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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Aug 8)	Tues (Aug 9)	Wed (Aug 10)	Thurs (Aug 11)	Fri (Aug 12)
	3:00 PM Council Closed Session, Room CH-14			

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Tuesday, August 9

3:00 PM Council Closed Session, Room CH-14

August and September calendars are attached.



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INFORMATION:

August 10 – Local Officials Informational and Public Meeting for the NCDOT Norfolk Southern Railroad Improvement Project

Staff Resource: Tim Gibbs, CDOT, 704-336-3917, tgibbs@charlottenc.gov

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Rail Division will convene an informal meeting on the afternoon of August 10 to discuss plans to improve the efficiency of train operations on the Norfolk Southern mainline just east of the Charlotte Douglas International Airport. These improvements will help reduce delays and improve safety at nearby crossings.

Elected Officials Session, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is for NCDOT representatives to provide information to elected officials regarding this project and to answer any questions. The meeting will be at Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church, 4101 Morris Field Drive, from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

General Public Session, 4-6 p.m.

A drop-in style informational meeting for the general public will be held at the same location later that afternoon from 4 - 6 p.m.

See the attached map for the project location.



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2016 Neighborhood Exchange & Leadership Awards

Staff Resource: Keith Richardson, NBS, 704-336-2753, kmrichardson@charlottenc.gov

Event registration and award nominations have begun for the 2016 Neighborhood Exchange & Leadership Awards. The event will be held on Saturday, October 1 at the Charlotte Convention Center and will feature networking opportunities, workshops, and an awards luncheon for neighborhood stakeholders. The program's opening remarks will be given by Peter Kageyama,

author of *For the Love of Cities: The Love Affair Between People and Their Places*, followed by two rounds of workshops and the presentation of eight Neighborhood Leadership Awards. Three new categories of awards are included this year, one for Neighborhood-School Engagement, one for Community Service (businesses), and one for Community Service (nonprofits).

Neighborhood stakeholders can register and/or submit nominations via the event [website](#). In addition to the online process, the attached registration booklet and nomination form are also available for pickup at Old City Hall and are being distributed by Community Engagement staff in the service [areas](#). The deadline for both registration and award nominations is 5 p.m., Monday, September 12.



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RegistrationNominationForm.pdf

ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report:



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--Status of The Carolina Theatre Organ

August

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7	8	9 3:00pm Closed Session, CH-14	10	11	12	13
14	15 12:00pm Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 12:00pm City Attorney's Evaluation, Room CH-14 5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Mtg., Room 267	23	24 5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267	25 6:00pm CM Fallon's Town Hall Mtg., University City Library – 301 E. WT Harris Blvd.	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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September

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11	12 12:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280 2:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Council Business Mtg., Room 267	13	14	15 12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280 2:00pm Budget Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	16 9:30am – 3:30pm NLC Institute for Youth, Education & Families Briefing, TBD	17 9:00am – 12:00pm District 3 Budget Workshop, West Service Center – 4150 Wilkinson Blvd.
18	19 12:00pm Council Agenda Briefing (optional), Room 886 5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	20	21	22 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	23	24
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-  Study Area
-  Freight Railroad Tracks
-  Schools
-  ParkProperty
-  Historic Properties





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**REGISTRATION AND NOMINATION
INFORMATION**

**NEIGHBORHOOD
EXCHANGE**

& LEADERSHIP AWARDS

**Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 • 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Charlotte Convention Center**

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& LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Please join us for the Neighborhood Exchange & Leadership Awards, which will be held 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, at the Charlotte Convention Center located at 501 S. College St.

This **free** event is for neighborhood leaders and stakeholders like you to:

- Network and share innovative ideas with your neighbors across Charlotte-Mecklenburg
- Participate in workshops and panel discussions about issues that matter most to your community
- Celebrate community leaders and organizations that do great work in Charlotte neighborhoods

Attendees will include elected officials, community leaders and staff from local government agencies and nonprofits. In addition to lively conversations and workshops, the event will also feature information tables and exhibits.

