

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission**  
**Special Planning Committee Meeting – Virtual Zoo**  
**Minutes**  
September 21, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.

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**Attendance**

**Planning Committee Members Present:** Chairperson Phillip Gussman, Vice Chairperson Erin Barbee; and Commissioners Melissa Gaston, Ronnie Harvey, Peter Kelly, Elizabeth McMillan, and Wil Russell

**Planning Staff Present:** Lorna Allen, Kathy Cornett, Zenia Duhaney, Alberto Gonzalez, Gretchen Flores, Grant Meacci, Catherine Mahoney, Alysia Osborne, and Candice Rorie

**Other Staff Present:** Caroline Sawyer, Asset and Facility Management

**Charlotte Center City Partners Staff:** Klint Mullis, CCCP, Michael Smith, CCCP, and Cheryl Meyers, CCCP

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chairperson Gussman called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., welcomed everyone, and introduced each commissioner and staff member.

**Virtual Meeting Rules and Guidelines**

Chairperson Gussman explained the virtual meeting rules and guidelines. The meeting was livestreamed on Facebook Live. A link for the public to view the meeting's livestream is posted on the Planning, Design & Development Department's webpage.

**Approval of Minutes**

*A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Barbee and seconded by Commissioner McMillan to approve the July 20, 2021 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved. 7-0*

**Mandatory Referrals**

Chairperson Gussman asked if there was anyone on the Planning Committee who would be interested in discussing the mandatory referrals. Hearing no response, the Chairperson entertained a motion.

**M.R. #21-23|** Mecklenburg County Stormwater Services proposes to acquire the flood prone properties 4743 Emory Lane (Tax Parcel #16308309) and 5129 Lincrest Place (Tax Parcel #18510302).

**M.R. #21-24|** Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation would like to acquire Tax Parcel # 051-061-97, located on Kempsford Drive, for future park land.

**M.R. #21-25|** Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services proposes to acquire the flood prone properties 3144 and 3162 Cullman Avenue (Tax Parcels 08303110 and 08303108).

*A motion was made by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner McMillan stating that the Planning Committee reviewed M.R. #21-23, M.R. #21-24, and M.R. #21-25 on September 21, 2021 and has no additional comments for the submitting agencies. The motion was unanimously approved. 7-0*

### **Charlotte Future Implementation Update: 2040 Policy Map**

Catherine Mahoney, Senior Project Manager provided an update on engagement efforts relating to the 2040 Policy Map, the upcoming Phase 2 efforts beginning in October, and reviewed the small group conversations that took place in August. Commissioners asked several questions during the presentation.

Action items include:

- Ensuring residents who are not technological savvy have access to survey maps through their neighborhood associations.
- Providing a slide that focuses on the population which has been difficult to reach, i.e., the Latino community. Members of the commission could then help to reach those constituents.
- Additional discussion on the metrics included in the equitable growth framework is needed.

### **Charlotte Center City 2040 Vision Plan - Discuss and Consider Making a Recommendation on the Recommended Draft Center City Vision Plan**

Grant Meacci, PD&D Division Manager of Design & Preservation and Michael Smith, Charlotte Center City Partners, and Cheryl Meyers, Charlotte Center City Partners provided an overview on the draft Charlotte Center City 2040 Vision Plan released on July 23, 2021. Mr. Meacci explained that the Vision Plan is a community driven plan that is jointly funded between the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and Center City Partners.

After the Center City 2040 Vision Plan presentation, Chairperson Gussman asked if anyone needed to request a recusal. Vice Chairperson Barbee explained that she serves on the Center City Steering Committee therefore recused herself from the conversation.

*The Planning Committee took a vote on the recusal of Vice Chairperson Barbee from the Charlotte Center City 2040 Vision Plan discussion. The vote was unanimously approved. 6-0*

After the presentation, commission members expressed their approval of the presented information. Chairperson Gussman suggested a discussion prior to the committee voting on a recommendation. Commissioners Kelly asked what the committee is voting on. Chairperson Gussman explained that the issue is whether the Planning Committee will recommend or support the Charlotte Center City 2040 Vision Plan going before the City Council. The Chairperson suggested withholding a vote until an updated Center City Plan is shared with the committee. Commissioner Russell asked for information on how the plan ties to the City's Strategic Mobility Plan. The Chairperson asked if a revised document highlighting changes to the document could be presented to the Planning Committee. Mr. Meacci agreed to return to the committee to discuss any additional changes to the Center City Plan. Chairperson Gussman explained that the Vision Plan discussion would be added to the Planning Committee's October agenda.

Vice Chairperson Barbee was brought back into the meeting and the Chairperson asked if there were any additional items or new business that needed to be addressed by the committee. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm