



CLAREMONT
NORTH CAROLINA

City Council Meeting
April 7, 2014
Claremont City Hall 7:00 PM



**CITY OF CLAREMONT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

April 7, 2014

7:00 PM

Claremont City Hall, Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Child Abuse Prevention Month

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2014

B. Budget Retreat Meeting Minutes- March 29, 2014

C. Resolution 15-13 Appreciation of Dana B Roberts – WPCOG

D. Resolution 16-13 Planning Board Reappointments

E. Resolution 17-13 Voluntary Annexation Sufficiency (ANX 14-01)

F. Resolution 18-13 Voluntary Annexation Public Hearing (ANX14-01)

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. Claremont Police

B. Claremont Parks & Recreation Master Plan

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Rezoning 14-1 Manufactured Home Overlay

B. CDBG – Water Rehab Project

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 10-13 Budget Amendment

B. Ordinance 11-13 Claremont Zoning Map Updates

C. Consider Joining the NCLM REG-TAF

D. Fire Engine Replacement Bid Tabulations

E. May 5th City Council Meeting Location

11. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Quarterly Financial Report
- B. Youth Council Report
- C. Parks & Recreation Committee
- D. Monthly Department Dashboard Report

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

13. CLOSED SESSION

14. ADJOURN

City of Claremont Board & Committee Meetings

<u>City Council Meeting</u> 1 st Monday of each month	May 5 th	City Park 7:00pm
<u>Planning Board</u> 2 nd Monday of each month	April 14 th	Council Chambers 7:00 pm
<u>Appearance Committee</u> 4 th Monday of each month	April 28 th	Claremont City Offices 6:00 pm
<u>Parks & Recreation</u> 4 th Monday of each month	April 28 th	Claremont City Offices 6:00 pm
<u>Youth Council</u> 1 st Sunday of each month	May 3 rd	Council Chambers 3:00 pm
<u>Friends of the Library</u> 4 th Tuesday of each month	April 22 nd	Claremont Library 6:00 pm
<u>Seniors Morning Out</u> 3 rd Wednesday of each month	April 16 th	1 st Baptist Fellowship Hall 8:30 am

NOTES:

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: April 7, 2014

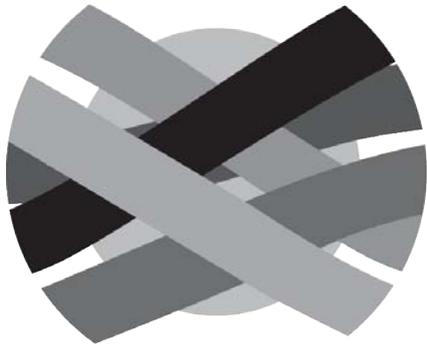
To: Mayor Shawn R. Brown

From: Doug Barrick, City Manager

Action Requested: Approve a Proclamation Declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Children's Advocacy Center of Catawba County along with the Children's Protection Council of Catawba County have asked that Catawba County and all eight municipalities to join in proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. This proclamation is indented to help raise awareness and pledge support to prevent child abuse and neglect in Catawba County.

Recommendation: Approve Proclamation



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Mayors Proclamation

WHEREAS, we all have a responsibility, as individuals, neighbors, community members and citizens of the City of Claremont to help create healthy, safe and nurturing experiences for children; and

WHEREAS, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect often occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support they need and deserve to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that no one person can do everything, but that everyone can do something, and together we can create change for the better; and

WHEREAS, effective prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, displaying a pinwheel or planting a pinwheel garden in April will serve as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe;

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Shawn R. Brown, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Claremont and I urge all citizens to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for children to learn, grow and thrive so that all children have the benefit of happy, healthy and safe childhoods.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
Hand and caused this seal to be affixed

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor
This the 7th day of April 2014

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: April 7, 2014

To: Mayor and the City Council

From: Doug Barrick, City Manager

Action Requested: Approval of Consent Agenda

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Recommendation: Approve the Consent Agenda



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, March 3, 2014

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Claremont was held in the Council Chambers located at Claremont City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014.

The following members of the Claremont City Council were present: Mayor Shawn Brown, Councilmember Timothy Lowrance, Councilmember Dayne Miller, Councilmember Nicky Setzer, Councilmember Dale Setzer and Councilmember Dale Sherrill.

The following personnel of the City of Claremont were present: City Manager Doug Barrick, City Attorney Bob Grant, Finance Officer Stephanie Corn, Administrative Support Clerk Wendy Helms, Public Works Director Tom Winkler, Rick Damron, Lieutenant Allen Long, Jessica Miller, Fire Chief Bart Travis and Police Chief Gary Bost.

Others in attendance were: Melinda Bumgarner, Robert Smith, Susan Tucker, Eyan Townsend, Terri Miller, Laurie LoCicero Suzan Anderson, Scott Anderson, Robert Winrow, Mike Townsend, David Morrow, Gene Monday, Abbey Moose, Scott Ramsey and Andrea Ramsey.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shawn R. Brown called the Claremont City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance. Councilmember Dale Sherrill led the pledge of allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brown reported that he and Councilmember Dayne Miller attended Essentials of Government Class, held in Hickory. He also acknowledged several thank you letters from Hospice, Bunker Hill High School, Catawba County Historical Society and Jack Little.

