



NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD RETREAT



March 2, 2021

Chantilly Neighborhood Association

Hosted online by City of Charlotte Housing & Neighborhood Services

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2021 Board Retreat

Background

On Tuesday, March 2, 2021, members of the Chantilly Neighborhood Association participated in the virtual Neighborhood Board Retreat facilitated by the City of Charlotte online. The following board members and/or community members participated in the retreat:

- Lauren Layne
- Rick Winiker
- Tyler Zoda
- Jonathan Story
- Eric Layne

The City of Charlotte values citizen leadership and its ability to make an impact in the communities, in which we all live, work, play and shop. With this in mind, the board retreat process was initiated to help neighborhood-based organizations develop strategic plans to improve quality of life in their communities.

Purpose

The purpose of the board retreat was to

- Generate meaningful conversations around improving quality of life in our community
- Set clear goals and priorities for the upcoming year(s)
- Develop a vision and strategic priorities for our community

Process

Our board retreat was conducted by trained facilitators tasked to keep our conversations on-task, productive, and focused on achievable objectives. The process was designed to help capture the best of the past, the best of the present, and how we can add to our strengths to build a better future. The focus was:

- Developing a vision to guide our decision making and activities
- Developing strategic priorities that aligned with our vision
- Developing project ideas

The agenda for the day was as follows:

Introductions

- Where Have We Been? Where Are We Going? Arrow Activity
- Seeing the Forest through the Trees: Developing Strategic Priorities
- Idea Development – Time for participants for develop an action plan for goal achievement

Where Are We Going, Where Have We Been?

We began our day with group discussion using the “Where Are We Going, Where Have We Been?” activity. The activity was intended to help us reflect on:

- What we value
- What are the best things about our community and the people who live here
- What are our past successes
- Where are the potentials and possibilities

Our discussion helped us to find commonalities in our conversations.

Where We Were: Reflecting on our past, what were some of the best/worst moments?	Where We Are: Why would or wouldn't a person/business want to move into our community?	Where We Want to Be: If you could make 3 wishes to make our community flourish, what would they be?
<p>Best</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Association is a vehicle for engagement <p>Worst</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School got redistricted • Next Door Oriented • Neighborhood use to have a cut through for Independence • Only about 5% of community is engaged 	<p>Would</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Canopy • Proximity to restaurants and shopping • Ability to walk places • Not a lot of through traffic • Isolated from busy city • Close to park <p>Would not</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home values have skyrocketed • Not a desirable school zone 	<p>Wishes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit with the Silver Line • Greenway access • More walkability • Redevelopment of Plaza Square • An entrance signs • Would like to dress up the corner of Shenandoah and Pecan (state owned area) • Creating a gateway on Pecan • Murals on underpass on Pecan St

Strategic Priorities

After committing to a shared vision, the board began to brainstorm on strategic priorities. This is where we began to define what is most important to us in order to achieve our vision. Strategic priorities are initiatives that will help us move closer to our vision of our community. The idea is to focus on a few things and do them very well as opposed to many things and missing the mark.

We started out thinking big and then narrowed down our focus. This activity led us to the following priorities/action items being identified as important within our community:

- More engagement from residences
- Beautification of entrance
- Entrance signage
- More walkability in areas with no sidewalk

The three priorities receiving the most votes are the strategic priorities that are most important for us to begin working on to achieve our vision. Within these three categories, there were three activities selected as most impactful toward achieving our strategic priorities.

The strategic priorities and activities are summarized on the following page.

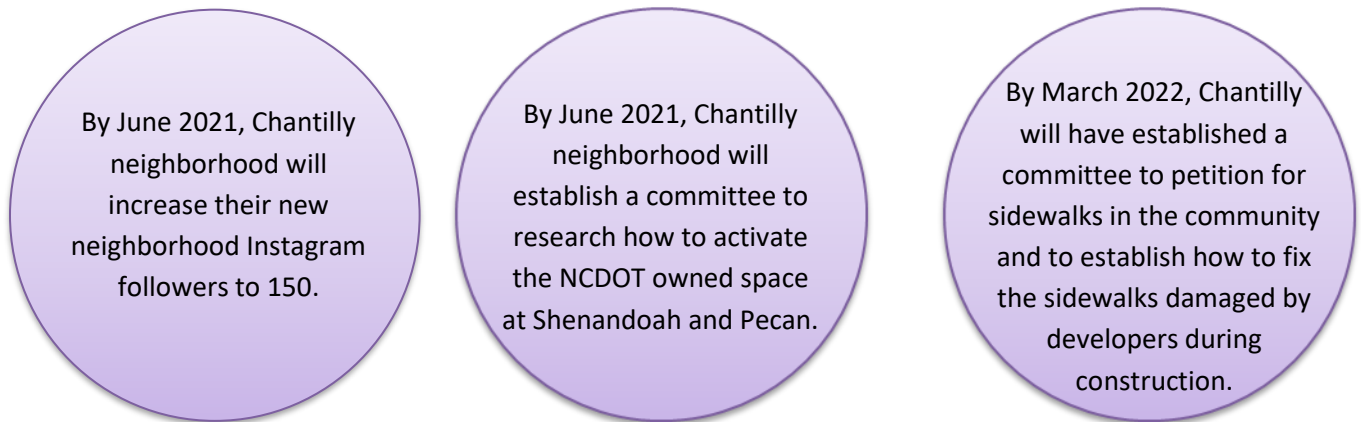
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TO HELP US REACH OUR VISION; WE WILL FOCUS ON THREE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:



IN 2021-2022, WE WILL WORK ON THESE ACTIVITIES GUIDED BY OUR PRIORITIES:



Resources to Get Started- You've rolled up your sleeves and established your vision. We have compiled resources that may assist your organization in achieving your goals on our Neighborhood Training Programs and Resources [website](#). We have identified resource categories that may be applicable to your projects below; please do not hesitate to explore more categories as you undertake your work! Links and contact information are provided for information only and are subject to change.

Project	Potential Resource Categories of Interest
By June 2021, Chantilly neighborhood will increase their new neighborhood Instagram followers to 150.	Community Engagement
By June 2021, Chantilly neighborhood will establish a committee to research how to activate the NCDOT owned space at Shenandoah and Pecan.	Beautification
By March 2022, Chantilly will have established a committee to petition for sidewalks in the community and to establish how to fix the sidewalks damaged by developers during construction.	Safety

Your community is located within Charlotte's Southeast Service Area. Your staff contact for following up and community assistance is:

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