EVENT AGENDA

8:00 – 8:45 a.m..... Check In, Networking, Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m..... Welcoming Remarks/Introduction of Speaker

**9:10 a.m. Opening Remarks – Peter Kageyama,
Author of *For the Love of Cities: The Love
Affair Between People and Their Place***

9:30 a.m. Morning Break

9:45–10:45 a.m. Workshops (Round 1)

11:00 a.m.–Noon Workshops (Round 2)

12:15 p.m..... Neighborhood Leadership Awards Luncheon

2:00 p.m..... Closing

Information tables featuring neighborhood services provided by City and County agencies, community partners and event sponsors are available from 8 a.m. to noon.

NEIGHBORHOOD EXCHANGE WORKSHOPS

Please submit your registration by 5 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2016
online at CharlotteNC.gov/Nex or by completing the enclosed form.
Workshop sessions are filled on a first-registered, first-served basis.

How to be a Welcoming Neighbor

Explore ways you can be a more welcoming neighbor. This engaging workshop includes a group exercise that touches on recognizing your instilled biases as a step toward building a bridge across cultural divides.

Moderator/Presenter: Welcoming America

Creating a Vision for Your Neighborhood

Where do you envision your neighborhood in two, three or five years? Learn how to apply a strategic planning process to define priorities and develop actionable steps to achieve your community's short and long-term goals.

*Moderator/Presenter: City of Charlotte
Neighborhood & Business Services*

Planning 101

What is the difference between planning and zoning? For the typical resident, it can be confusing. Get a crash course on planning basics. Learn more about planning, what zoning can and cannot do and how you can be involved in the development of your community.

Moderator/Presenter: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning



Branding Your Neighborhood

Branding your neighborhood is more than a logo and a fancy name. It requires leaders to draw on their community's assets, history and people to create an identity that connects emotionally with residents. This workshop provides participants with a framework for distinguishing and marketing their unique communities.

Moderator/Presenter: LandDesign

Discover Your True Colors

What are your true colors? In this session, participants will be introduced to the True Colors personality identification system. The session allows attendees to understand the motivation and actions of others by first gaining a better understanding of their own personality temperament.

Moderator/Presenter: Taylor-Made Learning Systems

Steal This Idea!

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Neighborhood leaders will share ideas on how they made an impact in their communities. This peer-to-peer session gives insight into how these leaders effectively leveraged funding and other types of assistance offered by local government and nonprofit agencies.

*Moderator/Presenter: City of Charlotte Neighborhood & Business Services
and Local Community Leaders*

Local Government 101

Why is the mayor part-time? Who funds local schools? Who makes the decisions? How can you make a difference? This session explains the basics of how City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County governments operate and simple ways to track local government actions and outline opportunities to get involved.

Moderator/Presenter: GenerationNation/Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council

Building Relationships with Law Enforcement

This session is part of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's continuing efforts to communicate to the public their responsibilities and rights when encountering law enforcement. Participants will learn about anonymous crime reporting, CMPD's Citizens Academy, ways to commend or report an officer, as well as the steps for starting and maintaining a Neighborhood Watch program.



Moderator/Presenter: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department

Leadership Development for Youth

Civic leadership and community service can start at any age. This session, specifically geared toward middle and high school students, serves as a springboard for helping our community's next generation of leaders get involved today.

Moderator/Presenter: GenerationNation/Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council

Making Innovation Happen

Devising innovative ideas is easy compared to implementing them. Participants will learn lessons such as how to bring creative people to the table, being emotionally true and the importance of starting small when undertaking innovative ideas.

Moderator/Presenter: Peter Kageyama

The Business of Neighborhoods

While the love of community is important, a neighborhood organization's success hinges on its structure, organization and procedures. In this session, participants will learn how to develop bylaws, apply standard operating procedures and understand the pros and cons of seeking IRS tax exempt status.