Mayor, Shawn Brown presented Suzan Anderson with The American Red Cross with a framed Proclamation declaring Red Cross Month. Mrs. Anderson spoke briefly about services and needs of the Red Cross.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. February 3, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes – Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept February 3, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. February 3, 2014 Closed Session Meeting- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept February 3, 2014 closed session meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Proclamation of Red Cross Month- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept the Proclamation as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 13-13 Surplus Property- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Resolution 14-13 WPCOG Manufacturing Communities Program Support- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Public Notice of Special Council Meeting- March 29, 2014- Council will hold their Annual Budget Retreat on March 3, 2014 at City Hall.

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERN'S & COMMENTS- none

7. PUBLIC HEARING- Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to open a public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer. Motion passed unanimously. Purpose of the public hearing was to introduce updates to the Claremont Zoning Code, Chapter 9. City Planner, Laurie LoCicero gave a brief description of the proposed changes. Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to close the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Motion passed unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS-

A. Annexation of Carolina Coach and Camper- City Manager Barrick informed council he had spoken with Carolina Coach and Camper owners. At this time he thinks they are in favor of being annexed.

City Manager, Barrick also asked council for a point of clarity in reference to the sign ordinance. At this time if a business changes occupancy, signage does not have to be changed. Council tasked the Planning Board with looking into this matter.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 08-13 Budget Amendment- This budget amendment appropriates funds for the following projects:

Fire Department Prevention Programs
Police Department Good Samaritan Fund
EDC Shell Building Expenses

Transitional Hold Harmless Funds

- Police Dept Architectural Services
- Fire Dept Salaries
- City Park Multipurpose Field
- Public Works Tire Equipment

FEMA Reimbursements

North WWTP Engineering Services

These projects will appropriate funding sources other than fund balance to achieve these projects.

B. Ordinance 09-13 Update Chapter 9 of Zoning Ordinance- This text amendment reflects new state law concerning the proceedings of the Board of Adjustment. This Planning Board and staff worked with the City Attorney to draft this text amendment. New language is *italicized and underlined*, deleted text has strikethrough. The highlights of changes to the Board of Adjustment proceedings:

1. Hearings do not have to be advertised in the local newspaper but the property needs to have a notice of upcoming hearing posted and the neighboring property owners have to be notified with a first class letter.
2. Conditional Use Permits, appeals and administrative review can all be approved by a simple majority vote; a **variance still requires 4/5** of the voting members of the Board to concur for approval
3. Standardized notification of the Board's decision to any interested parties and the applicant
4. Standardized the process to appeal of a decision made by the zoning administrator
5. Revises and clarifies the standards for approving a variance, record keeping and issuing subpoenas

C. Approve Contract with Abee Architecture for Police Department Addition- This contract will develop the full set of plans needed to accomplish and addition to the Police Department. This renovation will add more space to the evidence room. Add two small rooms for interviewing suspects and victims with the proper recording devices for video and audio as needed per the State of North Carolina. Two restrooms, Male and Female both having showers with lockers for the ability to work officers in cases of emergency. Replacing the roll up garage doors with a more secured door for the last two garage bays. The plans will be used to send this project out for bids to establish a project budget. Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to accept the contract with Abee Architect. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Approve Contract with Davis & Floyd for North WWTP Engineering Services- In conjunction with our long range sewer capacity planning the City of Claremont proposed to install a pump station at the current site of the North WWTP and replace a current NPDES discharge point with a pump station that would flow wastewater via 10,000 feet of force main to the McLin Creek WWTP. This project would double the treatment capacity of this basin and consolidate the City's Wastewater treatment to one treatment plant. Motion was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer to accept the contract with David and Floyd for engineering services. Second was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Approve Contract with David & Floyd for North WWTP Survey Services- In conjunction with our long range sewer capacity planning the City of Claremont proposed to install a pump station at the current site of the North WWTP and replace a current NPDES discharge point with a pump station that would flow wastewater via 10,000 feet of force main to the McLin Creek WWTP. This project would

double the treatment capacity of this basin and consolidate the City's Wastewater treatment to one treatment plant. Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to accept the contract with David and Floyd for survey services. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

F." Fire Up Claremont" -City Manager Barrick presented council with "Fire Up Claremont". This project would allow citizens to submit a drawing to decorate fire hydrants along Main Street. The Recreation Committee will be accepting the drawings and approving them for the project.

10. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Youth Council – Abbey Moose presented the Youth Council report.

B. Parks and Recreation Committee- Jessica Miller spoke on behalf of the Recreation Committee.

C. Monthly Department Dashboard Report- There was no questions in reference to the monthly dashboard report.

Public Works Director, Tom Winkler thanked the ladies in City Hall for their fast work in getting paperwork ready for emergency purchases before the snow storm. Maintenance, Police and Fire Departments were recognized for their work during the storm. City Mechanic, Scott Hayes was recognized for his dedication to the city.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT- City Manager Barrick reminded everyone of the Dinner with the Author, being hosted by Claremont Friends of the Library. He also encouraged everyone to take a copy of the new brochures which spotlight Claremont. City Manager Barrick informed council that the Mom and Pops building is being demolished. Claremont will host a luncheon on Friday March 7th for the area Pastors.

12. ADJOURN- Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, Administrative Support Clerk

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attested:

Douglas L. Barrick, City Clerk



City of Claremont Budget Retreat Minutes Saturday, March 29, 2014

The budget retreat workshop of the City of Claremont was held in the city office at Claremont City Hall at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2014.

