



Charlotte City Council
Transportation & Planning Committee
Summary Minutes
September 23, 2019

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

Streets Map – (Recommendation to Full Council)
Center City 2040 Vision Plan Overview – (Information)
Comprehensive Plan Update – (Information)
Tree and Sign Ordinance Update – (information)

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Members Present: Julie Eiselt (Chair), Greg Phipps, Braxton Winston, Dimple Ajmera

Committee Members Absent: LaWana Mayfield (Vice Chair)

Staff Resources: Taiwo Jaiyeoba, City Manager’s Office

Meeting Duration: 10:34 am – 12:06 pm

ATTACHMENTS

1. Streets Map Presentation: Presenter – Tracy Newsome
2. Center City 2040 Vision Plan Overview: Presenter – Michael Smith, *Charlotte Center City Partners*
3. Comprehensive Plan Update: Presenter – Garet Johnson
4. Tree and Sign Ordinance Update – Taiwo Jaiyeoba

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Streets Map

Tracy Newsome updated the committee on progress of the Streets Map purpose, content, public engagement, schedule and next steps. The purpose of the Streets Map is to describe expected complete street cross-sections for streets around the Blue Line. The Streets Map is used to apply the TOD Ordinance through development by providing consistency and predictability for development. It defines future curb line and will help determine other design elements in TOD zoning districts related to frontages.

Things regulated by the Streets Map are; center space, travel lanes, bicycle facilities, curb and gutter. Regulated by TOD standards are amenity zone, the planting strip, pedestrian facilities and the semi-public realm.

The Streets Map interactive version is on line and can be accessed at Bit.ly/CLTStreetsMap. The map will remain interactive on line through the end of September collecting comments.

The street maps schedule

9/23/19 – TAP Committee	10/21/19 – City Council Public Hearing
9/30/19 – On-line Comments close	10/28/19 – Council Vote
10/7/19 - Strategy Session	11/5/19 – Zoning Committee Recommendation
10/14/19 – Open Public Comments	11/18/19 – Council Vote

Next steps include; multiple stage adoption; TOD Blue Line (Oct 28); TOD Gold and Silver Lines and City Wide (Charlotte future/UDO). To learn more about the Streets Map go to: Bit.ly/CLTStreetsMap Recommendation was made to take the Streets Map to full Council for public hearing.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by the Committee member Winston and seconded by Committee member Ajmera to recommend the Streets Map to full Council. (Motion was approved unanimously.)

Center City 2040 Vision Plan Overview

Michael Smith presented to the committee the Center City 2040 Vision Plan. The plan is Charlotte Center City Partners Vision Plan for the development of center city, an area they define as uptown and the neighborhoods within approximately a three-mile radius.

The theme for the plan is ALL IN. The plan looks to capture the guiding vision of, accessibility, livability, lively, intentional and Non-Stop. Making sure everyone who lives here now, and generations to come, can thrive and have access to all Center City has to offer.

The 2020 Vision Plan adopted by City Council in 2011 established a blueprint for growth and development, capitalizing on existing and planned investments, inspiring public and private partnerships. Products of the 2020 plan are; Ballpark neighborhoods, Charlotte Gateway District, the Rail Trail Pedestrian Bridge, North Tryon Vision Plan, South End Vision Plan and a call for becoming a City of Bikes.

The 2040 plan process will take 18 months; starting Spring/Summer 2019 through late Summer 2020. The 2040 Vision Plan has a larger outreach, the city has changed to include many residents. The plan will look at the uptown area as well as adjacent neighborhoods. The steering committee’s initial ideas for the 2040 plan are; Center City is for everyone, it needs to be a fully connected mobility network that allows people to easily and seamlessly use multiple modes of travel and to seek ways to overinvest in underinvested communities, addressing historic inequities and ensure inclusive growth and shared prosperity.

Next steps include an Innovators Action Forum to be held Wednesday October 2nd. Continued community engagement, focus groups, concentrating on capturing voices that are hard to identify and hard to get to come to events. Creating vision and plan recommendations.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Garet Johnson updated the committee on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan’s recent engagement focused on the Growing Better Places board game and talk about next steps, including public workshops scheduled for October 8 & 9.

The Comprehensive plan is currently in phase 2, focusing on preferred growth alternatives. A computer model is being built to look to how we grow in the future, looking at tradeoffs of different ways to grow. The growth game has been played by over 1,800 people who have given input that influenced the computer model. Input from the game is tracked to be certain all parts of the community have been contacted.

The preliminary game results for growth strategies, played both online and in person favor investment in high capacity transit, adding goods and services in more neighborhoods, concentrating more on higher intensity development in activity centers and investing more in transit and pedestrian facilities.

In-person players favored multiple strong activity centers outside Uptown; adding duplexes and triplexes in existing neighborhoods as well as accessory dwelling units (ADU) in single-family neighborhoods.

Game results for the mapping agreement showed consistency around the existing pattern of development. Continued development along the transit station areas, and agreement that the west side needs more development and the south has had enough development. Results showed a push to distribute goods and services throughout the neighborhoods, wanting neighborhood nodes, smaller walkable communities.

Three alternative growth scenarios will be developed; strong centers; connected corridors and neighborhood nodes. With the strong centers scenario, we are seeing we need fewer regional activity centers, and only those that accommodate most of the growth in the future. There is less emphasis on the transit stations and more emphasis on connecting the centers in this growth scenario.

Connected corridors have a lot of strong emphasis on development and the transit station areas. Also needing the smaller community activity centers providing jobs and services closer to people.

Neighborhood nodes; smaller walkable neighborhoods bringing more goods and services throughout the community, spread out evenly through the community.

Next steps; game results and growth scenarios will be shared at City Council Strategy Session on October 7th, a workshop will be done with the Planning Commission on Oct 7, as well as community workshops at the Government Center and night meetings at the Camino Center and Kennedy Middle School. Partner events will also be held on September 26 and October 2.

Tree and Sign Ordinance Update

Due to time Assistant City Manager Taiwo Jaiyeoba gave a brief update on the Tree and Sign Ordinance. At the last public meeting there were several comments and concerns about the tree ordinance. There will be an Open House on October 10th, the City's Tree Arborist and staff will be in attendance where the public will have an opportunity to engage with arborist and have their questions and concerns answered. Council members will receive an invitation to the Open House.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.