioner was represented at the Community Meeting by Mike Whitehead, Beth Whitehead, Karen Holt, and Janet Gooch.

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:

Mike Whitehead welcomed the attendees and introduced his team. Mike indicated that he proposed a site plan amendment for Whitehead Manor, LLC, an approximately 2.70 site at 5901 Sardis Road to approve additional buildings and site improvements. Mike explained the site plan amendment process in general and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the request and the conditional site plan and respond to questions and concerns from nearby residents and property owners. Mike indicated the most important thing for the meeting was to hear to what the residents cared about. He stated that due to the business growth, he and Beth desired to expand the facility, add a building and some additional gardens and landscaping. After the meeting, he would invite everyone to walk over to the area of the property where the proposed building would be built. He shared that he and Beth continue to be very committed to blending well with the neighborhood. Mike stated he wanted to hear what the neighbors have to say and get their input.

Residents of Stonehaven commented on traffic, asking for start times of Whitehead events. They also stated the only problem they have ever had with traffic was from neighboring schools, not from Whitehead Manor. Mike explained the events at WMCC were intentionally scheduled to avoid congestion, and that no additional parking spaces would be added.

A resident of Sardis Oaks asked about parking. Mike explained the parking plan. He described the agreement Whitehead Manor has with three neighboring churches to offset parking needs. Shuttle parking is also made available when warranted.

A resident of Sardis Oaks asked what was inspiring the plan. Mike Whitehead explained that he wanted the additional space to conduct seminars and provide a space for social events, and that as yet the building has not been designed.

A resident of Sardis Oaks asked: "What materials building will be composed out of concern for aesthetics and curb appeal. However, no building design has been developed at this date..

A resident of Sardis Oak asked if there would be additional landscaping besides trees. Mike stated that they are careful to align site plans to enhance the neighborhood. And a resident of Sardis Oaks asked about drainage. Mike explained the ecofriendly draining Whitehead Manor has in place now and that he will investigate the possibility of a similar design.

A concern was expressed regarding property value. Mike stated his and Beth's desire is to increase the value of the neighborhood through the enhancement of this property.

Residents from Downing Place commented on how they rarely heard anything from Whitehead events. The loudest noise heard was the PA system from neighboring outdoor stadium school events. The school is farther away from their home than Whitehead Manor.

Residents expressed interest in the timeline in building and completion of this project. Mike said upon approval by City Council in January 2014, he would get architectural designs. The earliest any movement would take place is late 2014 - 2015.

A resident inquired if the property will be the same – social and corporate events? Mike responded "Yes. The uses of the building will be the same type of clients we have now."

In summary, Mike reviewed the list of concerns: Traffic, noise, parking, drainage, and aesthetics. He asked if there was anything else that needed to be addressed. Mike then welcomed them to take advantage of enjoying the property.

Mike introduced Karen Holt and Janet Gooch stating that they manage the operations and sales of the building and are receptive to any concerns you may ever have. An Event Manager is always at WMCC at every event. Mike then invited everyone to view the site plan and to take a walk to the proposed building area. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, this 19th day of November, 2013
Karen Holt, Sales & Event Manager

cc: Penny Cothran, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department

SIGN-IN SHEET

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