The following members of the Claremont City Council were present: Mayor Shawn Brown, Councilmember Timothy Lowrance, Councilmember Dayne Miller, Councilmember Nicky Setzer, Councilmember Dale Sherrill and Councilmember Dale Setzer.

The following personnel of the City of Claremont were present: City Manager Doug Barrick, Finance Officer Stephanie Corn, Administrative Support Clerk Wendy Helms, Police Chief, Gary Bost, Fire Chief, Bart Travis and Public Works Director, Tom Winkler.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shawn Brown called the budget retreat workshop to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. MAYOR'S WELCOMING

Mayor Shawn Brown thanked everyone for taking their time to come out on a Saturday. He also thanked the administration for providing the necessary information for the upcoming budget year and he thanked Council for their guidance.

3. INTRODUCTION TO THE BUDGET INFORMATION

City Manager Doug Barrick thanked everyone for their participation in putting the information together for the budget retreat and the FY 2015 budget.

City Manager Barrick presented council with information regarding a confirmation from the bank that the sale of the Super 8 Motel would close on as of April 9th. NC DOT will repave N. Lookout Street from Old Catawba to Bunker Hill School Road, next budget year. The Kangaroo store closed, however The Market Basket will return in its place; after some renovations. Carolina Coach and Camper had returned their annexation paperwork. Town and Country Tire will become a NAPA Auto Care Center. Hardees will be doing renovations.

4. OVERVIEW OF FY 2015 BUDGET

City Manager Barrick recommended the following:

- 3% raise pool
- Pay classification study
- Action planning retreat

- New full time position
- Expand public safety hours
- Look to recover fees in area of supplementation

Health insurance renewal rates, property and liability rates, Duke Energy rates, the table topics and Council initiatives are missing from the proposed budget.

5. COUNCIL TOPICS

Council gave the following direction to staff about goals for the coming years

- Leadership training
- EDC funding
- Growth in the parks and recreation programs

6. FY 2015 DEPARTMENTAL GOALS AND CAPITAL REQUESTS

Administration's goals are:

- Outsource water bills
- Audit water/sewer accounts for correct billing

The Police Department's goals are:

- Increase safety
- Transition some part time hours into a full time position

The Police Department's CIPs are:

- Vehicle replacements
 - \$44,000
- 800MHz radios
 - \$6,000
- Radar replacements
 - \$1,400
- Building Project Phase 3
 - \$75,000

The Fire Department's goals are:

- Increase public safety hours
- Inventory and service all knox boxes
- Bring all members up to NFPA 1403 standard

The Fire Department's CIPs are:

- Night Fighter Scene Lights
 - \$6,000
- Turn Out Gear Replacement
 - \$36,000
- Rescue Engine Replacement
 - Truck - \$425,000

Bids will be presented at the April council meeting for the fire truck replacement. City Manager Doug

Barrick and Fire Chief Bart Travis recommended rejecting the bids at that time. The bids came in from \$75 to \$100 thousand dollars over budget. Chief Travis would like himself and the Assistant Chief to take a look at the truck specs.

Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance for the bids to be presented at the April council meeting and council will take action at that time. Second was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

The Public Works Department's goals are:

- Trenching and shoring OSHA training
- Continue ASE certifications for the mechanic
- Incorporate a full time position to handle park, tailgate market, parade and other recreation projects- downtime would work with maintenance department.

Fee Schedule:

Beginning in July of 2014 the City Park will be rented to anyone with a address located within the city limits for no cost. Outside residents will be charged \$25 (1-4 hours) and \$50 (4-8 hours). There will also be a \$3 Solid Waste/Environmental fee added to the water bills.

7. DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS

The proposed FY 2015 budget broken down:

General Fund:

City Council - \$64,420

Administration - \$413,586

Library - \$22,300

Planning - \$29,050

Police - \$713,690

Fire - \$315,552

Public Works - \$582,109

Parks & Recreation - \$67,670

Debt Service - \$147,520

General Fund Total - \$2,353,896

8. WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS

9. ADJOURN

At 2:15 p.m., Mayor Shawn Brown declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, Administrative Support Clerk

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attested:

Douglas L. Barrick, City Clerk

CITY OF CLAREMONT
RESOLUTION 15-13
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
DANA B. ROBERTS
43 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, DANA B. ROBERTS HAS SERVED THE WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AS A COMMITTED AND DEDICATED EMPLOYEE FOR THE PAST FORTY-THREE YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, THESE YEARS OF SERVICE HAVE BEEN MARKED BY EXEMPLARY PARTICIPATION VITAL FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE COMMUNITIES SHE SERVED; AND

WHEREAS, HER YEARS OF SERVICE HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY A ZEALOUS COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH SHE LIVES AND THE PUBLIC SHE HAS SERVED; AND

WHEREAS, SHE SERVES AS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER OF THE WPCOG AND HAS BEEN THE PRIMARY STAFF ASSIGNED TO COORDINATING NUMEROUS MEETINGS OF THE WPCOG POLICY BOARD, WPCOG ANNUAL MEETING, WPCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, REGIONAL CITY AND COUNTY MANAGERS, REGIONAL MAYORS AND MANAGERS, REGIONAL COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMEN/MANAGERS AND THE WPCOG NOMINATING COMMITTEE; AND

WHEREAS, SHE ORGANIZED AND STAFFED THE FIRST REGIONAL WESTERN PIEDMONT SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION WITH ALTENBURG GERMANY IN 1997; AND

WHEREAS, SHE SERVED AS KEY STAFF IN THE FORMATION OF THE FUTURE FORWARD ECONOMIC ALLIANCE, A 12 COUNTY REGIONAL EFFORT IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA INITIATED TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES CAUSED BY THE LOSS OF MANUFACTURING JOBS IN THIS AREA; AND

WHEREAS, THE CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES HER FORTY-THREE YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THIS COMMUNITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF CONOVER, PUBLICLY COMMENDS **DANA B. ROBERTS** FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.

