

MECKLENBURG COUNTY Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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| TO: | Zenia Duhaney, Associate Planner Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Department |
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| FROM: | Joyce Figueroa, Planner Capital Planning Services |
| DATE: | October 21, 2016 |
| RE: | Rezoning Petition #2016-149 – Rivergate - Office (Hoover Creek Blvd.) (PID# 219-061-09, 219-061-05 and 219-061-33) |

This is the first 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 #219-061-09 is within the proposed Public Street ROW extending Walker Branch Drive. This Overland Connector extends Hoover Creek Greenway to South Tryon Street as indicated on the 2014 Greenway Master Plan Update. We request the petitioner provide a crossing at the existing signalized intersection at Steele Creek Rd. and Walker Branch Dr. compatible for pedestrian and bicycle users. We also request that this Proposed Public Street has a minimum of 8' sidewalks on both sides of the street to serve as Overland Connector.

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