

Neighborhood Improvement Program Farm Pond Project Public Meeting #3

LOCATION: Hickory Grove Presbyterian Church
5735 East WT Harris Blvd.
Charlotte, North Carolina

TIME: February 26, 2008, 6:30 PM

PURPOSE: To explain the process taken for this project, present the concept plan and answer citizen questions about the proposed improvements.

ATTENDEES:

PUBLIC: Residents of the Farm Pond Neighborhood.
See attached sign-in sheet for list of individuals.

STAFF: Andy Babson - City of Charlotte (COC) Engineering & Property Management (E&PM)
Arissa El-Amin - COC Neighborhood Development
Ashton Watson – Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT)
Adam Perillo – Kimley-Horn & Associates (KHA)
Valerie Foster – KHA
Kyle Baugh – KHA
Greg Cole – City Stormwater Services
Mark – City of Charlotte Code Enforcement

AGENDA: See attached overall meeting agenda.

DISPLAY: Four large exhibits at a scale of 1"=250', including an Existing Conditions Map, Citizen Input Summary, Other Improvements, and Concept Plan (11x17 versions attached) and a PowerPoint presentation.



PRESENTATIONS:

ENGINEERING & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:

- Andy Babson made introductions of City and consultant staff present.
- Andy Babson described the agenda for the evening, the budget, and the general scope of potential improvements. He reviewed the issues of the first and second public meetings.

CONSULTANT:

- Adam Perillo, KHA, provided an overview of the existing conditions of the neighborhood and the input received during the first and second public meetings.
- Adam then reviewed the issues in the neighborhood and the approach taken to come up with a concept plan.
 - Adam discussed the storm water runoff coming from the apartments on Barcliff Dr. A survey will need to be completed to fully understand all of the issues of this area.
 - Storm drainage for Barcliff Dr. is being studied by KHA. The City of Charlotte is studying the drainage around Delta Crossing.
 - Adam discussed the locations chosen for sidewalks and why those locations were chosen.
- Citizen Question: What is the right-of-way on Johnette Drive?
 - Adam: 60', the pavement is 15'.
- Citizen Question: What is being proposed for Johnette Drive?
 - Adam & Andy: The road will be widened to 20', with two 10' lanes. Ditches will carry water to the end of the street.
- Citizen Question: What about parallel parking?
 - Andy: Parallel parking is permitted on Lawrence Orr Dr., vehicles are allowed in the right-of-way.
 - Parking is not allowed in the ditches or front yards.
 - Cars may not jump the curb or obstruct the sidewalk. Police will be enforcing parking on the weekends.
 - Nancy Carter informed the citizens that calls to the police department are used to allocate police resources.
- Citizen Comment: One citizen brought pictures of Johnette Drive showing the flooding, houses and front yards. One house has a lot of parking on its lawn.
 - Andy: one of the houses on Johnette may be torn down.
- Citizen Comment: There are concerns about safety issues in the park.
 - Adam: will share safety concerns about the park with the Parks & Rec. Department.
- Citizen Comment: There are no bus routes in this neighborhood.
 - Adam: Adding bus service will be considered.

WRAP-UP:

- The "Sidewalk / Curb & Gutter" locations have been chosen, as well as improvements to Johnette Drive.
- Storm drainage issues are being studied.
- The group was in agreement with our improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: See attached comment sheets and overall summary of input, no comment sheets were given.

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Farm Pond Project
Public Meeting**

Tuesday, February 26, 2008
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

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Agenda

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| I. Welcome/Purpose (5min) | E&PM Project Manager |
| II. Review of Issues from 1 st and 2 nd
Public Meetings (15 min) | Consultant/E&PM |
| III. Presentation of Final Concept (15 min) | Consultant/E&PM |
| IV. Wrap up and Next Steps (10 min) | E&PM Project Manager |

