



**Transportation Planning and Development
Council Committee Meeting Summary**

**Monday, May 5, 2025
CH-14 at 10:00 am**

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

- Agenda Overview
- I. Community Area Planning (CAP) Update
 - II. Strategic Energy Action Plan (SEAP) Update
 - III. UDO Text Amendment

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Members Present: Ed Driggs (Chair), Malcolm Graham, Marjorie Molina, and Renee' Johnson. Additional Council members present, MPT Anderson.

Staff Resources:

Liz Babson, City Manager's Office
Alyson Craig, City Manager's Office
Monica Holmes, Planning, Design, and Development
Kathy Cornett, Planning, Design, and Development
Catherine Mahoney, Planning, Design, and Development
Dave Pettine, Planning, Design, and Development
Sarah Hazel, Sustainability & Resilience
Heather Bolick, Sustainability & Resilience
Robyn Byers, Sustainability & Resilience

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Community Area Plan (CAP) Update

Staff presented on comments received and staff responses on the draft community area plans and policy map and explain how staff is processing feedback. Key takeaways:

- 400,000+ people reached out through all interactions, including online and social media reach, 6,000+ in person interactions, and 1,700+ comments received.
- Engagement efforts consisted of digital ads, press releases, information emails to council, email distribution blasts, social media posts, website updates, media interviews and newsletters. There were also, virtual open houses, office hours and webinars.
 - Webinars May 15th at 5 pm and 6 pm
 - A total of 484 comments for Phase 5
 - 424 comments were online and related to plan concerns or suggestions.

- 38 comments were given during office hours through questions and in support.
- Staff provided a breakdown of comment topics and comments related to plan geography.

Next Steps

- If adopted staff will implement through future development, public-private partnerships, capital improvements, rezonings and alignment rezonings.
- Public hearing May 12th
- CAP Webinar May 15th
- Planning Committee referral May 20th
- Council Decision May 27th

Strategic Energy Action Plan (SEAP) Update

Staff reviewed questions and answers from the SEAP+ review process and recommend to full City Council. Key takeaways:

- SEAP+ is an update to the 2018 Strategic Energy Action Plan, building on successes and striving to make additional progress toward updated ambitious but realistic goals.
- SEAP+ works in connection with other city initiatives, projects, programs and departments including Charlotte Water and Solid Waste Services.
- SEAP+ has been developed through an engagement process receiving overall internal and public support.
- Staff shared FY2025 Approach
 - Lead by Example
 - Groundwork for Federal Funding
 - Strategic Focus on Equity and Engagement

Next Steps

- Request to approve advancing SEAP+ from committee to full council.
- Review SEAP+ with full council on May 12th and proposed SEAP+ adoption May 27th.
- If approved, staff will begin action steps to develop implementation strategies and widely share information about SEAP+ throughout the community in June.

TPD Committee approved SEAP+ advancement to full City Council.

UDO Text Amendment

Staff provided an overview of the first maintenance text amendment filed April 15, 2025.

- Maintenance amendments are filed twice a year and could include both technical and policy items.
- The text amendment filed addresses multiple items identified by community and staff.
- The text amendment includes a new section for alternative development standards for sites with three or more frontages that provide more flexibility for site design.
- Staff identified a need for additional adjustments to Research Campuses to facilitate opportunities for Life Science Campuses.
 - New use- “Research and Development (R&D) – With Light Industrial”.
 - New term added- “life sciences” to the existing use definition for R&D.

- The text amendment proposes new Prescribed Conditions (PCs) to allow adaptive reuse of an existing office use to a residential use.
- The text amendment clarifies when and where UDO standards are applicable.
- Adds Landscape yard requirements for residential development in N1, N2-A & N2-B zoning districts.
- The text amendment clarifies standards within individual zoning districts.
- Simplifies setbacks for accessory structures and updates to off-street parking standards for general development standards.

Next Steps

- Staff will have virtual community engagement sessions May 8th and May 13th.
- Public hearing to be held May 19th.
- City Council decision June 16th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

MEETING MATERIALS

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