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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Dec. 2)	Tues (Dec. 3)	Wed (Dec. 4)	Thurs (Dec. 5)	Fri (Dec. 6)
5:30 PM Reception for family and friends, Room 267 7:00 PM Organizational Meeting (Swearing-in ceremony), Meeting Chamber				8:00 AM Elected Officials Breakfast, Charlotte Chamber

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, December 2

5:30 pm Reception for Family and Friends, Room 267

7:00 pm Organizational Meeting (Swearing-in ceremony), Meeting Chamber

Friday, December 6

8:00 am Elected Officials Breakfast, Charlotte Chamber

December and January calendars are attached.



Council Calendar
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INFORMATION:

December 19 – Airport Commission Second Meeting

Staff Resource: Ron Carlee, City Manager, 704-336-3429, rcarlee@charlottenc.gov

The Airport Commission has confirmed a second meeting for Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Government Center in Room 267. Commission Chair Robert Stolz will provide an agenda prior to the meeting.

December 4 – Grameen America Charlotte Borrowers' Market

Staff Resource: Brad Richardson, N&BS, 704-336-3857, brichardson@charlottenc.gov

Grameen America will celebrate the success of Charlotte's small businesses at their Borrowers' Market on Wednesday, December 4 from 5-8 p.m. at Packard Place, located at 222 South Church Street. Since their December 2012 opening in Charlotte, Grameen America has disbursed over \$1 million in microloans. All proceeds assist low-income women in building their small businesses in Charlotte. Mayor, Council and City staff are invited to attend. For ticket information, please visit their website at: <http://grameenamerica.org>

Report on New Development Services Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Resources: Laura Harmon, Planning, 704-336-4565, lharmon@charlottenc.gov

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Dave Weekly, E&PM, 704-336-4103, dweekly@charlottenc.gov

Development Services staff, comprised of staff members from several City departments, has been working to enhance and better align the City's land development services. One initiative

is reevaluating the format and structure of stakeholder committees to improve collaboration between staff, the development community, and community representatives.

Regarding collaboration between staff and the development community, City staff has:

1. Discussed and received input from the existing committees: Subdivision Steering Committee and CDOT Director’s Roundtable;
2. Drafted and finalized a charter for a new committee: the Development Services Technical Advisory Committee;
3. Disbanded Subdivision Steering Committee and CDOT’s Roundtable; and
4. Along with the development industry, selected members to serve on the new committee. The members are shown in the table below.

Development Services Technical Advisory Committee members

Name	Company	Appointed By:
Laura Harmon	City of Charlotte	City Department Directors
Mike Davis	City of Charlotte	City Department Directors
Carl Wilson	City of Charlotte	City Department Directors
Dave Weekly	City of Charlotte	City Department Directors
Gail Whitcomb	City of Charlotte	City Department Directors
Shannon Frye	City of Charlotte	City Department Directors
Brett Canipe	NCDOT	City Department Directors
Ben Collins	Crescent Resources	Greater Charlotte Apartment Association
Karla Knotts	Land Matters	The Real Estate and Building Industry Coalition
Nate Doolittle	Land Design	Urban Land Institute
Lee McLaren	DPR Associates	Home Builders Association of Charlotte
Jim Gamble	McAdams Company	National Assoc. for Industrial and Office Parks
Matt Lucarelli	Beacon Properties	City Department Directors
Darrel Williams	Neighboring Concepts	City Department Directors
Monte Ritchey	Conformity Corporation	City Department Directors

The Development Services Technical Advisory Committee will serve as one comprehensive committee whose purpose is to provide a forum of discussion and feedback of technical issues regarding land development services. The first meeting is scheduled for Dec. 2 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center, room 136. All meetings are open to the public.

Regarding collaboration between staff, the County and community representatives, staff is currently developing strategies to accomplish this goal and will provide a status-update at a later date.

Mayor Kinsey Signs Pledge to Join “Welcoming Cities & Counties”

Staff Resource: Tracy Montross, Mayor’s Office, 704-336-4332, tmontross@charlottenc.gov

On Monday, November 25 Council adopted the Immigration Integration Resolution creating an interagency task force to maximize immigrants’ economic and civic contributions to the City of Charlotte. To supplement the local resources available to the Task Force, Mayor Kinsey has signed a pledge for Charlotte to join Welcoming Cities & Counties, an organization that supports U.S. cities and counties in their efforts to create more welcoming, immigrant-friendly environments. Participating cities and counties will be connected to their peers through a community of practice that will share access to new tools and resources to help advance welcoming initiatives and strategies. Those cities and counties will receive support through a network of peers in other localities, and participate in learning exchanges which highlight promising practices from globally competitive cities.

The charges of the Immigration Integration Task Force, as adopted by the Council, meet the commitment requirements for joining the Welcoming Cities & Counties campaign. Both efforts will strive to find ways to institutionalize the integration and welcoming efforts through the recommendation and adoption of policies and practices that promote inclusion within local government and the broader community. In addition, at least one representative of the City’s Office of International Relations or the Immigration Integration Task Force will also be asked to participate in three conference calls each year and participate in an annual in-person meeting with other participants (dependent upon available travel resources).

