

MECKLENBURG COUNTY Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

<u>SENT ELECTRONICALLY THIS DATE</u> NO HARDCOPY TO FOLLOW

TO:	Zenia Duhaney, Associate Planner Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department
FROM:	Joyce Figueroa, Planner Capital Planning Services
DATE:	June 27, 2016
RE:	Rezoning Petition #2016-015 – E 7 th Street @ N Caswell Road (PID#127-035-17, 127-035-18 and 127-035-09)

This is the third communication concerning this petition. We encourage staff and the Planning Commission to consider Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department's (MCPR) comments. We suggest that these comments be incorporated into the 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 site plan revisions.

Parcel # 127-035-17, 127-035-18 and 127-035-09 are located within close proximity to Independence Neighborhood Park on Park Drive. There is expressed community concern over vehicular traffic movement along the existing 10' alley for the proposed vehicular access options and its potential impact to the significant number of non-vehicular users (walkers, bikers, strollers, kids, dogs, etc...) accessing Independence Park along Park Drive.

MCPR requests the petitioner considers the safety of non-vehicular users along the existing alley connecting to the park.

Copy to: James R. Garges, Director W. Lee Jones, Division Director, Capital Planning Services Gwen Cook, Greenway Planner, Capital Planning Services Kevin Brickman, Planner, Capital Planning Services