

AGENDA

I. Introductions and Call to Order

II. Approve May 18, 2010 Meeting Minutes. *Attachment 1.*

III. Recommendation on the draft *University Research Park Area Plan*

Background: The *University Research Park Area Plan* (URP) covers approximately 2300 acres generally bounded by Mallard Creek Church Road to the north, I-85 to the east, IBM Drive to the south, and Mallard Creek Road to the west. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department staff in conjunction with University City Partners and their consultants worked with University Research Park property owners and neighbors to develop this plan. The purpose of the plan is to update the *Northeast District Plan* (adopted 1996). The Committee received an overview of the draft plan and public comments at the May 18th meeting.

Copies of the draft plan are available at www.charlotteplanning.org or by contacting the staff resource below.

Staff Resource: Kathy Cornett, Planning

Action Requested: Recommend adoption of the draft *University Research Park Area Plan*

IV. M.R. #10-08: Proposed Transfer of Three Parcels and a House to the Belmont Community Development Corporation (CDC)

Background: The City of Charlotte's Neighborhood and Business Services Key Business Unit proposes to transfer three vacant parcels and one property with a vacant house to the Belmont Community Development Corporation (CDC). The Belmont CDC Foundation will construct affordable houses on the vacant lots, renovate the house, and sell them to qualified buyers. ***Attachment #2.***

Staff Resources: Melony McCullough, Planning
Robert W. Drayton, City Real Estate

Action Requested: Approve Planning staff recommendation for M.R. #10-08

V. M.R. #10-10: Proposed Sale of City Owned Property Located on W. Todd Lane

Background: City of Charlotte Real Estate proposes to sell an 8,000 square foot parcel (0.184 acres) located off of Old Mt. Holly Road on the west side of West Todd Lane to New Zion Baptist Church. **Attachment #3.**

Staff Resources: Marci Sigmon, Planning
Robert W. Drayton, City Real Estate

Action Requested: Approve Planning staff recommendation for M.R. #10-10

VI. M.R. #10-11: Proposed Sale of City Owned Property Located at 750 E. 9th Street

Background: City of Charlotte Real Estate is proposing to sell two parcels located at 750 E. 9th Street to Trinity Episcopal School (TES). **Attachment #4.**

Staff Resources: Dan Thilo, Planning
Robert W. Drayton, City Real Estate

Action Requested: Approve Planning staff recommendation for M.R. #10-11

VII. M.R. #10-12: Proposed Land Exchange for Future School Site on Fred Brown Road in Huntersville

Background: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) proposes to exchange a 1.7 acre vacant parcel for a 2.1 acre vacant parcel located off on Fred Brown Road with the developer of an adjacent subdivision, Centennial Subdivision, in the Town of Huntersville. The developer plans to construct ten single family homes on the property. **Attachment #5.**

Staff Resources: Jonathan Wells, Planning
Dennis LaCaria, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Action Requested: Approve Planning staff recommendation for M.R. #10-12

VIII. Area Plan Status and Meeting Report

Background: Committee members assigned to area plans will provide a report on any meetings that have occurred since the last report.

Resources: Center City 2020 Vision Plan – Commissioner Finch-Dobson
Elizabeth Area Plan – Commissioner Lipton
Steele Creek Area Plan – Commissioners Fallon and Zoutwelle

Action Requested: None, for information only.

