Office of the City Manager
City of Greensboro

August 30, 2013

UPCOMING MEETINGS	
• September 3 at 4:00	City Council Meeting
• September 10 at 9:30	Economic Development Committee Meeting
• September 12 at noon	Council Work Session

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM Denise Turner Roth, City Manager FOR

SUBJECT: Items for Your Information

College Hill Neighborhood Plan
Attached is a memorandum from Planning Director Sue Schwartz, dated August 30, 2013, regarding the College Hill neighborhood plan.

Lawndale Drive Corridor Study
Attached is a memorandum from Planning Director Sue Schwartz, dated August 30, 2013, providing an update the Lawndale Drive Corridor Study and development standards for residential lot widths and setbacks.

Public Information Request Report
Attached is the weekly Public Information Request Report for the week of August 30, 2013.

Contact Center Feedback
Attached is the weekly report generated by our Contact Center for the week of August 19, 2013 through August 25, 2013.

Small Group Meetings
For the week of August 26, 2013 through August 30, 2013, there were no small group meetings between City Staff and [more than two but less than five] Councilmembers.

Grant Report
Attached is an updated list of grants for which the City intends to apply that do not require a match. Under the policy adopted by City Council, grants that do not require a match are not required to receive formal Council action.

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Attachments

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August 30, 2013

TO: David Parrish, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Sue Schwartz, FAICP Director

SUBJECT: College Hill Neighborhood Plan

Background
During 2008 and 2009, Planning Staff worked with the College Hill Neighborhood Association (CHNA) to develop a neighborhood plan. At the neighborhood association's request the planning process was suspended prior to completion, in order to allow the CHNA Board to focus on issues related to the rezoning and redevelopment of the Newman Machine Company property. Redevelopment of that site is now complete, and the CHNA has expressed interest completing the neighborhood plan and beginning implementation.

Public Meetings
In coordination with the College Hill Neighborhood Association, Staff will conduct two meetings to re-launch the College Hill Neighborhood Plan. These meetings will be held at the Church of the Covenant Fellowship Hall, located at 501 South Mendenhall Street on Saturday, September 14 from 11am to 1pm, and Monday, September 16 from 6pm to 8pm.

The purpose of these meetings is to re-introduce the neighborhood planning process and provide participants an opportunity to review and comment on the draft plan. Following the meeting, the plan will be updated with current demographic and land use data and revised to address feedback on the draft.

The Plan
Completion of the plan is anticipated by Spring 2014. Adoption of the plan will include review and recommendations by the College Hill Neighborhood Association and Planning Board before the plan is presented for adoption by the Greensboro City Council. Staff from the Planning Department and other City departments will then work with the neighborhood association to implement the goals, policies, and action steps recommending in the plan.

For more information, contact Jeff Sovich, jeffrey.sovich@greensboro-nc.gov or 336-574-3576. Visit the project website at: http://collegehillgreensboro.net/neighborhood-info/plan.

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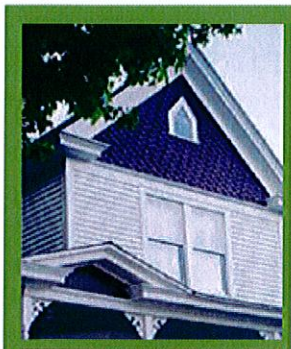
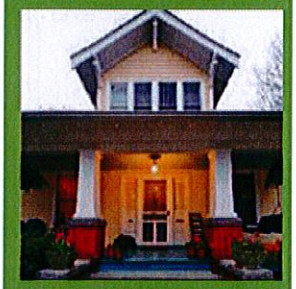
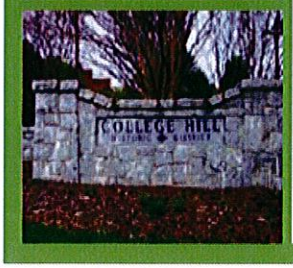
Attachment A: Meeting Announcement

cc: Hanna Cockburn

Attachment A
Meeting Announcment







Historic College Hill

3rd Neighborhood Summit

Join the conversation as College Hill re-launches development of its neighborhood plan!

