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There is A LOT going on in prep for Spring

Excerpt of post:

GREENWAY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Little Sugar Creek Greenway

- The Metropolitan: Staff met with Duke Power, Pappas Development, Real Estate Services and City staff to go over items related to Little Sugar Creek Greenway and the Metropolitan. The Metropolitan will be hosting the Symphony Guild Designer House beginning on April 16. The group identified punch list items to be completed and will collectively be working to increase the curb appeal of the site between Pearl Park Way and the Metropolitan along both King's Drive and Kenilworth Road.
- Elizabeth Ave. to Charlottetowne Ave.: Real Estate Services and Greenway staff hosted a pre-bid meeting on site. The meeting was well attended. The project is out to bid and bid opening is scheduled for March 18.

West Branch Rocky River and Toby Creek Greenways: Pre-construction meetings were held on Friday to discuss the project specifics for the stimulus-funded West Branch Rocky River and Toby Creek Greenways. NCDOT staff met with Park and Recreation, consultants and contractors to go over the expectations and requirements of construction process and reporting for the federally-funded projects. Survey work will begin in March on both greenways with construction anticipated to begin in April once weather improves.

Steele Creek Residents Association Annual Meeting: Greenway Planning staff presented at the Steele Creek Residents Association and provided an update for both park and greenway initiatives in southwest Charlotte. Greenway Planning staff also met separately with Steele Creek resident and advocate Karl Froelich to continue working on land acquisition along the Steele Creek and Walker Branch corridors. The majority of land acquired along the corridor has been dedicated at no cost to the County largely due to Mr. Froelich's efforts.

Mint Street Pedestrian Improvements: Staff attended a planning meeting for the proposed improvements along Mint Street. This is an important corridor for the greenway program and was identified as an overland connector for Irwin Creek Greenway.

Stewart Creek Greenway Workshop: West Trade Street to Rozzelle's Ferry Road: Staff conducted the first workshop for Stewart Creek Greenway on Monday at the Wallace Pruitt

Recreation Center. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Development Corporation (CMDC) also attended to answer any questions about the Greenway Business Center development. The proposed trail will be located within the limits of the Greenway Business Park between West Trade Street and Rozzelle's Ferry Road with funding provided by the CMDC. Feedback at the workshop was mostly positive. Staff will move forward with the second workshop on Wednesday, March 10, at 6 p.m. at the Mahlon Adams Pavilion as part of the monthly Greenway Advisory Council agenda.

Carolina Thread Trail: Staff presented the Thread Trail plan to the Huntersville Planning Board on Tuesday. The Planning Board will take action on whether or not to endorse the plan at their next meeting. The presentation will go before the Town Board on March 15. Both boards are set to take action in late March or early April.

Cullman Avenue Project on Little Sugar Creek: Park and Greenway Planning staff met with Storm Water Services and members of the NODA community about the plans for the Cullman Avenue properties and the recent master plan developed by Storm Water Services. Discussion included moving forward with the community garden element as shown on the plan, timeline for the rest of the project and acquisition elements regarding which properties and property owners are willing to sell.

CAPITAL PLANNING AND ALLIANCE DEVELOPMENT

Alzheimer's Association Memorial Walkway Proposal: Park Planning and Operations staff met with the Charlotte Alzheimer's Association this week and gave tentative approval for a memorial brick walkway to be constructed at Freedom Park. The proposal is simple in nature and will be modeled after the Frazier Park Our Children's Memorial Walkway concept. An area near the Princeton Avenue pedestrian entrance has been identified as the preferred location. The next step is to further refine the proposal from a landscape and construction design perspective and develop a cost estimate. The project will be funded solely by this group. The Central Park District III Advisory Council is set to review the proposal at an upcoming meeting. www.parkandrec.com.

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