



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
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David Nelson, Park Planner
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DATE: September 8, 2008

RE: Rezoning Petition # 2008-082 (PID #s 083-021-01 and 083-031-15)

This is the first correspondence from Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department (MCPR) regarding rezoning petition #2008-145. 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 at the intersection of South Tryon Street and West Tyvola Road, within walking and biking distance to proposed Sugar Creek Greenway, a greenway corridor identified in the 2008 Mecklenburg County Greenway Master Plan and in the 5-yr Greenway Development Plan. In addition, Renaissance Park is directly west and southwest of this property.

MCPR has the following comments:

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The petitioner needs to provide excellent pedestrian connections internal to the development to their public sidewalks as well as along South Tryon Street and West Tyvola Road to insure pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to the intersection of South Tryon Street and Tyvola Road, providing access to the park and toward the greenway. MCPR supports the request of CDOT for 8' planting strips and 6' wide sidewalks on both South Tryon Street and Tyvola Road West. This is not an overland connector for the greenway system, but appropriate pedestrian facilities for accessing Renaissance Park and future Sugar Creek Greenway are important.

Feel free to contact us if you should have any further questions.

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