ADOPTED THIS THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2014.

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Douglas Barrick, City Clerk



**CITY OF CLAREMONT
NORTH CAROLINA**

RESOLUTION # 16-13

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CLAREMONT PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

WHEREAS, there are currently three open seats on the Planning Board, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the existing members of this board have proved good service to the City of Claremont, and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Planning Board as recommended that the exiting members are reappointed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1.

The Claremont City Council Appoints Nick Colson to the Planning Board. This term shall expire in April 2017.

The Claremont City Council Appoints Ronald H. Cox to the Planning Board. This term shall expire in April 2017.

The Claremont City Council Appoints Jack B. Ledford to the Planning Board as an Alternate Member. This term shall expire in April 2017.

Adopted this 7th day of April 2014.

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Doug Barrick
City Clerk



**CITY OF CLAREMONT
NORTH CAROLINA**

RESOLUTION # 17-13

**A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE PETITION TO
EXTEND THE CITY OF CLAREMONT CORPORATE LIMITS (ANX 14-01)**

WHEREAS, the City of Claremont received a petition requesting voluntary annexation of an area described in said petition; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 provides that the sufficiency of the petition of the petition shall be investigated by the City Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Claremont deems it advisable to proceed in response to this voluntary request for annexation;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED BY THE CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL
THAT:**

The City Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the petition and to certify to the City Council prior to the extension of the Claremont Corporate Limits.

Adopted this 7th day of April 2014.

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Doug Barrick
City Clerk



**City of Claremont
North Carolina
Catawba County
Petition Requesting Annexation**

Date: 3/25/14

Catawba County Tax Parcel #(s): 376209157095 & 376209254128

Furthermore Described as Lots 2 & 3 of the 3300 Centennial LLC Subdivision Plat recorded at the Catawba County Register of Deeds Plat Book 48 Page 66

To the City Council of the City of Claremont:

1. I/We the undersigned owners of real property, respectfully request that the tax parcels listed above and the area described in Item 2 below be annexed to the City of Claremont. Furthermore I/we do declare and certify that all legal owners of real property in the annexation area have signed this petition in Item 3 below.

2. The area to be annexed is (choose one):
 - Contiguous to the primary corporate limits to the City of Claremont. A complete and accurate legal description of the property and a recently prepared survey map are attached.

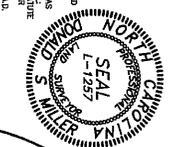
OR

 - Not contiguous to the primary corporate limits of the City of Claremont. A complete and accurate legal description of the property and a recently prepared survey map are attached. In addition, I/we certify that:
 - (A) The nearest point of the property to be annexed is no more than three miles from the primary corporate limits of the City of Claremont; and
 - (B) No Point of the property to be annexed is closer to the primary corporate limits of another city than to the primary corporate limits of the City of Claremont; and
 - (C) The property to be annexed is not a subdivision as defined by N.C.G.S. 160A-376 or if it is that the entire subdivision as defined by this statute is included in the proposed annexation area.

3. I/we acknowledge that any zoning vested rights acquired pursuant to G.G. 160A-385.1 or G.S. 153A-344.1 must be declared and identified on this petition. I/we further acknowledge that failure to declare such rights on this petition shall result in a termination of vested rights previously acquired for the property. If zoning vested rights are claimed, indicate below and attach proof. (Copy of a valid building permit, CUP, etc.)

Name (Please type or print)	Address (Please type or print)	Vested Rights?*	Signature
3300 Centennial LLC	3300 Centennial Blvd Claremont, NC 28610	<i>Approved CUP</i>	<i>John H. Cathey</i> John H. Cathey - Managing Member
3300 Centennial LLC	3300 Centennial Blvd Claremont, NC 28610		<i>Amelia S. Cathey</i> Amelia S Cathey - Member

* If you answer yes, you must attach a detailed description of the right you are claiming; otherwise you will forfeit this right within the City

