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### District 2 Update- Spring is here!

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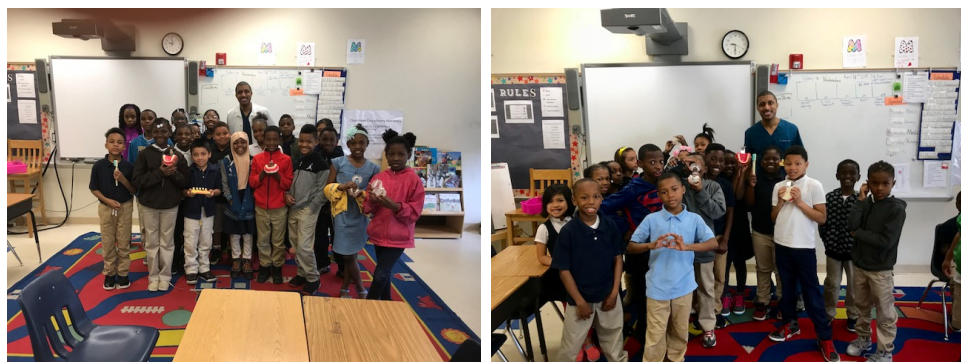
Friends and Constituents,

I just wanted to check back in with you. Spring is here! As the weather warms up, I hope you'll enjoy the many great amenities our city has to offer. I'm working hard to make sure your quality of life improves daily. We've been doing a lot - so here's an update of some of the things I've done over the last 60 days.

**Blacks at Microsoft Minority Student Day** - A few week ago, I had the opportunity to speak to over 400 CMS high school students at the 27th Annual Blacks at Microsoft Minority Student Day. I encouraged students to embrace their innovative and creative energy in STEM fields. We all have a responsibility to make sure our youth knows what possibilities exist for them.



**CAREER DAY at Druid Hills Academy** - In trying to pay it forward, I was able to meet some pretty awesome 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders at Druid Hills Academy. Project LIFT Career Day was on April 19 and I was able to discuss my roles as a dentist and a City Councilman.



**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS** - I attended the CMPD North Divison Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting in late March, two

rezoning meetings in April: one for Seversville community (prospective 58 new townhomes on Bruns Avenue) and one in University Park North (industrial land use rezoning # 2018-030). I also attended Lincoln Heights neighborhood monthly meeting to discuss our upcoming budget and their planned capital improvement Storm Water Drainage Project.



North Division CMPD Neighborhood Advisory Council



Lincoln Heights Community Meeting (April 26)

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING** – On April 23, the City Council approved more the remaining \$6.8 million in our Housing Trust Fund (from 2016 bond approval). 11 Projects asked for a combined \$24 million. Of the 11, three of them are in a "non-competitive" state tax credit applicant pool. Monies for these three were approved. I, along with two other council members though \$5 million of that money could have been better spent on helping lower income families in the 30% Average Median Income (AMI) range, but my motion to reject \$5 million ask from one project failed. I was happy the conversation about low income housing was aired in public though. The other 8 project will compete in a "competitive" state tax credit applicant pool and Charlotte will be awarded only 3. I supported funding for all 8. I am happy to be serving on the Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee. We had our first Housing Retreat on April 21 and we will introduce changes to our Housing Locational Policy and our Strategic Housing Plan soon. I called for more focus and a mandate on inclusion of at least 30% housing for families making 30% or less of AMI. Read more from the Charlotte Observer [here](#).

**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** – Our Comprehensive Neighborhood Improvement Plan includes 2 large scale projects in District 2. The [West Trade/Rozzles Ferry CNIP](#) and the [Sunset/Beatties Ford CNIP](#).

### SUNSET/BEATTIES FORD UPDATE

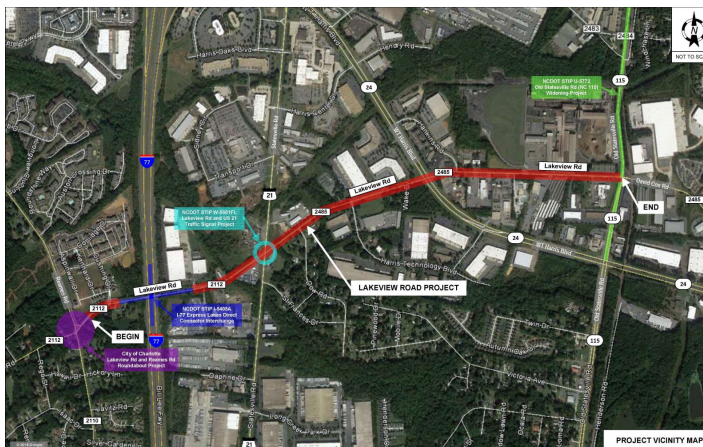
Join us for a drop-in meeting to see the preferred alternative based on your feedback for the Lakeview Road (Cushing Drive to Old Statesville Road) project. Come see how your feedback will transform this area. City staff will be available to hear your thoughts and answer your questions. The goal of this project is to enhance the intersections along Lakeview Road at W.T. Harris Boulevard and Statesville Road by providing bicycle and pedestrian amenities.