Moderator/Presenter: Charlotte School of Law

Showing the Love to Neighborhood Schools

Take care of the youngest neighborhood stakeholders. Attendees will learn how several communities have successfully engaged their neighborhood schools. This session demonstrates relationship building at its best between a school and the neighbors who reside in the community surrounding it.

Moderator/Presenter: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and City of Charlotte Neighborhood & Business Services and Local Community Leaders

The Future of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

What does the future hold for CMS? Hosted by the school district's leadership, this session provides an overview of plans for the school system, including but not limited to school instruction and capital improvements.

Moderator/Presenter: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP AWARDS NOMINATIONS

All award nominations must be for projects or work successfully implemented between Sept. 1, 2015 and Sept. 1, 2016.

Please submit nominations by Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 online at CharlotteNC.gov/Nex or by completing the enclosed form.

Community Safety Ambassador Award

The Community Safety Ambassador Award recognizes neighborhood organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the improvement of police-community relations in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area.

Award Criteria:

- Cultivates effective relationships between residents and police
- Uses innovative problem-solving strategies to improve neighborhood safety
- Implements crime prevention initiatives and addresses other community concerns

Embracing Diversity Award

This Embracing Diversity Award recognizes a neighborhood group that bridges cultural gaps among neighbors and celebrates diversity in their planning and activities. Efforts may include organizing festivals or gatherings that encourage sharing cultural traditions; reaching out to diverse communities to offer services or assistance; and providing signage or communication tools in multiple languages.

Award Criteria:

- Addresses a need in the community
- Serves a diverse population
- Implements a program or event that provides a lasting benefit to the community

Good Neighbors Award

The Good Neighbors Award recognizes a neighborhood organization that collaborates to improve their community through improvement projects, initiatives and communication resources to address neighborhood beautification, code and regulation compliance and neighbor engagement.

Award Criteria:

- Collaboration to reduce the number of code enforcement violations
- Improves community appearance by implementing beautification projects, including landscape improvements, signage, litter and graffiti abatement, community cleanups and home improvements
- Coordination with City staff to increase community engagement and leverage resources





Moving Charlotte Forward Award

The Moving Charlotte Forward Award recognizes neighborhoods that have made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of transportation choices and safety as well as neighborhood livability. Recognition will be given to neighborhoods that have collaborated with the City to address transportation concerns or have used a grassroots approach to improve their neighborhood's transportation environment.

Award Criteria:

- Collaboration with City of Charlotte Department of Transportation to educate and build consensus around transportation improvements
- Grassroots advocacy that promotes walking, biking or the use of transit
- Implementation of a project that improves safety or connectivity for residents (i.e., installing bike racks, providing benches or other facilities, bike share programs, etc.)

Sustainability Leadership Award

This category recognizes neighborhood associations that implement sustainability initiatives in their community.



Implementation of sustainability initiatives such as:

- Local food initiatives (i.e., community gardens, farmers markets, etc.)
- Resource conservation campaigns (i.e., recycling, composting, water conservation and energy efficiency)
- Efficiency upgrades of homes, buildings or community facilities
- Recreational/open space improvements (i.e., trails, landscape or park improvements, and tree planting or tree canopy maintenance projects)
- Digital resources (i.e., phone applications, websites or other digital resources that encourage sustainable behavior)
- Planning activities (i.e., sustainability plans, neighborhood improvement plans, etc.)

Community Service Award (For Profit)

This award recognizes outstanding contributions by a private business or industry with extraordinary commitment to community service that has helped improve the quality of life in local neighborhoods and across Charlotte. Examples may include neighborhood cleanups, support of youth or elderly initiatives or assistance in repairing, renovating and building affordable housing.