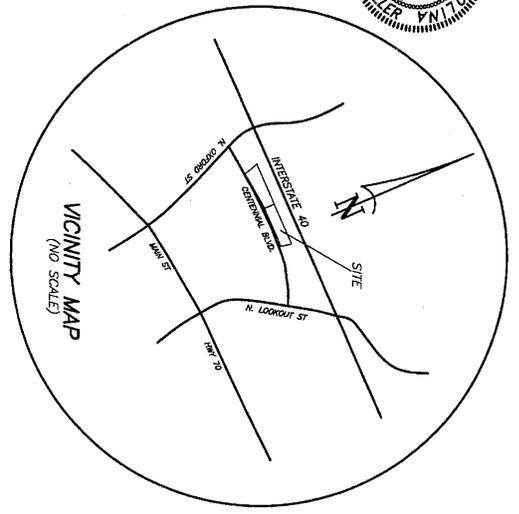
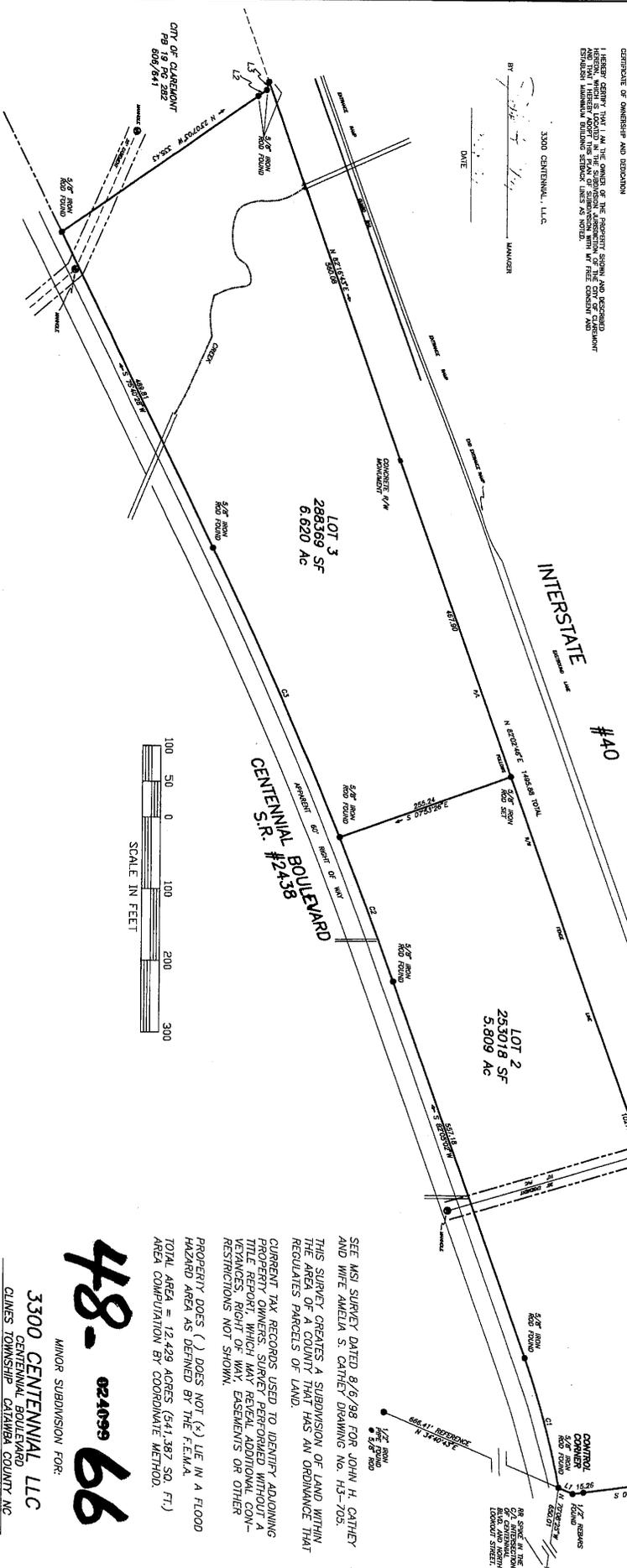


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF CATAWBA

NOTARY PUBLIC
 DONALD S. MILLER
 COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 19, 1999

WITNESSES BY HAND AND ORIGINAL SEAL ON THIS 19 DAY OF JULY 1999
 BY COMMISSION EXPIRES September 21, 2002

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP AND BOUNDARY
 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE BOUNDARY OF THE SUBDIVISION SHOWN AND DESCRIBED HEREON, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF CLAYTON, IS CORRECT AND ACCURATE AND THAT THE SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP AND BOUNDARY.



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 - * = PE NAIL OR BR SPIKE (NOTED)
 - = AERIAL UTILITIES
 - ⊙ = SEWER MAN HOLE
 - ⊕ = WATER METER
 - X = UTILITY POLE
 - CP = CALCULATED POINT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF CATAWBA

1. HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE MAJOR SUBDIVISION PLAT HEREON HAS BEEN FOUND TO COMPLY WITH THE MAJOR SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF CLAYTON, NORTH CAROLINA, AND THAT THE SAME ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION APPROVED BY THE CITY OF CLAYTON, NORTH CAROLINA, AND THAT THE SAME ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION APPROVED BY THE CITY OF CLAYTON, NORTH CAROLINA, AND THAT THE SAME ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION APPROVED BY THE CITY OF CLAYTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

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DATE: 7/19/99
 REVIEW OFFICER: Mike Miller

FILED FOR REGISTRATION AT 9:57 CLOCK ON THE 28 DAY OF JULY 1999 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER

OF DEEDS AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 48 PAGE 66
 RUTH MADOLE - REGISTER OF DEEDS
 Keith Prackie

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MILLER SURVEYING, INC.
 244 9th MARBLE DRIVE, N.E. MCKEON, N.C. (828-322-4013)

MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR:
 3300 CENTENNIAL, L.L.C.
 CENTENNIAL BOULEVARD
 CLAYTON TOWNSHIP, CATAWBA COUNTY, NC

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**CITY OF CLAREMONT
NORTH CAROLINA**

RESOLUTION # 18-13

**A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO SETTING A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC
HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31 (ANX 14-01)**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting voluntary annexation of an area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, certification by the City Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED BY THE CLAREMONT CITY
COUNCIL THAT:**

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at Claremont City Park under the main shelter, 3384 East Main Street, Claremont, NC 28610 at 7:00PM on Monday May 5, 2014.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

Catawba County Parcel Identification Number: 3376209157095 & 376209254128 and located at 3300 Centennial Blvd comprising 12.76 Acres and Furthermore defined in a plat map recorded at the Catawba County Register of Deeds in Plat Book 48- Page 66.

