CHARLOTTE

City Council
Follow-Up Report

April 11, 2012

March 26, 2012 - City Council Business Meeting

Abandoned Property with Damage
Staff Resource: Ben Krise, N&BS, 704-336-2485, bkrise@charlottenc.gov

During the Citizen's Forum, Mr. Mike Wallace presented to Council on behalf of Ms. Ann Wallace pictures of three locations in their neighborhood that they felt needed attention from code enforcement staff. City Council requested that staff follow up with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace regarding the demolished properties in question.

Background
Neighborhood & Business Services (N&BS) staff contacted Ms. Ann Wallace after she had originally signed up to speak at the March 26th meeting to inquire about her issues.

On March 15, 2012, N&BS Southwest Co-Team Leaders, Jerry Green and Randy Harris, Neighborhood Specialist Millicent Powell, and Code Inspector Travis Mumbulo, along with CMPD community officers Gregory Horne and Chris Humphrey met at the home of Ann Wallace of 3909 Marlette Drive to discuss her issues and concerns.

Ms. Wallace is upset because of the large amount of trash and debris that was left from the demolition of a trailer on a lot adjacent to her home. The case has been lingering for over a year due to complex title related issues. Travis Mumbulo provided Ms. Wallace with a detailed overview of the Minimum Housing code case and the process. Inspector Mumbulo explained that several of the steps in the case take 30 days to process as per state law.

- Inspector Mumbulo has conducted the appropriate title search, which identified Betty & Jerry Johnson as deceased property owners. Heirs Derrick Lee Johnson and Jerri Tracy Johnson are being served via legal advertisement to meet statutory requirements.
- The legal advertisement was filed on Tuesday, February 28th.
- N&BS anticipates this location will be presented to Council for In Rem consideration in May.

N&BS is in the process of scheduling a meeting/site visit with County Solid Waste Services to address the trash and debris. The County has jurisdiction over Health & Sanitation related matters due to this location being in the ETJ. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled with Ms. Wallace once next steps are determined.

Ms. Wallace also has a number of police concerns which include drug trafficking, illegal felons, gun fire in the neighborhood and four wheelers on the streets. The drug case is at the District Attorney's office. The police are monitoring the gun fire and four wheelers, however they must witness an offense before it can be enforced.

Follow-up to March 26, 2012 Council Meeting
On March 29, 2012, N&BS Southwest Co-Team Leader Jerry Green and Neighborhood Specialist Millicent Powell facilitated a meeting between Ms. Wallace and Jimmy Stillwell, a LUESA Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Management representative. The reason that the County was asked to participate is because this neighborhood is located in the ETJ, and the County has jurisdiction over health and sanitation related matters on the vast majority of the issues the Walllace's presented to Council.

Staff explained the County enforcement timeline and process to Ms. Wallace. Their standard operation is to send two 30-day Notices of Violation to the property owner, cite the property owner, and take them to Environmental Court if the violations are not remedied. A joint City-County neighborhood tour identified nine locations that had varying levels of violations. Additionally, Mr. Stilwell agreed to contact NCDOT to refer a comprehensive level of service based on cut trees remaining in the NCDOT ROW.

N&BS will continue to proceed with enforcement on the one location (3902 Voyager) in which the City has jurisdiction. It is anticipated the case will be presented to Council in May for In Rem consideration. Staff will ensure that the Wallaces receive a copy of this write-up.

Bus Access on Baxter Street
Staff Resource: Larry Kopf, CATS, 704-432-0497, lkopf@charlottenc.gov

Ms. Betty McAlpin from the Charlottetowne Terrace complex on Baxter Street addressed City Council during the Citizens' Forum on March 26 to request bus service on Baxter Street. City Council has requested a response from CATS staff.

The CATS Manager of Service Development met with Ms. McAlpin and representatives of the Charlottowne Terrace complex on Friday, March 23 to discuss their request for bus service. At that time it was explained that CATS is unlikely to reroute the bus via Baxter Street (Baxter) since this street ends in a cul-de-sac. Typically, people who ride through on a bus find it inconvenient to detour to an area where ridership is low. CATS used to operate in this manner on Baxter, but streamlined the route because of very low ridership on that street. All of these issues were explained to the representatives of Charlottetowne Terrace.

Future plans, however, call for extending Baxter to connect with Kings Drive. The Manager of Service Development explained that CATS would consider operating on Baxter when this occurs. In the mean time, CATS will explore installing benches on McDowell at Baxter at the existing bus stops. These stops are located .2 miles from the Charlottetowne complex.

Charlottetowne representatives were reminded that CATS offers door-to-door service for individuals with disabilities. The Special Transportation Service (STS) is available to people with disabilities who qualify. Individuals who cannot use the fixed route service can apply for STS.

Staff contacted Ms. McAlpin again on April 2 to follow up regarding the points made above. Staff will ensure that Ms. McAlpin also receives a copy of this write-up.

Duke Energy Pedestrian Lighting

Staff Resource: Phil Reiger, CDOT, 704-336-4896, preiger@charlottenc.gov

During the business meeting, the City Council asked for a map and the corresponding details regarding the installation of street lights dating back to 2010 that would include locations and whether the lights are decorative or wood.

Decorative Street Light Installations

In the City of Charlotte, decorative street lights are installed in one of the following ways:

1) By Developer: A developer may choose to pay for and install decorative street lights on a residential or commercial/business project. The developer pays the upfront costs for the decorative poles and fixtures.
2) By the City:
    - In a residential area - neighborhoods desiring decorative street lights will pay the upfront costs for poles and fixtures.
    - On thoroughfares – The City installs decorative lights on thoroughfares related to Neighborhood Improvement Projects, Corridor Projects, and / or road improvement projects. These lights are funded through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

In fiscal year 2010, there was a residential street light moratorium. During that time, all CIP projects commenced, and street lights were installed as planned for each of the projects.