Two Meeting Dates, Same Presentation:

Saturday, Sept. 14
11 am to 1 pm

Monday, Sept. 16
6 pm to 8 pm

Church of the Covenant
501 S. Mendenhall Street

Can't Be There? More information:

http://collegehillgreensboro.net/neighborhood-info/plan

Questions?

Contact Jeff Sovich: 433-7264 or jeffrey.sovich@greensboro-nc.gov

Hosted by: the City of Greensboro & the College Hill Neighborhood Association

It's your neighborhood . . . Help plan it!

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August 30, 2013

TO: David Parrish, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Sue Schwartz, FAICP Director

SUBJECT: Update on Lawndale Drive Corridor Study / Development Standards for Residential Lot Widths and Setbacks

This memo is an update to the July 19, 2013 IFYI regarding the status of the Lawndale Drive Corridor Study and study of residential lot width and set-backs.

Lawndale Drive Corridor Study
The corridor study is progressing according to schedule. The existing conditions report is complete, and stakeholder engagement activities are being scheduled and will continue throughout the planning process. The study has been broken into three phases, and outreach to neighborhood associations, merchants and churches in the Kirkwood study area will begin in September. A schedule of meetings will be provided when complete. A summary of existing conditions are attached.

The study is expected to be completed by the fall of 2014. Staff will incorporate the recommendations of the lot width and setback analysis when complete.

Development Standards for Residential Lot Widths and Setbacks
Staff has been diligently working with a focus group consisting of members of the Neighborhood Congress, TREBIC, and developers to create a flexible device to ensure that when a property is redeveloped (infill development) the finished product is of a nature that fits into the fabric of the existing neighborhood.

To date, two meetings have been held (Tuesday, June 26th and Wednesday, August 14th) with the focus group and three versions of language have been drafted. A recommended version is yet to be determined. Staff is currently working with the focus group to examine how existing vacant parcels could potentially be redeveloped according to the three scenarios in order to clearly identify which regulations work well and where edits may be necessary.

A recommendation is expected to be obtained by Planning Board in October and presented to City Council for adoption in November.

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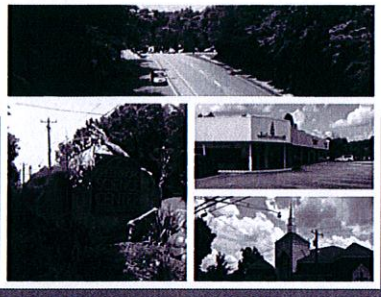
Attachments

Attachment A.
Lawndale Drive Corridor Study Existing Conditions Summary



LAWNDALE DRIVE CORRIOR STUDY

Existing Conditions – Key Findings

August, 2013

Redevelopment interest in the corridor will grow, due to the limited supply of undeveloped land

Lawndale Drive continues to serve as a community destination, providing unique shopping and leisure activities that continue to draw visitors to the corridor

Vehicle trips are expected to increase along the corridor as the Urban Loop interchange is completed

Improvements are needed to support the growing **demand for pedestrian, bicycle and transit** accommodations

Population in the corridor is stable, and expected to grow modestly over the next five years, which may increase pressure on housing prices and demand for multi-family units

The extensive existing **tree canopy** is an important aesthetic component of the corridor that should be actively managed and maintained