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing will be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Claremont. The advertisement will fulfill the requirement to post the date of the public hearing at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Adopted this 7th day of April 2014.

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Doug Barrick
City Clerk

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: **April 7, 2014**

To: Mayor and the City Council

From: Gary Bost, Police Chief

Action Requested: Presentation of a check to Catawba County Schools

The Claremont Police Dept recently sold a drug seizure vehicle in an effort to reduce and upgrade the rolling stock of the dept. The vehicle had been used to preform undercover work and resulted in even more drug busts and other criminal activity begin stopped. According to state law the funds recovered from the sale of the vehicle must be given to the local school system. Tonight we will be joined by Dan Brigman Superintendent of the School System and Principal Kim Yancey of Claremont Elementary.

Recommendation: Allow the presentation

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: **April 7, 2014**

To: Mayor and the City Council

From: Doug Barrick, City Manager

Action Requested: Hear the results of the Claremont Parks & Recreation Master Plan

In order to gauge community input and provide a long term development and redevelopment plan for the City Park, the City engaged the WPCOG to holistically plan for park improvements. This master plan will provide a road map for future improvements for the park along with fully developed budgets for grant and budget purposes. The WPCOG has completed this plan and will present the findings of the plan.

Recommendation: Allow Sam Erwin to present the plan and ask questions.

City of Claremont Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan



March 2014

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Prepared for:

City of Claremont

Prepared by:

**Western Piedmont Council of Governments
Samuel W. Erwin, Environmental Administrator**

March 2014

City of Claremont
Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan

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City of Claremont

Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan

I. Introduction

Background

The City of Claremont is a small city located in Catawba County and the Piedmont region of North Carolina. The City has been involved with and supported recreation since the creation of City Park which is located on Main Street and adjacent to Claremont Elementary School. Over the years, the City has expanded and added facilities to City Park and continues to sponsor events at the park. In 2006, the City received a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant which provided funding assistance to renovate several facilities as well as purchase new playground equipment. In the past, the City has also been involved with Frances Sigman park located in the southern part of the City.



Entrance Claremont Park

Recently, the City began looking at the future of recreation. Since City Park has limited space for future facilities, the City felt it may have to look at other areas for future facilities. Claremont has never had a recreation plan and city leaders wanted to plan a future course as well as get input from its citizens as to what recreation facilities and activities they would like to see in the future. In 2013, the City contracted with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments to develop a comprehensive city-wide plan that could serve as a blue print for renovation and development over the next 15 years.

A key element of the plan would be citizen input. WPCOG staff worked with both City staff and the Recreation Committee on the development of the plan.

Methodology

The City realized that for this plan to be successful public input would be needed. During the development of the plan, the project team met with City staff and attended several meetings of the Recreation Committee. A city-wide survey was developed and

there were 77 responses to the survey. In addition, two advertised focus group meetings were conducted to determine what facilities needed to be addressed and the priority for development or renovation.

Acknowledgments

Doug Barrick – Claremont City Manager

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Claremont City Planner – Laurie Locicero

Western Piedmont Council of Governments – Scott Miller

Section II Demographics

Section Overview

This section of the study looks at the City's growth from 2000 to 2010 and compares it to other governmental units. It also looks at age groups in Claremont that have population increases and which groups have population decreases.

II. Demographics

The population in the City of Claremont in 2010 was 1,352 and in 2000 it was 1,038. This represents an increase of 30.3%. During the same period, Catawba County where Claremont is located increased 8.9% and the population in North Carolina increased 18.5%

**Table 1
Population Change (2000-2010)**

Place	2000	2010	Change 2000-2010	% Increase 2000-2010
Claremont	1,038	1,352	314	30.3
Catawba Co.	141,685	154,358	12,673	8.9
Hickory MSA	341,851	365,497	23,646	6.9
N. Carolina	8,049,313	9,535,483	1,486,170	18.5
U.S.A	281,421,900	308,745,538	27,323,638	9.7

From 2000 to 2010, the largest increase in age groups was from 60 and over which showed an increase of 150 people. On the other hand, from 2000 to 2010, for ages 45-59 there was an increase of only 24 people. All age groups showed an increase in population from 2000 to 2010. These statistics show that the City of Claremont has had an increase in older people many of whom are retired.

**Table 2
Claremont Population Change Age Groups (2000-2010)**

Age Group	2000	2010	Change + or (-)
Under 10	121	172	51
10-19	117	148	31
20-44	392	450	58
45-59	269	293	24
60 and Over	139	289	150

The tables show that Claremont is a growing City with a senior population that is growing. The age group that showed the largest increase from 2000 to 2010 was 60 and over

which showed an increase of 150 people. With this increase in senior population, Claremont should focus some new recreational activities for this group.

Section III Public Input

Section Overview

This section of the study looks at how Claremont involved a broad range and representative number of citizens in preparing the plan.

Background

Claremont Park Advisory Committee

Survey

Focus Group Meetings

Summary

III. Public Input

Background

The City of Claremont realized that a key component of a successful plan was to have public input. The project team developed a two page survey that was distributed city wide asking the citizens pertinent questions regarding current and future recreation in the City. There were 77 responses to the survey.

