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RE: Proposed Amendment to the Locally Landmarked Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery, 7401 and 7407 Steele Creek Rd, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for submitting the report for the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery, 7401 and 7407 Steele Creek Rd, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County. We have reviewed the information in the report and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160D-946.

According to the report, the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Church and Cemetery is of special local significance because of its architecture and the important role it played in the early Scotch-Irish communities. When locally designated in 1991, the church and cemetery was a single parcel. It has since been divided into five tax parcels, with the majority of the parcels being owned by the City of Charlotte on behalf of the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport. Current development pushes create a significant risk to the locally designated landmark. A preservation plan has been proposed to de-designate a portion of the land while continuing to protect the church and cemetery.

We commend staff and the commission for submitting an exceptional and concise report for such a complicated landmark. We feel this report provides the preservation commission and local governing board sufficient information to determine whether or not to amend the 1991 ordinance designating the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery.

Local landmark designation means the community recognizes the property is worthy of preservation because of its special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance of the property would be subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this report. Please note, our comments are advisory only and therefore, non-binding. Once the governing board has received a recommendation from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, it should proceed in the same manner as would otherwise be required for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Once the decision has been made, please return a completed copy of the enclosed designation form or a copy of the ordinance to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed amendment to the locally designated Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery, 7401 and 7407 Steele Creek Rd, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Please contact me at or Kristi.brantley@dncr.nc.gov (preferred) or 919-814-6576 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Brantley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

Kristi Brantley
Local Preservation Commissions/CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure