















Midtown · Morehead · Cherry PEDESTRIAN OVERLAY DISTRICT

February 27, 2014 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department



Meeting Purpose

To present amendments to the Midtown Morehead Cherry PED zoning district.

1. Background – Review feedback heard from public workshop.

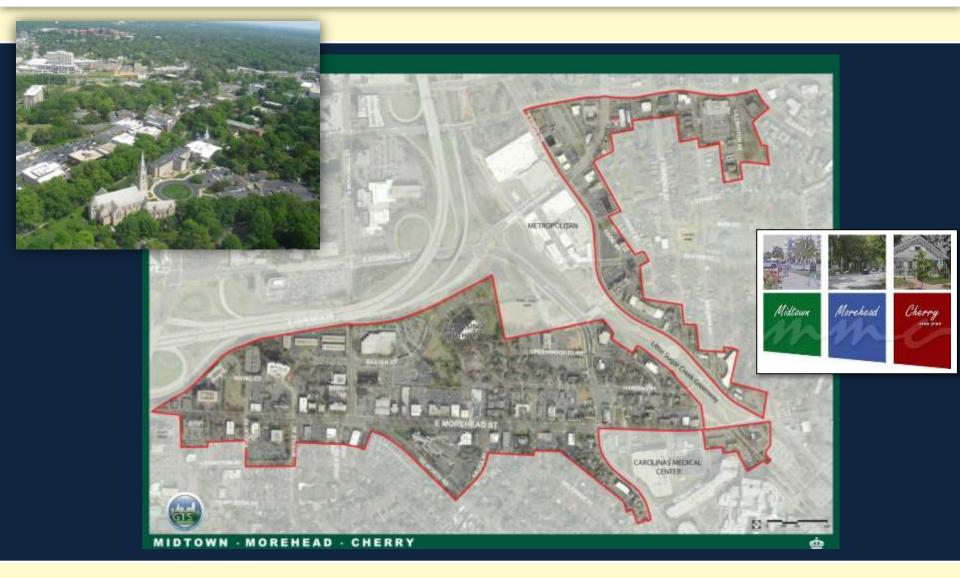
2. Goals and Recommendations – Recommended zoning amendments.

3. Gather Feedback – Discuss proposed amendments.





Midtown Morehead Cherry





Background

Summer 2013 Issues brought forth from Dilworth neighborhood

November 2013

 Kickoff of Midtown Morehead Cherry PED Amendment Process

December 2013

Stakeholder Interviews held

January 2014 Public Workshop



Main Issue Areas

- No changes
- Height
- Character/Building Design
- Parking



What We Heard

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Public Workshop

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Height



Existing Regulation

Base Height: 40 feet base height adjacent to single-family zoning

May increase one foot in height for every 10 feet in distance from single-family zoning to a maximum of 100 feet.



Recommendation

No changes to existing height regulations.



Building Design



Existing Regulation

- The first floor must be designed and/or used for active uses.
- At least 50% Transparent windows and doors along the street front.
- Blank walls may not exceed 20 feet in length.
- Pedestrian entrances must be recessed a minimum 15 square foot area.



1. Break up long monolithic structures to enhance the pedestrian environment.



Staff Recommendation

 Provide additional design standards for buildings over 200' in length along any public street.







Proposed Amendment

Façade variations shall be provided that separate individual multifamily units. This can be accomplished through measures such as window arrangement and size variation, unit entrance design, roof variation, material changes and/or offset wall planes.





Proposed Amendment

Modulation is required on at least 20 percent of all building frontage located along a public street. The building modulation shall be achieved with building recessions of 25' or greater depth from the setback line and extending the full height of the building.

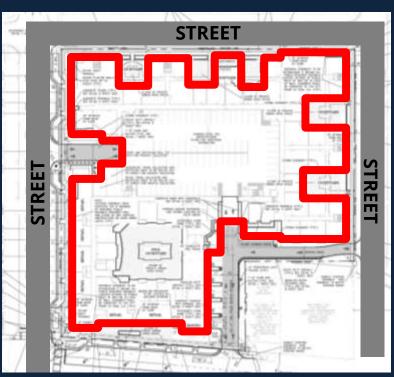


Building Length	Total Modulation Area
200′	40' x 25'
250′	50' x 25'
300′	60' x 25'
350′	70' x 25'



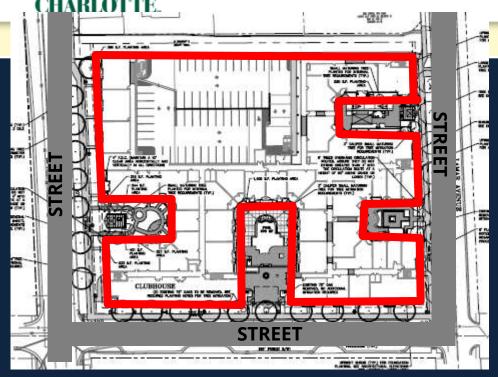
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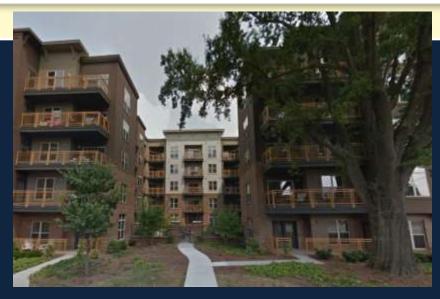


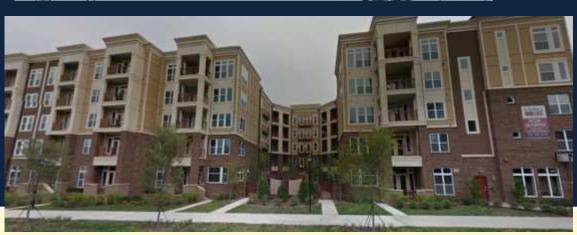




Examples











2. Enhance pedestrian environment and preserve the existing character of the corridor.



Staff Recommendation

 Delineate ground floor of buildings from upper stories.





Proposed Amendment

Buildings shall be designed with an architectural base distinguishable from the remainder of the building to enhance the pedestrian environment. This base shall not be more than two stories in height and utilize a combination of the following: cornices, belt course, molding, stringcourses, ornamentation, changes in color and material, or other sculpting of the base.



Examples





Parking



Existing Regulation

Multifamily Residential – 1 space/unit

Office – 1 space/600 square feet gross floor area

Retail/Restaurant – 1 space/125 square feet gross floor area





3. Provide sufficient parking for multi-family to prevent overcrowding of local neighborhood streets.



Recommendation

 Amend the multifamily parking ratio for Midtown Morehead Cherry PED district.



Proposed Amendment

Increase multifamily parking ratio from 1.0 to 1.25 per unit.

All other parking ratios remain the same.



Next Steps

Incorporate recommendations for Midtown Morehead Cherry PED into deferred density text amendment 2013-026

City Council Public Hearing – March 17th

Zoning Committee – March 26th

City Council Decision – April 21st