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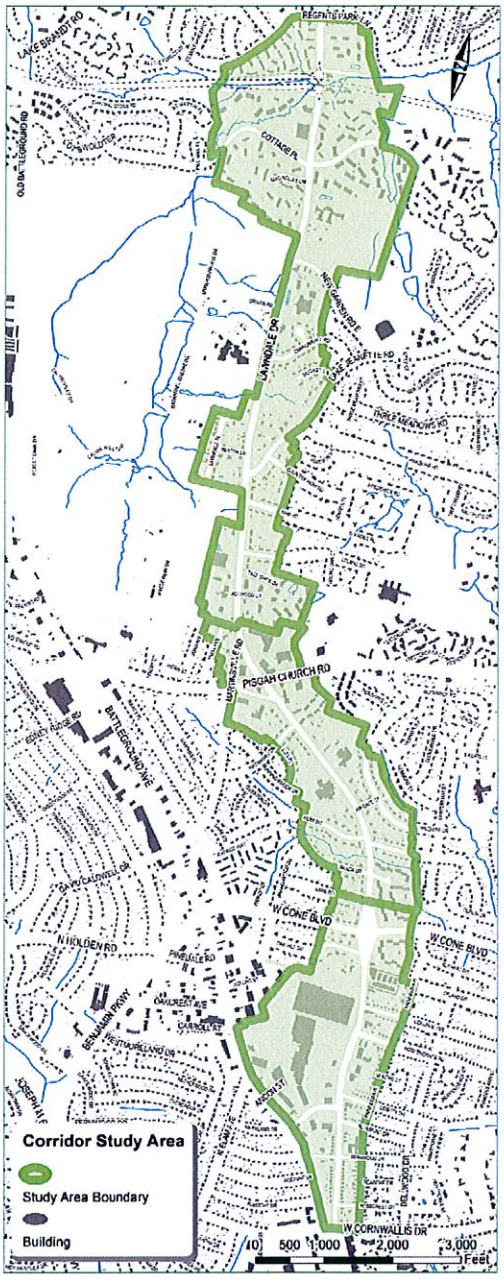
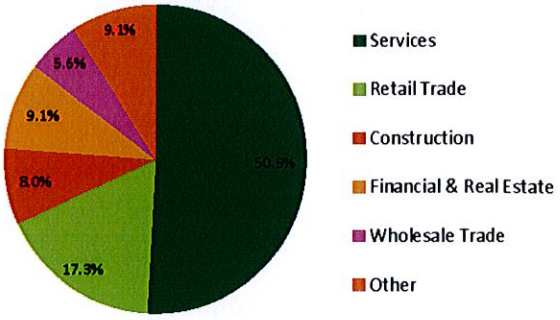


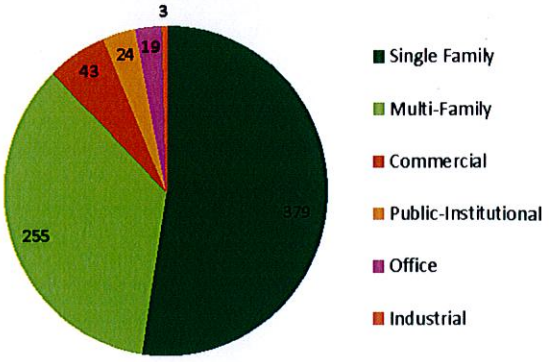
Fast Facts

- .91 square mile study area
- 3.6 mile segment of Lawndale Drive
- 721 properties
- $227 Million in tax value (2012)
- $143 million in retail sales (2012)

Lawndale Drive Study Area
Businesses by Category



Lawndale Drive Study Area
Existing Land Use By Parcel



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Current Public Records Requests Update August 23, 2013

Date Requested	Requestor	Subject	Status
1/16/2013	Eric Ginsburg	Socialist request Email Search - 141,954	Five batches have been completed. (4/23/2013 & 5/24/13, 6/17/13, 6/25/13, 8/23/13) and made available to requestor. Staff continuing to review emails.
2/8/2013	Eric Ginsburg	Palestine, Candlelight Vigil, Gaza Email Search - 120,215	Five batches have been sent to the requestor (5/10/13, 5/17/13, 6/7/13, 6/17/13, & 8/23/13). Staff is continuing to review emails. Another batch is available.
5/30/2013	Charles Cherry	Pending GPD Lawsuits	Initial documents were provided on 6/14/13. Legal is reviewing remaining documents.
6/18/2013	Eric Ginsburg	Noise Calls	Staff is continuing to process this request and has provided progress updates to requestor.
7/5/2013	Roch Smith	Downtown Video	Staff is reviewing available video footage.
7/8/2013	Eric Ginsburg	Curfew Emails Emails: 406	Staff emails have been provided. City Attorney is soliciting personal emails from Councilmember's.
7/18/2013	Roch Smith	GPD Database Indexes	Initial documents provided. GPD and City Attorney are reviewing to determine available records. Requestor seeking update and clarification.
7/23/2013	Roch Smith	Councilmembers Information Requests	Release initial information; Staff continuing to review this request for available information.
7/24/2013	Roch Smith	Incumbent Candidate Requests	Staff is reviewing this request for available information.
7/24/2013	Billy Jones	Incumbent Candidate Requests	Staff is reviewing this request for available information.
8/5/2013	Mike Carter	Email Correspondence from 8/1/11 to 8/5/13 Emails: 35,931 + 239,652	Staff is continuing to conduct additional email search. Staff will review emails as available.
8/9/2013	Stephen Poole	Civil Rights Museum	Staff is reviewing this request for available information.
8/14/2013	Tim Duhan	Complaints at 3901 Tresant Terrace	Currently following up with requestor for clarification.
8/21/2013	Mr. Lassiter	Emails: P&R and Developmental Associates from 1-1-12 to 8-18-13	Staff is conducting email search.