Award Criteria:

- Impact of its contribution
- History of community service in the Charlotte area
- Investment of resources either through funding or volunteer hours

Community Service Award (Non Profit/Not for Profit)

This award recognizes outstanding contributions by a nonprofit organization with extraordinary commitment to community service that has helped improve the quality of life in local neighborhoods and across Charlotte. Examples may include neighborhood cleanups, support of youth or elderly initiatives or assistance in repairing, renovating and building affordable housing.

Award Criteria:

- Impact of the contribution
- History of community service in the Charlotte area
- Innovative techniques employed for the largest impact

Neighborhood – School Engagement Award

A neighborhood is a decisive element in building successful school and community partnerships. This award recognizes a neighborhood that has invested in public education through effective engagement.

Award Criteria:

- Community engagement that supports education initiatives in a school
- Advocacy to develop community engagement by organizations and businesses to engage with a school
- Support of student learning, emotional and social growth by providing programming and experiences during out of school time
- Participation in schools by working on the school leadership team or parent organization
- Neighborhood advocacy that enrich or enhance daily life in the neighborhood
- Promoting pride in a neighborhood by identifying and communicating its history and distinct character



Only Charlotte neighborhoods are eligible for the Neighborhood Leadership Awards. All mailed registration and nomination forms should be postmarked by Sept. 12, 2016. For more information about the Neighborhood Exchange & Leadership Awards, go to CharlotteNC.gov/Nex or call 704.336.3380.



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NEX REGISTRATION & NOMINATION FORM

Please submit your registration by 5 p.m., Monday, September 12.
Workshop sessions are filled on a first-registered, first-served basis.
You may also register online at CharlotteNC.gov/Nex.

Your Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Neighborhood or Business Organization: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address with zip code (optional): _____

Round 1 Workshop Sessions (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.) Please identify your top 3 choices numerically (i.e., 1, 2, 3).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> How to be a Welcoming Neighbor | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Relationships with Law Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creating a Vision for Your Neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development for Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning 101 | <input type="checkbox"/> Making Innovation Happen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Branding Your Neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> The Business of Neighborhoods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steal This Idea! | <input type="checkbox"/> The Future of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools |

Round 2 Workshop Sessions (11 a.m. - Noon) Please identify your top 3 choices numerically (i.e., 1, 2, 3).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> How to be a Welcoming Neighbor | <input type="checkbox"/> Discover Your True Colors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creating a Vision for Your Neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government 101 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning 101 | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Relationships with Law Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Branding Your Neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> The Business of Neighborhoods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steal This Idea! | <input type="checkbox"/> Showing the Love to Neighborhood Schools |

Will you be attending the Neighborhood Leadership Awards luncheon? No Yes

Do you have any dietary restrictions? No Yes, (please specify) _____

Do you have any special needs (physical, hearing, etc.)? No Yes, (please specify) _____

Please answer the following in no more than 3 words: *I love Charlotte's:* _____

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP AWARDS NOMINATION

Please submit your nomination(s) by 5 p.m., Monday, September 12.

Please make copies of this form for multiple nominations. You may also submit online at CharlotteNC.gov/Nex.

Please identify the award for which you are nominating an organization/neighborhood/business.

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| <input type="radio"/> Community Safety Ambassador Award | <input type="radio"/> Sustainability Leadership Award |
| <input type="radio"/> Embracing Diversity Award | <input type="radio"/> Community Service Award (For Profit) |
| <input type="radio"/> Good Neighbors Award | <input type="radio"/> Community Service Award (Non/Not for Profit) |
| <input type="radio"/> Moving Charlotte Forward Award | <input type="radio"/> Neighborhood - School Engagement Award |

Name of Organization/Neighborhood/Business: _____

Contact Information for Organization/Neighborhood/Business

Name (First and Last): _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



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City Council
Follow-Up Report

August 5, 2016

April 11, 2016 – Council Business Meeting

Status of The Carolina Theatre Organ

Staff Resource: Debra Campbell, City Manager's Office, 704-336-2671, dcampbell@charlottenc.gov

Following the discussion during the April 11 Council meeting and recent tours of the Carolina Theatre property, Laura Smith, Executive Vice President with Foundation for the Carolinas, and organist John Apple met with Interim City Manager Ron Kimble and Assistant City Manager Debra Campbell to determine the feasibility of an organ in the theatre renovation project.