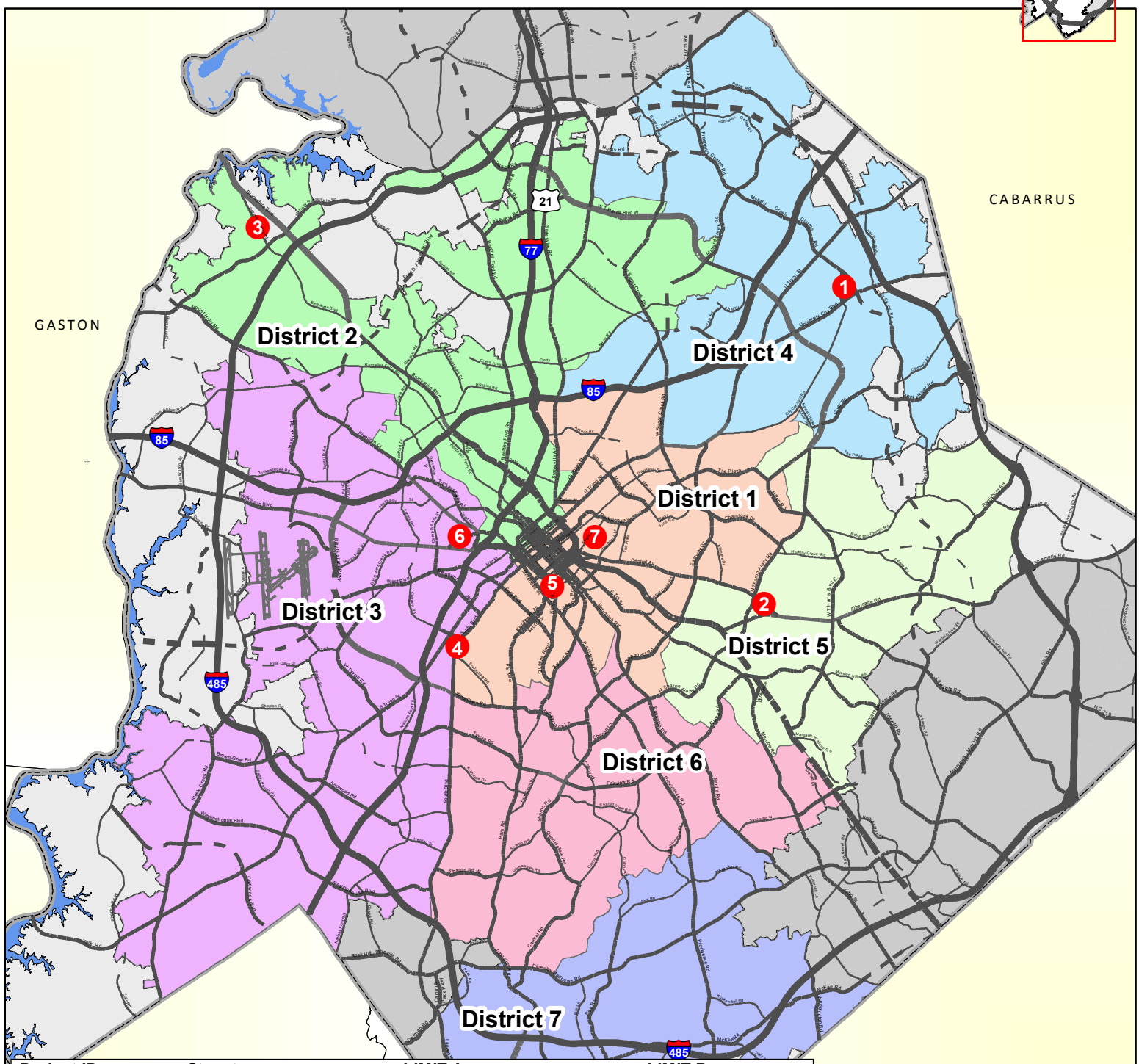
A question posed during the City Council meeting asked where decorative lights have been installed since the residential street light moratorium was lifted. The City has installed CIP project related decorative street lights at its expense as noted on the attached map.

CIPStreetLighting.pdf

Since the residential street lighting program moratorium was lifted, in instances where the City authorized installation of three or more decorative lights in a neighborhood, the following installations were made at neighborhood expense:

Area of City	Standard Pole	Decorative Fixture (neighborhood expense)
District 1	4	0
District 2	5	2
District 3	4	4
District 4	6	4
District 5	5	4
District 6	1	2
District 7	1	1

CIP Thoroughfare Street Lighting



Project ID	Street	LIMIT A	LIMIT B
1	John Kirk Dr	NC 49	Mallard Creek Church Rd
2	Central Av	Reddman Rd	Sharon Amity Rd
3	Rozzelle's Ferry Rd	Duke Transmission Line	Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd
4	South Bv	Scaleybark Rd	Clanton Rd
5	Kenilw orth Av	Charlottetow ne Rd	Pearl Park Wy
6	W Morehead St	Freedom Dr	Wilkinson Bv
7	Belmont Intersections	<Null>	<Null>

Thoroughfares
- Freeway
- Major - Class III
- Major thoroughfare
- Minor thoroughfare
- Freeway - Proposed
- Major - Proposed
- Minor - Proposed

Thoroughfare Street Lights

City Council Districts
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

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