#### **LAKEVIEW ROAD (CUSHING DR. TO OLD STATESVILLE RD.) PUBLIC MEETING**

**Thursday, May 17, 2018  
6-7:30 p.m. (drop in anytime)**



**David Cox Road Elementary**  
**4215 David Cox Road, Charlotte, NC 28269**



**WEST TRADE/ROZZELLES FERRY CNIP UPDATE**

A lot of activity is occurring in this area and excitement is building, with two projects under construction and several others nearing the end of the design. Once design is complete, those projects enter the real estate phase, which involves acquiring the property rights needed to build and maintain the improvements identified during the design phase. This process typically takes 8 to 10 months. When real estate starts, the project team sends affected property owners more information about what to expect from the City's real estate acquisition process.



**FIVE POINTS PLAZA RENDERINGS**

**PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION**

**West 4th Street Extension Streetscape Project** - Construction is 90 percent complete. A few minor improvements are in progress on 4th Street, after which permanent striping will take place. Landscaping is complete, and construction is expected to be complete in May 2018.

**Frazier Avenue Realignment** - Construction continues as improvements are built in tandem with the CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 project. The contractor is excavating land on Frazier Avenue, and storm drainage improvements are taking place on

West Trade Street and Frazier Avenue.

### PROJECTS IN DESIGN

**Five Points Plaza Improvement and I-77 West Trade Underpass Enhancement** - Design of these projects are continuing, and they will enter the real estate acquisition phase in the late summer or early fall of 2018. New consultant renderings of the Five Points Plaza are available for view on the [project website](#).

**Stewart Creek and State Street Pedestrian Crossing**- Design of this project is almost finished, and the project will enter the real estate acquisition phase in mid to late 2018. Because this project involves connecting current and future segments of the Stewart Creek Greenway, the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County real estate departments will work together on acquiring property rights.

**State Street Pedestrian Improvement (Turner Avenue to Five Points)** - Design continues, and the project will enter the real estate acquisition phase in the late summer or early fall of 2018.

**Street Connectivity - Yellowstone Drive to Zebulon Drive, Rozzelles Ferry Pedscape** - Design is nearly complete on these projects, and the real estate phase will start in May 2018.

**Workforce Development at Urban League of Central Carolinas** - On April 6, I had the pleasure of being the keynote speaker at the Urban League of Central Carolinas graduation ceremony. Over 60 certificates awarded for training completion in HVAC, fiber optic broadband, GED, construction, and HR/Microsoft Office!



**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS** – There are currently 33 active advisory boards/commissions with a total of 409 seats/positions appointed by the Mayor, Council and City Manager. My last update included that District 2 had **another new appointment** to our city Boards and Commissions. I will continue to encourage all to apply for ongoing vacancies so that we can increase District 2 participation and utilization. I'm proud to say that **Yvette Ingram** has been appointed to the Neighborhood Matching Grants Committee. There are ongoing vacancies so keep applying! Learn more [here](#).

Other meetings & events attended: TMeeting with A Way Home team(March 21), North End "Fight Hunger" Roundtable (Mar 22), On-on-One with Chief Putney CMPD (Apr 4), Monthly Meeting with JCSU President Clarence Armbrister (Apr 5), District 2 development mtg with REBIC (April 5), West End Nature Day (Apr 7), JCSU Arch of Triumph Gala (Apr 7), Gave Greeting at JCSU Convocation (Apr 8), Rezoning Meeting Cindy Lane (April 9), Carolina Jews for Justice Affordable Housing meeting (April 10), WBTV Roundtable (Apr 11), Meeting with Exodus Foundation Dr. McClenney (Apr 16), Big Brothers Big Sisters Breakfast (April 17), Charlotte Crown Realist Association (April 17), Affordable Housing site Visits with HNS Director Pam Wideman (April 18), Knight Foundation meeting to discuss Aging in Place Fund (April 18), Meeting with Immigrant Services (April 19), One -on One with Planning Director (April 19) Neighborhood Leadership Exchange (April 21), Sustain Charlotte (Apr 24), Rezoning meeting with petitioner on Lakeview Drive - self storage facility (April 24), A Meeting with Tracy Montross of American Airlines (May 2), Rezoning petitioner meeting QuikTrip WT Harris (May 3)

LET'S CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR DISTRICT 2 AND ALL OF CHARLOTTE.

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