

Environment Committee

Wednesday, February 11, 2015; 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 280

Committee Members: John Autry, Chair
Ed Driggs, Vice Chair
David Howard
Claire Fallon
Kenny Smith

Staff Resource: Hyong Yi, City Manager's Office

AGENDA

I. Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan

Staff Resource: Rob Phocas, Neighborhood & Business Services

The Committee will review the draft Resolution.

Action: Request Committee to forward to full Council for their February 23 Council Business Meeting.

Attachments: 1. MLCP Vision and Plan Summary
2. MLCP Draft Resolution

II. Focus Area Plan

Staff Resource: Hyong Yi, City Manager's Office

The Committee will review the Environment Focus Area Plan's FY2015 Mid-Year Performance Summary and begin discussion about the FY2016 Focus Area Plan development process.

Action: None required.

Attachment: 3. FY15 Focus Area Plan and Mid-Year Performance Summary

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Room 280

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| Distribution: | City Council Bob Hagemann | Ron Carlee, City Manager Stephanie Kelly | Executive Team Environmental Cabinet |
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Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan – Vision and Plan Summary Document

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| <p>VISION</p> | <p align="center">Greater Charlotte – Big city opportunities, small town feel</p> <p align="center">Greater Charlotte is home.</p> <p align="center">Home to generations of families and cultures from all over the world. Home to neighborhoods that blend thriving businesses with natural landscapes. Home to endless opportunities for all, where good people make great things happen.</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>GUIDING PRINCIPLES: We are...</p> |  <p align="center">WELCOMING</p> |  <p align="center">INNOVATIVE</p> |  <p align="center">CONNECTED</p> |  <p align="center">INCLUSIVE</p> |  <p align="center">PREPARED</p> |  <p align="center">HEALTHY</p> |  <p align="center">RESILIENT</p> |
| <p>DESCRIPTORS: Our focus is on...</p> | <p align="center">Character Entertainment Opportunity Safe Neighborhoods</p> | <p align="center">Jobs Entrepreneurship Commerce</p> | <p align="center">Engaged Residents Transportation Choices</p> | <p align="center">Community Participation</p> | <p align="center">A Skilled Workforce Quality Education</p> | <p align="center">Physical Activity Healthy Foods Clean Environment</p> | <p align="center">Future Well-being Collaboration</p> |
| <p>DRAFT STRATEGIES: We will...</p> <p><i>Note: Each strategy addresses multiple Guiding Principles. Icons are shown under each strategy to indicate linkages.</i></p> | <p>Build a safe community [A] </p> <p>Increase access to community-based arts, science, and history education [B] </p> <p>Continue to be an inviting destination for residents, visitors, and businesses [C] </p> <p>Celebrate and integrate history, culture, and diversity [D] </p> | <p>Make it easier for new businesses to succeed and existing businesses to flourish [E] </p> <p>Increase global economic competitiveness [F] </p> <p>Promote the redevelopment, reuse, and rehabilitation of declining and vacant properties [G] </p> <p>Leverage technology [H] </p> | <p>Expand capacity and increase use of sidewalks, bikeways, greenways/paved trails, bus routes, and rail [I] </p> <p>Build stronger connections across diverse population groups [J] </p> | <p>Balance available housing options [K] </p> <p>Coordinate the work of organizations addressing the needs of at-risk residents [L] </p> <p>Expand the availability of affordable recreation and cultural services programs [M] </p> | <p>Expand and enhance learning across all age groups [N] </p> <p>Enhance partnerships between workforce development initiatives and employers [O] </p> | <p>Create a culture of health and wellness [P] </p> <p>Protect and restore the natural environment [Q] </p> <p>Coordinate open space, greenways/paved trails, and parks planning with neighborhood accessibility [R] </p> | <p>Manage zoning and development to revitalize community character and the natural environment while allowing for growth and innovation [S] </p> <p>Manage resources wisely [T] </p> <p>Develop community and neighborhood leaders for the future [U] </p> |
| <p align="center">Common Theme Associated with all Strategies: Engage the Community – Inform, Convene, Collaborate, and Empower</p> | | | | | | | |



