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INFORMATION:

Neighborhood/Merchant Board Retreat Update

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Neighborhood & Business Services (N&BS), in partnership with Foundation For The Carolinas (FFTC), will host a Neighborhood and Business Organization Board Retreat on Saturday, July 14, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the FFTC headquarters, 220 North Tryon St. Boards in attendance will work with certified facilitators to develop visions, long-range strategic priorities, and short term project plans to improve the quality of life in their community.

Participation in the retreat earns organizations a $1,500 match credit toward any FY13 Neighborhood Matching Grant application. Mayor Foxx and the City Council are invited to meet and greet the boards at any time during the day as they embark on this important work. Participants are comprised of 110 board members, representing 17 neighborhood-and business associations from across the community:

District 1
Bridlewood Neighborhood Association
Country Club Heights Neighborhood Association
Shannon Park Neighborhood Association
Villa Heights Neighborhood Association
District 2
Historic West End Business Association
Historic West End Partners
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Association
Rockwell Park Homeowner Association
District 3 -
Clanton Park Neighborhood Association
West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition
Wilmore Neighborhood Association
District 5
Oakhurst Neighborhood Association
Forest Ridge Homeowners Association
Grove Park Neighborhood Association
Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association
District 6
Madison Park Homeowners Association
Selwyn Park Neighborhood Association

Slots were reserved based on Neighborhood & Business Services' Service Area Districts,

allowing four slots per Service Area, on a first come first come basis. Slots were given to organizations who submitted the complete information, including an application and pre-participant surveys from board members. It became clear that it is difficult for business associations to participate on Saturdays, so staff is working with them to coordinate a more convenient day and time. Staff is also working with other organizations that were not selected to facilitate individual sessions.

Assignment of Economic Development Grant Agreement – Ikea Boulevard
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In December 2007, City Council approved an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement (Agreement) between the City and Crescent Resources LLC (Crescent) for the construction of Ikea Boulevard between University City Boulevard and McCullough Drive. Ikea Boulevard is a key component of the mixed-use Belgate project being developed by Crescent between North Tryon and I-85. The total eligible reimbursement of $5,400,000 is to be paid from 90% of new incremental taxes generated by the Belgate project. Crescent has completed the first phase of Ikea Boulevard and a portion of the proposed retail development.

On June 15, 2012 Crescent sold its remaining interest in the Belgate project to DDR Belgate LLC. DDR Belgate LLC is a subsidiary of DDR, a publicly traded, international retail developer with over 500 properties and $2 billion in holdings. As part of the sale of the Belgate project, Crescent assigned all rights and responsibilities of the Agreement to DDR Belgate LLC. This assignment is in keeping with language in the Agreement that contemplated a potential sale of portions or the entirety of the project. DDR Belgate LLC has informed staff of their intent to complete the agreed upon road construction by summer 2013. The Agreement currently requires the work to be completed by April, 2014.

ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report **(see "2. Follow Up.pdf"):**

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