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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Sept 26)	Tues (Sept 27)	Wed (Sept 28)	Thurs (Sept 29)	Fri (Sept 30)
5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267		5:30 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267		
6:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber				

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, September 26

5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267

6:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber

Wednesday, September 28

5:30 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267

September and October calendars are attached.



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INFORMATION:

September 30-October 1 – No Barriers Project Holds Harvest Fest Weekend Events

Staff Resource: Sarah Hazel, City Manager's Office, 704-336-6496, shazel@charlottenc.gov

The [No Barriers Project](#) is a civic engagement project aimed at building unity, community, and infusing joy and creativity in a space that could easily be seen as a barrier between neighborhoods. The project is funded by a Knight Cities Challenge grant awarded in 2015.

With staff support from the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation, and other community partners, the project has provided an opportunity for three neighborhoods -Genesis Park, Park at Oaklawn, and Brightwalk- to reimagine an undercapitalized public space that rests at the seams of their neighborhoods. The goal has been to leverage that space and each other to build a stronger community by connecting with each other in an unexpected way, through light, sound, and play.

The space has been transformed with resident-created events, where music and exercise activate the area. And where colorful birdhouses, participatory murals, and seating, all add to the park. Some of these improvements are depicted in the attachment below. The Knight Foundation funding winds down this fall with "Harvest Fest" weekend, and the installation of colorful seating including a "smart" solar powered [Soofa](#) bench. This unique bench provides charging opportunities for phones and tablets, and adds to the park vibrancy and its potential for future community gatherings.

The project team will measure the results of the project and put together a framework for replication by other staff, organizations, and neighborhood leaders, that helps people come together to harness their collective talent, ideas, neighborhood knowledge and spirit to build even stronger communities.

Council is invited to celebrate the project at Harvest Fest with music, fun, games, and a long-table community dinner on a bridge connecting the two communities. The dinner will provide a forum for neighbors to meet each other and to further the relationships established over the past year and a half.

All events will be held at Anita Stroud Park, 2215 Double Oaks Road. Time and details are:

- Friday, Sept 30, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - World Music in the Park with [A Sign of the Times!](#) (Bring a chair or blanket)
- Saturday, October 1, 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Paint your Park, including mural painting with Artist Julio Gonzales, music, and games.
- Saturday, October 1, 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. – Community Long-Table Dinner

RSVP is only required for the community dinner. Council is asked to [sign up here](#) if they can attend.



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ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report:



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September

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4	5 Labor Day	6	7 12:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee Mtg., Room 280	8 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	9	10
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 7:00pm CM Eiselt Town Hall Mtg., Myers Park Presbyterian Church – 2501 Oxford Pl.	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
18	19 12:00pm Council Agenda Briefing (optional), Room 886 12:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280 3:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	20 8:00am – 5:00pm Special Session, TBD	21 8:00am – 5:00pm Special Session, TBD	22	23	24
25	26 5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Mtg., Room 267	27	28 5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267	29	30	
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October

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NCLM Annual Conference Raleigh, NC						
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September 23, 2016

September 12, 2016 – Council Business Meeting

Charlotte Convention Center Development Study

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During the September 12 Dinner Briefing on the Charlotte Convention Center Development Study, City Council requested examples of recent convention center investments made by other cities.

The Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority (CRVA) has provided the following excerpt from the Destination Charlotte 2.0 Study (Convention Facilities & Destination Planning), conducted by JLL Destination Services, which provides a description of the projects underway in destinations that compete with Charlotte for conventions and trade shows:

“Within Charlotte’s primary peer set of Tampa, Louisville, Baltimore, Nashville and Atlanta there are ongoing and planned developments with hotels and convention centers in Tampa, Louisville and Atlanta. Tampa is currently in the process of investing nearly \$15 million into the Convention Center to upgrade equipment and technology, fully modernizing the facility. Louisville is also currently undergoing a \$180 million expansion, adding 200,000 square feet of exhibit space and 40,000 square feet of ballroom space. Louisville is also adding a downtown hotel one block from the center. The hotel, a 600-room Omni, will be part of a \$289 million development project including two restaurants, a lobby lounge and 70,000 square-feet of meeting space. Also within the peer set, Atlanta is in the process of developing a hotel on the Georgia World Congress Center campus. The hotel would be 800-1,200 rooms and will be a public/private joint venture and development costs range from \$207 million to \$245 million.”