Two pre-pre-advertised focus group meetings were held by the City in November 2013. The input gathered from citizens attending was used to determine priorities for development and renovation at the existing park and for development at future parks.

Recreation Committee

Throughout the project, the project team worked with the Recreation Committee, a committee of citizens appointed by the City. The committee evaluates current policies and makes recommendations for recreation policies and issues in the City.

The project team met five times during the project with the Committee. At the meetings, the schedule was reviewed and project elements were discussed. The Committee reviewed recommendations for the existing park and gave input regarding park land and facilities needed for future facilities.

Survey

In October 2013, the project team developed a two page survey to be distributed in Claremont which asked for citizen preferences to activities at the park, facilities and other recreation issues. The City distributed the survey and seventy seven people responded. The survey and results can be seen on the following pages.

City of Claremont Recreation Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this important survey. Please check the response that most closely matches your opinion. **YOUR RESPONSES ARE CONFIDENTIAL.** Please return the survey to the office at the Claremont City Hall by October 23, 2013

1. How many persons living in your household (counting yourself) are?

Under age 10 _____ Age 25-34 _____ Age 55-64 _____
 Age 10-19 _____ Age 35-44 _____ Age 65-74 _____
 Age 20-24 _____ Age 45-54 _____ Age 75+ _____

2. Do you live in the City of Claremont?

Yes _____ No _____

3. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of Claremont Park?

(1) Excellent _____ (3) _____
 (2) Good _____ (4) _____

4. Please check ALL the ways you learn about parks and recreation activities?

(1) Newspaper _____ (5) Flyers and brochures _____
 (2) Radio _____ (6) Website _____
 (3) From Friends and neighbors _____ (7) Social Media _____
 (4) City Newsletter _____ (8) Other _____

5. What facilities have you used at the park: Please list.

6. Following are a potential repair/improvements that could be made at the park.

Please indicate the facilities listed below that you would **SUPPORT** being developed or renovated at the park by checking the column beside the name.

City Park

Resurface Walking Area	
More Playground Equipment	
Update Tennis Courts	

Dedicated Basketball Court	
Renovate Stage	
Other	

7. Which new park areas or facilities would you support

Develop a multi-purpose sports field	
Develop new multi-purpose facility	
Develop more walking trails/greenway	
Other – please list	

8. Any other suggestions for facilities or improvements not listed:

9. In priority, list four facilities and their desired locations that you would be willing to support with tax dollars.

10. The costs to build, renovate and operate facilities over and above the availability of grants and donations should be paid for by:

- (1) Property Taxes _____
- (2) User Fees _____
- (3) Sales Taxes _____

11. Would you be interested in attending any community meetings regarding future recreation in Claremont? If yes, please list contact information.

City of Claremont Recreation Survey Results

A Recreation Survey was recently completed in the City of Valdese with 74 people responding to the survey. The results to the questions are shown below:

1. How many persons living in your household (counting yourself are:)

1) Under Age 10	26
2) Age 10-19	25
3) Age 35-44	23
4) Age 55-64	19
5) Age 25-34	14
Age 45-54	14
7) Age 65-74	10
8) Age 75+	7
9) Age 20-24	5

answered question 72

skipped question 2

2. Do you live in the City of Claremont?

1) Yes	59
2) No	15

answered question 59

skipped question 15

3. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of Claremont Park?

1) Good	44
2) Fair	17
3) Excellent	9
4) Poor	0

answered question 70

skipped question 4

4. Please check ALL the ways you learn about parks and recreation activities?

1) City newsletter	49
2) From friends and neighbors	37
3) Social media	29
4) Newspaper	25
5) Flyers and brochures	18
6) Website	14

Other	14
8) Radio	6

Answered question 72

Skipped question 2

5. What facilities have you used at the park? Please list:

1) Playground	40
2) Walking track	39
3) Picnic shelter (picnicking)	28
4) Tennis courts	12
5) Amphitheater (stage)	6
6) Restrooms	5
7) None	4
8) All areas	3
9) Community activities	1
Movies in park	1
Basketball	1
Tennis courts for skateboarding	1
Church events	1
Multi-purpose facility	1
Benches	1
Creek	1
Sand Box	1
Pool in 1960's	1

Answered question 63

Skipped question 11

6. The following are potential repair/improvements that could be made at the park. Please indicate the facilities listed below that you would support being developed or renovated at the park by checking the column beside the name.

1) More playground equipment	39
2) Resurface walking area	35
3) Renovate stage	26
4) Dedicated basketball court	22
5) Update tennis courts	17
6) Other (please specify)	13
-Additional shelters	
-Level playing area	

- Clean/update bathrooms and grills
- Redouble effort to label trees/wildlife billboard etc.
- Frisbee golf
- They need updated grills, updated landscaping, the walking track needs updated bad, it needs to be more level for those that are unable to walk up or down hills, also folks like to push strollers and wagons, if money available, a community building, community pool would be great.
- Having some playground equipment enclosed for the safety of younger kids
- Dog park for little dogs
- Water pad
- Refinish tables
- Water feature
- Playground equipment for special needs children
- Better lighting for walking path

Answered question 58
 Skipped question 16

7. Which new park areas or facilities would you support?

- | | |
|---|----|
| 1) Develop more walking trails/greenway | 42 |
| 2) Develop new multi-purpose facility | 25 |
| 3) Develop a multi-purpose sports field | 19 |
| 4) Other (please specify) | 13 |