Date Revised: 8/30/2013

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Date Requested	Requestor	Subject	Status
8/26/2013	Tina Forsberg	GPAC: $20M Private Contribution	Staff is reviewing the request.
8/26/2013	Kevin Schultz	GPAC: $20M Private Contribution	Staff is reviewing the request.
8/26/2013	Angelina Omean	GPAC: $20M Private Contributions	Staff is reviewing the request.
8/27/2013	Jeffrey Peraldo	Cardinal Manor Homeowners Association	The City Attorney's Office and Planning Department are responding to this request.
8/30/2013	Ken Sterling	Employee Phone Numbers	Staff is working on this request.
8/30/2013	Lisa Miller	Civil Rights Museum	Initial documents were provided 8/30/13.

Weekly Totals (8/26/13-8/30/13):	
Number of PIRTS Opened	24
Number of PIRTS Closed	18
Average Completion Time	5.94 days
Totals Since January 1, 2013:	
Number of PIRTS Opened	613
Number of PIRTS Closed	572
Average Completion Time	7.02 days

Date Revised: 8/30/2013

Public Affairs
Contact Center Weekly Report
Week of 8/19/13 – 8/25/13

Contact Center
4349 calls answered this week

Top 5 calls by area

Water Resources	Field Operations	All others
Balance Inquiry – 718	Bulk Guidelines – 118	Police/Watch Operations – 331
New Sign up – 195	Mattress Go Round – 84	Courts/Sheriff – 80
IVR/Pay by Phone – 146	No Service/Garbage – 64	Parking Enforcement – 56
Cutoff Requests – 120	Repair Can/Garbage– 61	Overgrown Lots – 50
General Info – 103	HHW/Transfer – 53	Privilege License – 48

Comments

We received a total of **3** comments this week:

Executive – 1 comment:

- I have lived on E. Lee Street for 45 years. I object to Lee Street being renamed due to the fact there would be a lot of changing I would need to do; such as changing mailing address for correspondence, address change on checks, driver's license, etc. At my age, this would be quite a burden on me. I would greatly appreciate your leaving this part of Lee Street as it is. Thank you.

Water Resources – 2 comments:

- Caller wants the Water Department to know that the fee of $1.95 for online payments is a rip off. He said the bank is the one sending the payment and we should not be charging a fee.

- Customer is frustrated that the pay by phone number is so hard to see on the bill. It should be on the upper left with the other phone numbers, not buried on the bill.

Overall

Calls about overgrown lots increased last week. Otherwise, we received the normal mix of calls. Call volume was steady through the end of the week.

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Grant Applications Submitted

Grantor	Grants Projects / Description of Purpose	Amount Requested	Department Requesting Funding	Council Notification Date	Status
Piedmont Chapter of Certified Hazardous Materials Mangers	The grant will be used to purchase thirty-three(33) containment pools. These pools are used to capture liquid hydrocarbon fuels from vehicles that have sustained damage from accidents or incidents. Capturing the fuels reduces the environmental impact of released fuel.	$2,500.00	Fire Department	August 30, 2013	Approved by Department on August 28, 2013

This list does not represent grants that require Council's approval.