



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Park and Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Solomon Fortune, Associate Planner
Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission

FROM: Gwen Cook, Greenway Planner
Greenway Planning & Development Division

DATE: February 20, 2008

RE: Rezoning Petition # 2008-051 Bank of America- Steele Creek Store (overland connector)

This is the first correspondence from Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department (MCPR) regarding rezoning petition #2008-051. We suggest that these comments be incorporated into the Planning Commission staff review notes and written into the Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis to the fullest extent possible. These steps should ensure MCPR's notes are conveyed to and incorporated by the petitioner during plan revision.

The petitioner's properties are located in the Southwest Park District on South Tryon Street at Steele Creek Road. The 1999 Mecklenburg County Greenway Master Plan identifies Walker Branch Greenway as a future greenway corridor and a .7 miles of this greenway has been built at South Tryon Street. A future greenway is envisioned along Hoover Creek, south of RiverGate, as well. A significant and lengthy overland connector to the entrance of McDowell Nature preserve is also envisioned for the north side of South Tryon Street.

General comments

- MCPR requests that the petitioner provide a minimum 8' wide planting strip and 8' wide

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sidewalk along South Tryon Street.

- MCPR will continue to work with CDOT to refine this request and make sure it reflects their vision for South Tryon Street as well.

Feel free to contact me at (704) 432-1570 if you should have any further questions.

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