IX. Adjourn

**University Research Park Area Plan
Proposed Changes to May 3, 2010 Draft
June 10, 2010**

#	Language in Draft	Suggested Change	Why Suggested Change
1.	Page viii and 37 – Transportation Goal; Improve connectivity to serve...integration of new land uses.	Goal – to create an interconnected transportation system that improves transportation choices, increases connectivity within the URP area and the University City area and facilitates the proposed URP land uses.	More specificity.
2.	Page viii and 37 – Transportation Policy #1 – Support a variety of transportation modes.	Support a variety of transportation choices by creating an interconnected network of streets, accentuating the greenway trail system throughout the URP and creating new connections across I-85.	More specificity.
3.	Page 7 – 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Blue Line Extension (BLE).	BLE is included in the LRTP, but not within the plan area. It should be listed with other transportation projects that assist with circulation.	Clarification.
4.	Page 7 – 2030 Plan discussion and official name for the BLE.	The <i>2030 Transit Corridor System Plan</i> is a long-range multi-modal transportation plan adopted by the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) on November 15, 2006. The plan identifies five primary transportation corridors for rapid transit, calling for 25 miles of commuter rail, 21 miles of light rail (including the 9.6 miles of the existing LYNX Blue Line), 16 miles of streetcar, 14 miles of bus rapid transit, and an expanded network of buses and other transit services. The <i>University Research Park Area Plan</i> boundaries are located just west of the proposed LYNX Blue Line Extension Northeast Corridor Light Rail Project. The proximity to this proposed project, particularly to the proposed light rail stations, University City Boulevard Station, McCullough Station and JW Clay Station, were taken into consideration while developing the plan and recommendations pertaining to transportation.”	Clarifies official name for BLE project and that the project is proposed rather than planned.
5.	Page 8 – references to “trolley service.” “This close proximity to a major transit corridor lends the opportunity for a future trolley collector and bike facilities within the URP.”	“The close proximity to a major transit corridor lends the opportunity for future pedestrian, bike and bus circulator routes within the URP area.”	CATS has no plans for a trolley and the term is confusing.
6.	Page 8 – picture caption. “CATS has plans to extend LYNNX...”	“CATS has plans to extend LYNX...”	Typo.
7.	Page 16 (top of page) Add the words “proposed” before LYNX Blue and “Extension” after; delete reference to “trolley”.	“The proposed LYNX Blue Line Extension would benefit from additional development in the URP, especially if such development is linked to the proposed light rail station by improved pedestrian, bicycle and bus routes.”	Clarification and trolley is a confusing term.
8.	Page 17, #10 “...as specified heir in...”	“...as specified herein...”	Typo.

9.	Page 20, #19.	Delete. Same as #17.	Typo.
10.	Page 27, #57, "...proposed Shopping Center Dive."	"...proposed Shopping Center Drive."	Typo.
11.	Page 37, #67, "...access to transit."	"...access to transit and across I-85."	Clarification and more specificity.
12.	Page 40, #71, "...connect to streets immediately outside the planning area are to extend that connectivity well beyond the URP, as shown in the plan."	"...connect to streets immediately outside the planning area."	Clarify.
13.	Page 40, #74, "Establish a road network..."	"Establish a street network..."	Refine terminology.
14.	Page 43, Table 4: Recommended Streetscape Improvements/Road Diets	Recommended Streetscape Improvements/Road Conversions	Refine terminology.
15.	Page 43, "*One side required for...private sector will require two sides."	"*One side required for...private development may require both sides."	Clarification.
16.	Page 66 (A 1.6) "Public transportation services are provided...an average of 69,679 passengers per month."	<p>"Public transportation services are provided by Charlotte Area Transit Service (CATS). CATS currently provides the following services within the URP Area plan boundaries: local bus route 22, cross-town bus 29, as well as express bus routes 54x and 81x. There are also two existing park and ride facilities located off of Harris Boulevard and Mallard Creek Road. In 2009, the routes serving the URP community carried an average of 68,679 passengers per month. (Refer to Map A-3 for existing public transportation facilities).</p> <p>Future CATS plans propose to extend the existing LYNX Blue line light rail service from Center City Charlotte to I-485, near the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus County lines. Although the proposed LYNX Blue Line Extension project would be located east of the URP Area plan study boundaries, along North Tryon Street/US-29, it is likely to shape future development within the proposed station areas."</p>	Clarification.
17.	Page 67 – Map A-3	Delete light rail and stations from the Existing Transportation Network map.	These are not existing services.

*General note: In addition, minor typographical changes that do not impact the intent of the plan will be made.