More information about Welcoming Cities and Counties, as well as the list of other participating communities, can be found at <http://www.welcomingamerica.org/about-us/cities/>

November 20 Metropolitan Transit Commission Meeting Summary

Staff Resource: Carolyn Flowers, CATS, 704-336-3855, cflowers@charlottenc.gov

At its meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, the MTC had one action item and heard one information item:

2014 Federal Legislative Agenda

The MTC unanimously approved the 2014 Federal Legislative Agenda. The agenda’s emphasis for 2014 is to support continuation of federal resources for the build-out of the 2030 Transit System Plan and to support reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Bus Stops

CATS’ bus stops are required to comply with ADA Standards. Currently, CATS has close to 3,500 bus stops located throughout Mecklenburg County. Bus stop enhancements are provided through many different processes that can include partnering with other public or private entities when development is considered near an existing or potential bus stop. The ADA requires that accessibility to current ADA standards must be met when alterations are made to a public facility, including roads. The City of Charlotte has developed processes for including

CATS early in both public and private development projects so that accessibility is maintained or enhanced at bus stops located within the City. CATS would like to develop similar processes with neighboring towns so that bus stops located in those jurisdictions maintain ADA compliance. Staff reported that the next steps are to work with appropriate staff from the towns to begin developing processes to ensure ADA compliance for bus stops located in those towns.

CATS CEO Report

Under the CEO's report, Carolyn Flowers discussed:

a. Legislative Update:

Ms. Flowers reported that she, Mr. Fenton and Mr. Carlee met with the NC Congressional delegation that morning as well as FTA Administrator Rogoff. They discussed LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE) appropriation funds in the next federal budget. To keep the project on time and on budget, the continued federal commitment is necessary. Staff also shared that CATS intend to submit a letter next week to enter the Small Starts process for the CityLYNX Gold Line project, including community support letters. This will utilize the City's funding commitment as a local match for federal dollars. The federal government is now providing safety assessments for bus systems, and CATS notified FTA that it intends to request a safety assessment. Staff also discussed with Administrator Rogoff FTA's new grant program under MAP-21 on core capacity. An existing project must show that the grant will give a 10 percent increase in ridership capacity; that grant may be a possibility for Blue Line Capacity Expansion (BLCE) platform expansion funds. In response to questions on whether FTA could intervene with Norfolk Southern (NS) on behalf of the Red Line project, Administrator Rogoff said that FTA does not normally speak with the railroads until there is a funded project and recommended that CATS speak with the state first. They are supportive of the project but think that the state is the best place to start. Staff also asked about the status of a requested Buy America exemption on BLE utility cabinets. AT&T has indicated that they can comply with federal Buy America requirements for all but one utility cabinet. FTA said that they can grant that exemption. In the future, AT&T should have them manufactured in America.

Mr. Carlee added that he felt that while there is a lot of support in Washington for this region, the big concern was the federal budget and whether sequestration or continuing resolutions will take place in the future. He encouraged MTC members to reinforce in their discussions with Congressional delegates and staff the importance of passing appropriation bills for transit, so the BLE is not affected by future sequestrations and so there is money for future transit projects. Some Congressional delegates are skeptical of transit, so its importance must be emphasized.

Staff also discussed applying for a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan for permanent financing for the BLE. This would improve cash flow and defer payments further in the future, which would give more sales tax capacity. CATS staff will speak with staff in the TIFIA office in early December, which will be moving under the office of FTA's Secretary. North Carolina does not authorize entrance into a TIFIA contract, so staff

will send a letter of interest to gain a placeholder in the process as the ability to use TIFIA is developed in NC. Triangle Transit is also interested in the ability to use TIFIA.

b. Labor Negotiations:

The union contract is extended through December 9 as both sides work towards an agreement. The next negotiation meeting is scheduled for December 2. Both parties seem to have committed to work together on negotiations so the riding public is not affected.

c. Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) Update:

Last month, the Mayor of Pineville was named an alternate to the CRTPO but he was not re-elected. A new alternate will be named at a future meeting. Mayor Swain is the principal representative from MTC to the Board.

d. Next MTC Meeting:

As there was only one non-critical item on the December MTC meeting agenda, MTC members voted unanimously to cancel the MTC meeting for December. The next MTC meeting will be January 22, 2014.

e. MTC Membership:

Mayor Rinker and Mayor Kinsey will transition off MTC at the end of the year. CATS will recognize transitioning members at the January 22, 2014 meeting for their service.

f. Miscellaneous:

There will be two BLE public meetings in December, on December 5 and December 10. CATS is working closely with the businesses to mitigate impacts during the BLE's construction.

The next MTC meeting will be January 22, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 5:30p Reception for Friends & Family, Room 267 7:00p Organizational Meeting (Swearing-In Ceremony)	3	4	5	6 8:00a Elected Officials Breakfast @ Chamber of Commerce	7
8	9 11:00a Optional Agenda Briefing for New Council Members Large Conference Room – 15 th Fl. 12:00p Quarterly Briefing Luncheon by the City Manager, Room – CH-14 5:00p Council Business Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 5:00p Council Zoning Meeting	17	18 5:30p Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267	19	20	21
22	23	24 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	25 CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY	26	27	28
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January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY	2 12:00p Economic Development Committee, Room CH-14	3	4
5	6 3:00p Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting, Room 280 5:00p Council Workshop/ Citizens' Forum	7	8 12:00p Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280	9	10	11
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19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY	21 3:00p Environment Committee, Room 280 5:00p Council Zoning Meeting	22 12:00p Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280 5:30p Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267	23 12:00p Transportation & Planning Committee Meeting Room 280	24	25
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