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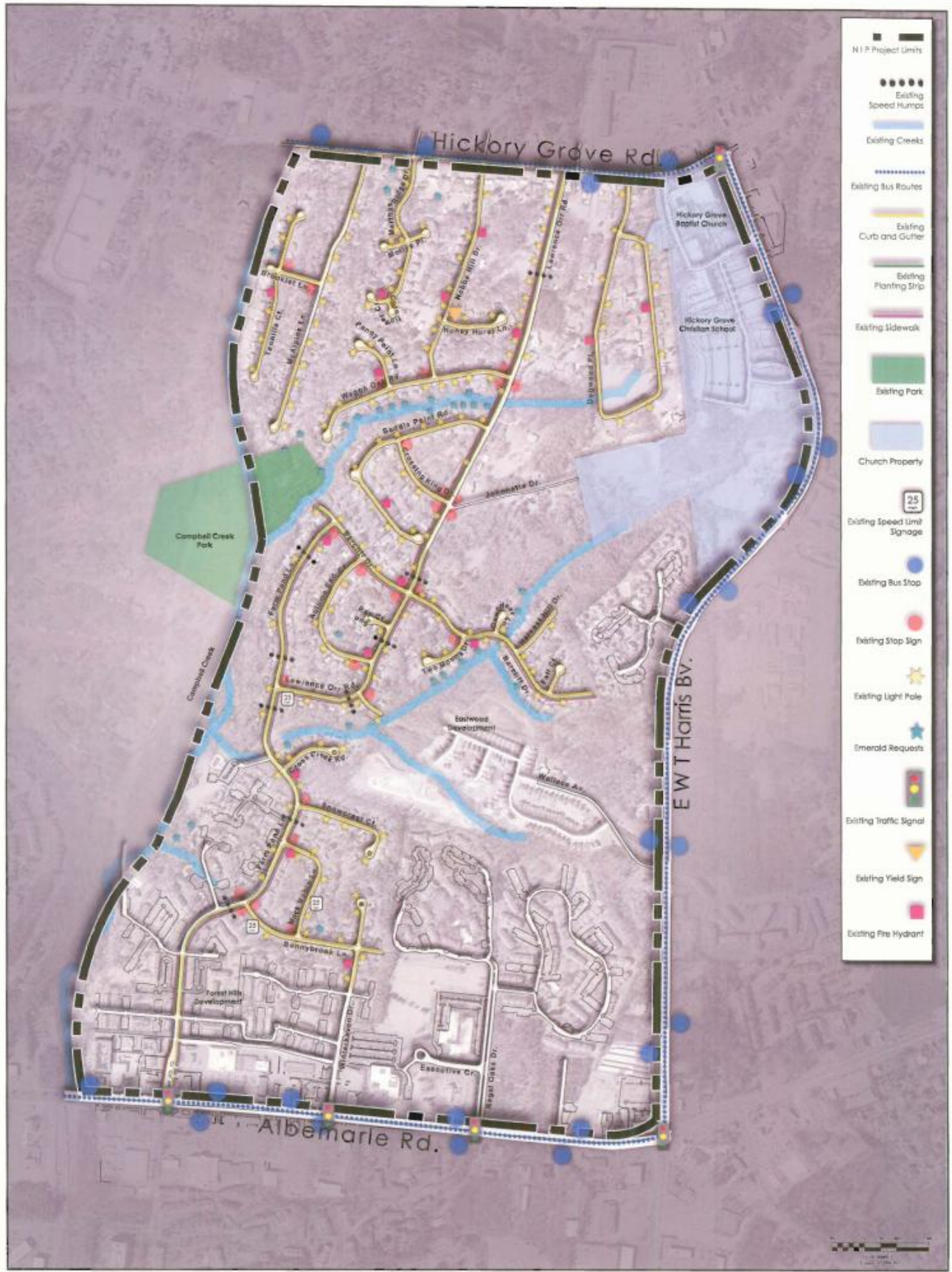




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Additional Input:

- Obtain a historic designation for older homes in the neighborhood
- Need to do more trees
- Address or existing sidewalks or ones that are too narrow
- Remove or replace abandoned houses
- Build yards in the neighborhood are not maintained
- Some of the trees need to be upgraded
- Need post office and library nearby
- Residents want a walk through from the neighborhood to the mall
- Residents fear there is a lack of police enforcement. Call and report furniture in yards. Problem is affecting the quality of life and the housing prices
- Sidewalks are needed on both sides of the road everywhere
- Do not want pedestrian lighting due to the fact that they may in fact more need here to the area
- Keep existing trees in the neighborhood
- Need more trees to improve the aesthetics
- Safety issues are a major concern
- Loose dogs and cats are a problem
- It is unsafe to walk from the neighborhood to Saddlepoint Mall. The walking pedestrian path needs more light
- Some residents fear the neighborhood is deteriorating
- Residents worry about amount of foot traffic in front of condos
- There is no lighting on Saddlepoint as a priority
- Complete curb and gutter with sidewalks



