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INFORMATION:

City Council Zoning Notebook
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The impacts of the inclement weather delayed preparation of the notebook for the City Council Zoning meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday January 18, 2011. The notebook will be sent out on Friday January 14, 2011 with the Council Manager Memo. Staff apologizes for this delay.

Charlotte MLK Jr. Holiday Celebration Activities
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The City of Charlotte Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Planning Committee has announced the 2011 City of Charlotte MLK Holiday weekend activities, sponsored by Food Lion, CharlotteVibe.com, V101.9, Power 98 FM,WJZY The CW-46, Praise 100.9 and My92.7.

On Dr. King's actual birthday, January 15, a brief but symbolic wreath-laying ceremony will take place at the MLK statue in Marshall Park at 10 a.m., kicking off the annual celebration. On the same day, the City of Charlotte will host the MLK Holiday Parade which starts at 9th and North Tryon streets and ends at Martin Luther King Boulevard and North Tryon Street. Crowds of 3,000 or more are expected to come out and enjoy the floats, performers and VIP guests.

The McCrorey Family YMCA will host the annual MLK Prayer Breakfast at The Westin on January 17 at 7 a.m. This will be followed by the MLK National Day of Celebration at 11:00 a.m. at the Halton Theater on the uptown campus of Central Piedmont Community College. This event will feature scholarship presentations to the winners of the CMS MLK Art and Writing contest and the presentation of the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Medallion Award. Susan Burgess has been posthumously named the recipient of the 2011 MLK Medallion Award. This year's MLK National Holiday Celebration keynote speaker will be former astronaut Joan Higginbotham, the third African-American female to fly in space to the International Space Station.

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January 20 – Tree Canopy Goal and Investment Strategy Citizen Sounding Board
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At a Council workshop on December 6, 2010 City staff presented the concept of setting a tree canopy goal and investment strategy for the City of Charlotte. This topic was referred to the Environment Committee. In order for staff to receive feedback and advice from members of the

community, two sounding board meetings will be held to discuss:

- Setting a tree canopy goal expressed as a percentage of total geographical area covered by tree canopy. This goal may also encompass sub-goals for certain areas.
- Developing a Tree Canopy Investment Strategy to guide public investment in trees and to serve as an informative tool for potential partners interested in maintaining and expanding a healthy tree canopy.

The first of the two meetings will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. January 20, 2011 at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center in Room 267. The second meeting will be held at a later date.

Johnston and Mecklenburg Mills – Additional Pre-bid Meeting
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The pre-bid meeting and walkthrough of the Johnston and Mecklenburg mills was held on the morning of January 12 as scheduled. However, numerous firms that expressed interest were unable to travel to Charlotte due to inclement weather. A second pre-bid and walkthrough meeting is scheduled for January 19 to accommodate those who could not make it due to the weather conditions. The bid due date has also been adjusted by one week with bids now due February 4, 2011 instead of January 28.

Davis General Store (8940 Bob Beatty Road)
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Code Enforcement inspected the properties at 8940 Bob Beatty Road on October 29, 2010. There are three separate buildings on the parcel. The Davis General Store, which is open to the public, and two other accessory buildings used for storage. The Davis General Store is registered with the Historic Landmarks Commission, the two other accessory buildings are not.

The two primary enforcement issues identified at the Davis General Store are related to electrical issues and a set of stairs which had been added to the building without proper permits. Both violations represent safety issues for building occupants, but the building has not been ordered demolished. Code Enforcement notified the building owner, Silas Davis, to make appropriate repairs.

The two storage buildings adjacent to the Davis General Store are in considerably worse condition, both having significant structural issues and one in violation of the Non-Residential Building Code. Both buildings are used for storage and are accessible to employees. The two accessory structures are not structurally sound. Attached are photos of issues in the accessory buildings.

A hearing was held with Code Enforcement, Mr. Davis, and a representative from the Historic Landmarks Commission on January 4, 2011. Given the condition of the two accessory structures, they were both ordered demolished. At the hearing, Mr. Davis expressed a desire to

repair the Davis General Store and the accessory structures to bring them into compliance. Based on this communication, Code Enforcement agreed to issue Mr. Davis a Supplemental Order to Repair the structures. At the hearing, Mr. Davis indicated he had requested an Engineer's report to help identify how to make repairs to the two accessory buildings.

Code Enforcement is working closely with the Historic Landmarks Commission to ensure the repair process for the three structures works effectively. It is Code Enforcement's position that the buildings must be safe and comply with Non-Residential Building Code standards. Code Enforcement is confident that with Mr. Davis's cooperation and the help of the Historic Landmarks Commission, all of the buildings can be brought into full compliance. ***(see attachment, left side table of contents)***