In short, the decision related to the addition of the organ is as follows: *"The Advisory Committee elected not to include an organ and the project has moved forward with its architectural plans assuming there would be no organ. Reversing this assumption would require additional architectural time and dollars at this stage of the project."*

Attached is a memo from Ms. Smith summarizing the process and analysis done that led to the Committee's decision.



Organ Memo.pdf

MEMORANDUM

To: Ron Kimble, Interim City Manager, City of Charlotte
Debra Campbell, Assistant City Manager, City of Charlotte

From: Laura Smith, Executive Vice President, Foundation For The Carolinas

Regarding: Carolina Theatre Organ

Date: July 21, 2016

Thank you for including me in your conversation with John Apple regarding an organ in the Carolina Theatre renovation project. As I shared with you in the meeting, the Carolina Theatre's organ was removed from the Theatre during the 1960s and to our knowledge no longer exists. Our Advisory Committee did consider and thoroughly vet the concept of refurbishing a donated organ for installation within the Carolina Theatre and the following shares the details of this review.

The Carolina Theatre Advisory Committee was asked to determine if an organ should be part of the Carolina Theatre as it moved forward. The following steps were taken by the Advisory Committee to address this question. The Committee:

- A. Dedicated two committee meetings to this topic.
- B. Considered the recommendations of their commissioned AMS Planning & Research Study which identified a strategy for programming the Carolina Theatre.
- C. Instructed the architects to complete sketches examining the feasibility of an organ.
- D. Asked the staff and architects to study the financial implications of acquiring, refurbishing, installing and readying the Theatre for an organ.
- E. Invited a team of outside organ enthusiasts/experts to present.
- F. Listened to organ music within the Theatre.
- G. Discussed the likely acoustic properties of the Theatre given its focus on spoken word.

The Committee made their decision by considering four primary questions.

- 1) With the tight space constraints of the Theatre, was it possible to include an organ as well as other technical and mechanical elements required by the Theatre?

Finding: An organ could be included with additional financial impacts and mechanical system compromises.

- 2) What would the likely frequency of organ use given the Theatre's primary programmatic focus of civic engagement/spoken word?

Finding: AMS's programmatic study and recommendations did not find a strong demand within the Charlotte community for organ programming and did not include a recommendation for the

inclusion of silent movies or organ recitals as program options of the Theatre. If an organ were installed as part of the project the likely use would be infrequent because its use did not align with the Theatre's planned programmatic vision.

3) Would an organ add a strong and financially viable programmatic element to the Theatre?

Finding: Although the organ experts who met with the Committee presented uses for an organ, these uses were in most cases an added amenity and unlikely to generate additional audiences or funding.

4) Given the constraints of the budget and competing demands for these funds, could we afford to include an organ?

Finding: The total cost of funding the organ including, refurbishment, design and installation was projected at \$542,000. Although the fundraising for the Theatre has gone well, there are many competing financial demands within the budget and not a desire among the committee to cut other components of the project to include the organ.

I share these details with you, because the Advisory Committee vetted the inclusion of an organ thoroughly. They debated this issue long and hard, and although not a unanimous vote, they elected not to include an organ. Additionally, I would add since making this decision the project has moved forward with its architectural plans assuming there would be no organ. Reversing this assumption would require additional architectural time and dollars at this stage of the project.

One particularly important component of the decision relates to the placement of the mechanical system. With the inclusion of an organ, a portion of the mechanical system would be placed on the exterior of the building. Having this system outside the original exterior building shell is not desirable.

I hope this summary provides the City with the needed background and information regarding our review, analysis and related decision regarding the organ. If you find there are additional questions, I can be reached at 704-973-4562.