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**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

Mon (Dec 9)	Tues (Dec 10)	Wed (Dec 11)	Thurs (Dec 12)	Fri (Dec 13)
11:00 AM Optional Agenda Briefing for new Council members, CMGC 15 <sup>th</sup> LCR  12:00 PM Quarterly Briefing Lunch with City Manager, Room CH-14  5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267				

## CALENDAR DETAILS:

### **Monday, December 9**

- 11:00 am Optional agenda briefing for new Council members, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conference Room
- 12:00 pm CANCELLED Quarterly Briefing Lunch with City Manager, Room CH-14
- 5:00 pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267

ATTACHED: [December calendar](#)

## INFORMATION:

### **Cancellation of City Manager's Quarterly Briefing**

*Staff Resource: Carol Jennings, City Manager's Office, 704-336-7285, [cjennings@charlottnc.gov](mailto:cjennings@charlottnc.gov)*

The City Manager's quarterly briefing schedule for noon on Monday has been cancelled due to interest in attending the Charlotte Chamber's Economic Development Outlook Conference at the Charlotte Convention Center at 12:30 p.m.

### **Charlotte Center City Partners and Foundation For The Carolinas to Launch North Tryon Master Planning Process**

*Staff Resource: Ron Kimble, City Manager's Office, 704-336-4169, [rkimble@charlottenc.gov](mailto:rkimble@charlottenc.gov)*

Charlotte Center City Partners and Foundation For The Carolinas will lead a group of local institutions joining forces to launch a master planning process for North Tryon. The project's objectives are:

1. To examine the repositioning of North Tryon's underutilized land and structures by addressing the area's urban design and infrastructure needs and formulating strategies to catalyze development
2. Create a cohesive concept for the development of a campus district around the Sixth and Seventh Street blocks of Tryon and Church Streets.

The area to be studied is shown on the map [attached](#) below.

ATTACHED: [North Tryon Master Plan Areas](#)

A steering committee made up of staff representatives from each of the participating institutions will select a consultant team to assist them in conducting the planning study. The selected firm will be announced in February 2014. The study itself is schedule to begin shortly thereafter in March, and conclude in October. A corresponding community engagement

process will also launch in March.

Participating institutions are: Arts & Science Council, Bank of America, City of Charlotte, Discovery Place, Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library, Mecklenburg County, and NC Blumenthal Performing Arts Center.

**December 12 – Prosperity Village Community Meeting**

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The Charlotte Department of Transportation has arranged for an informational meeting in the Prosperity Village area. The meeting will be held on December 12, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the Oehler BBQ Barn, 4503 Ridge Road, Charlotte, NC. Current initiatives in the area include: I-485 construction, City road projects associated with the I-485 construction, and the Prosperity / Hucks Area Plan. These initiatives have prompted a desire for more information by area residents. Topics to be covered at the meeting are:

- Rezoning Information (Planning Department)
- Crime Analysis (Planning Department)
- Frontage Road Street Names (CDOT)
- Future City Road Projects (CDOT)
- I-485 Project Update (North Carolina Department of Transportation)

CDOT advertised the meeting by send postcards to 2500 property owners in the area. Mayor and City Council are invited to attend.

**December 12 – Public Hearing for Proposed Locomotive and Railcar Maintenance Facility**

*Staff Resource: Tim Gibbs, CDOT, 704-336-3917, [tgibbs@charlottenc.gov](mailto:tgibbs@charlottenc.gov)*

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Rail Division will convene an informal meeting to discuss NCDOT's plans to construct a locomotive and railcar maintenance facility adjacent to the Wilmore neighborhood. The project area is generally bounded by the Norfolk Southern Railroad, Carson Blvd., S. Mint St. and Summit Ave. west of Center City. The proposed facility will serve the increasing number of passenger trains traveling to or from Charlotte and will also support the future Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor between Washington, DC and Atlanta, GA.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church - Social Hall, located at 512 West Blvd.

During this meeting, NCDOT staff will provide citizens with an opportunity to view project plans.

NCDOT has advertised the meeting by sending notices to persons and organizations on their project mailing list.

The public can view maps displaying the location and design of the project online at the following link: <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/>

### **CATS Receives Grant From Foundation For The Carolinas for East Coast Forum on Public-Private Partnerships**

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In March of 2013, former Mayor Anthony Foxx and CATS Director Carolyn Flowers attended a joint forum on infrastructure hosted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Clinton Global Initiative. At the conference, the work of the Metropolitan Transit Commission Transit Funding Working Group was highlighted for its vision to seek new and innovative funding and financing mechanisms like public-private partnerships to advance the 2030 Transit Plan.

In June 2013, Council member David Howard and Mayor Jill Swain of Huntersville, co-chairs of the Transit Funding Working Group, were invited to the annual meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative to advance their effort. As a result of this meeting, the Transit Funding Working Group agreed to host an east coast forum in Charlotte on public-private partnerships and their use to advance city and state infrastructure projects. The conference would:

- Engage local, state and regional municipalities, elected officials, business leaders and authorities in a discussion on alternative infrastructure financing and funding for the 21st Century.
- Engage in discussions on project delivery methods like: Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain, the use of Social Impact Funding, etc.
- Identify the tools and steps necessary for entities to advance the use of private funding while leveraging public funds to advance infrastructure projects.

The Charlotte Chamber and the Foundations For The Carolinas, Inc. have partnered with CATS to host the forum. The Foundations For The Carolinas, Inc. has offered a \$20,000 grant to assist in advancing the forum with the remaining costs being covered by the Charlotte Chamber through sponsorships and an attendee registration fee.

### **Sidewalk Safety Campaign Update**

*Staff Resource: Victoria O. Johnson, Solid Waste Services, 704-336-3410, [vojohanson@charlottenc.gov](mailto:vojohanson@charlottenc.gov)*

In response to concerns for sidewalk safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, on April 22, 2013, the City Council reviewed and approved revisions to the Rollout Container Collection Service ordinance. The revisions included a requirement that containers must be placed at least six feet from the curb and that residents should avoid interfering with or denying the access to the use of sidewalks by others.

In addition to the ordinance changes, in January 2013, the City implemented a public education campaign to increase community awareness of the need to keep sidewalks clear of obstructions. Last year, a total of eight obstructions were reported. During the campaign

(January-June), ten cart obstructions were reported. Since the conclusion of the campaign, only three obstructions have been reported. Also, there have not been any accidents resulting from sidewalk obstructions within the past year.

Throughout the campaign, messages aimed at increasing public awareness of the proper placement of collection items were dispersed through radio ads, Yahoo online ads, Solid Waste Service truck decals, a utility bill insert, social media, Gov Channel billboards, a video, community meetings, door hangers and community newsletters. The dedicated website, [sidewalksafety.charlottenc.gov](http://sidewalksafety.charlottenc.gov), had 1,339 page views, Yahoo ads generated 1,624 ad clicks, the sidewalk safety video had 640 views and a total of 904 radio ads ran on local stations.

The sidewalk safety messages continue to circulate throughout the community via the truck decals, social media posts, videos, community meetings, community newsletter articles and information on the City's websites. Staff will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the ordinance modifications and the public awareness campaign to minimize obstructions.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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