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Resolution of Charlotte City Council For Endorsement of Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan Process

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte joined with other jurisdictions in Mecklenburg County and The Foundation For The Carolinas to prepare a Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan (“the Plan”), intended to establish a common vision for the future of these communities and identify opportunities for collaborative action to help achieve that vision; and

WHEREAS, work has been underway throughout 2014, involving local governments, organizations, businesses, residents, and stakeholders throughout the County to prepare the 2015 Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan articulates a community-wide Vision and set of Guiding Principles for broader Mecklenburg County, identifies specific strategies and actions to be pursued, identifies community partners to be engaged with implementation of the actions, and includes performance measures to monitor progress toward achievement of the stated actions, creating an actionable plan for helping to achieve the Vision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlotte City Council hereby endorses the 2015 Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan Process.

Adopted this the __st day of _____, 2015.



Environment

FY2015 Strategic Focus Area Plan

“Charlotte will become a global leader in environmental sustainability, preserving our natural resources while balancing growth with sound fiscal policy.”

The City of Charlotte recognizes that environmental stewardship is fundamentally important to quality of life and essential to maintaining a vibrant economy. Protecting our natural resources, promoting conservation, and improving the environment all enhance the City's mission to preserve its citizens' quality of life.

Charlotte will become a global leader in environmental sustainability by:

- Promoting and participating in the development of an environmentally sustainable community;
- Leading by example by practicing environmental stewardship in City operations and facilities;
- Seeking and supporting collaborative and regional solutions to environmental problems;
- Facilitating the growth of the clean energy industry, including the alternative energy sector.

Specific initiatives in the Economic Development and Transportation Focus Area Plans relate directly to Charlotte's environmental goals.

| FY2015 Initiatives | Key Indicators |
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| Promote and participate in the development of a sustainable community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced residential waste • Protected and expanded a healthy tree canopy • Maintained water quality in lakes and streams as well as ensured safe and adequate drinking water supply • Continued reduction in ozone emissions across the City • Engaged community to cooperatively reduce impacts of waste and energy use to air, water, and land quality |
| Lead by example by practicing environmental stewardship in city operations and facilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced energy use from City operations, facilities, and fleet • Reduced ozone emissions from City operations, facilities, and fleet |
| Seek and support collaborative and regional solutions to environmental problems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated and participated in public and private sector partnerships to positively impact air quality, energy efficiency, water resources and reduction of waste |
| Facilitate the growth of the clean energy industry, including alternative energy sector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with partners to attract and grow the clean energy industry sectors in Charlotte |
| Become globally recognized for community sustainability efforts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified global benchmarks with which to measure City progress • Engaged with stakeholders across the region to move towards global-level distinction |



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| Goals | Mid-Year Results as of November 30, 2014 | FY2015 Outlook |
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| Seek and support collaborative and regional solutions to environmental problems | Implement the Internal Environmental Operations Plan On Track | √ |
| | Participate in Envision Charlotte On Track | √ |
| | E4 Partnership to track Clean Energy jobs Adopted Fall 2014 | √ |
| Promote and participate in the development of a sustainable community | Reduce sanitary sewer overflows Less than 5 | √ |
| | Percent of mitigated impervious surface New Measure | TBD ¹ |
| | Achieve 50% tree canopy by 2050 ² On Track | √ |
| | Reduce CO2 emissions at City facilities ³ On Track | √ |
| | Reduce pounds landfilled per curbside unit ⁴ 694.43 | √ |
| Become globally recognized for community sustainability efforts | Benchmark City's sustainability efforts On Track | √ |

¹ Data available at year-end.

² Progress towards this measure in FY2015 includes refining the Urban Forestry Master Plan and adding approximately 12,000 trees to the canopy in partnership with TreesCharlotte through a combination of plantings, seedling giveaways and capital investment.

³ Data pulled annually and is not available at Mid Year.

⁴ Number of pounds total per curbside residential unit. The same period last year was 702.07.