- Bike Trail
- More play equipment/better restrooms
- Disk golf course
- Make law when walking dogs to pick up dogs mess
- Racquet ball court
- Frances Sigmon park
- Dog park
- Greenway for bicycle path
- Something like a YMCA
- Field used for Claremont Days too, plus other parts of the park
- Pool
- Dog park
- Skateboarding Ramps and rails

Answered question 55
 Skipped question 19

8. Any other suggestions for facilities or improvements not listed.

- Water park with splash pad
- Bike trail and more lights
- Update with more variety of play equipment for all kid, update restrooms
- Merge park and school areas for more use
- Install sidewalk on Centennial Blvd.
- Update current baseball field behind school
- Better maintain park
- Sidewalks in front of school should be cleared of limbs
- Update Francis Sigmon Park
- Develop youth recreation program
- Update park. Park is too hilly
- Pedestrian improvements for Main Street
- Develop walking trails along sewer right-of-ways
- Look for other areas in town for park
- Splash pad at City park, walking trail at White Oak Park, kids playground equipment at Oak Park, park bridge over creek at White Oak Park
- Sidewalks
- Repair sidewalks on Catawba Street Flowering trees
- City pool
- Leave trees in park, consider a wooden play structure
- More things to involve areas like Catfish and Bunker Hill
- Splash pad for kids
- Activity areas for children 6 to 12 years old
- Water feature, remove old junk, grade a level playing area just grass, put playgrounds In one area.
- Skateboarding
- Have on recreation building
- Update restrooms
- Build a bathroom and concession area for the old ball park

Answered question 27

Skipped question 47

9. In priority, list four facilities and their desired locations that you would be willing to support with tax dollars.

- | | |
|--|----|
| 1) Walking trails/Greenway | 34 |
| 2) Multi-purpose facility/Community Center | 24 |
| 3) Playground equipment/Playgrounds | 18 |

4) Frances Sigmon Park	16
5) Multi-purpose sports field	14
6) Basketball	13
Claremont Park/Update City Park	13
8) Swimming pool	9
Tennis courts/City Park	7
Update City Park	7
White Oak Park	7
12) Lighting in park	5
13) None	4
Senior friendly walking trails	4
Equipment	4
Create Recreation Department	4
Create youth sports program	4
Update lights and trees on main street	4
19) Sidewalks	3
If town grows expand facilities	3
Update street signs	3
Amphitheater with seating	3
23) Green space	2
Stage	2
Renovate railroad track near Claremont Hardware	2
Fitness Trail	2
27) Better signage	1
Update restrooms	1
Public art	1

Answered question 34

Skipped question 40

10. The cost to build, renovate and operate facilities over and above the availability of grants and donations should be paid for by:

1) User fees	31
2) Property taxes	30
3) Sales Taxes	23
4) Other (please specify)	9

-Rather have curbside P/U over parks

-Increased taxes and user fees should both be affordable

-Donations

- Find a way we pay enough
- Depends on what you build
- Taxes are too high now
- Up taxes on all the companies in town
- All depends
- Taxes already too high

Answered question 57

Skipped question 17

11. Would you be interested in attending any community meetings regarding future recreation in Claremont? If yes, please provide your contact information.

- 1) Yes 18
- 2) No 0

Answered question 18

Skipped question 56

As can be seen from the survey, the three most popular facilities that citizens have used at the park are playground, walking track and picnic shelter (picnicking). The three most popular facilities at the park that citizens would support renovating or developing would be more playground equipment, resurface walking area and renovating the stage. The three new park areas or facilities that citizens would support are more walking trails/greenway, develop new multi-purpose facility and develop multi-purpose sports field. In priority, citizens felt that they would be more willing to support with tax dollars; walking trails/greenway, multi-purpose facility/community center, playground equipment/playgrounds and improvements to Frances Sigmon Park. Citizens also felt that the cost to build, renovate and operate facilities should be paid for by user fees and property taxes. Citizens also felt that the Claremont Park was in good condition. It is apparent from the survey, that citizens would like more walking trails/greenways and a multi-purpose building.

Focus Group Meetings

As a further way to gather public input, two pre-advertised public focus group meetings were conducted by the City. Both of the meetings were held on November 15, 2013. At each of the meetings, the project team updated the audience on the plan, reviewed the survey results and led discussion among the participants on what programs and facilities they would

like to see in Claremont. There were a total of 11 participants for the meetings. Programs and facilities discussed at the two meetings are listed below:

- Work with YMCA on program youth sports
- Develop an agreement with School for sports facilities including indoor basketball
- Install a basketball court at Park
- Develop a fitness trail at Park
- Install a vending machine at park
- Develop a disc golf course at park and possibly on school property
- Install a splash pad at park
- Install a misting room at park
- Install a mini zip line at park
- There was considerable discussion on additional playground equipment needed at park. The following types of playground equipment were discussed.
 1. Tether Ball
 2. Various types of climbing walls were discussed including a 7' wall.
 3. Large see-saw
 4. Flywheel
 5. Dino Climber
 6. Pod Bridge
 7. Swinging steps playground equipment
 8. Replace adult swing and slide
 9. Tire swing
 10. Balance beam
- There was considerable discussion about the City working with local girl scouts for the selection of future playground equipment.
- There was discussion on the need for more hiking trails in the City. The proposed Carolina Thread greenway plan for Claremont was discussed and reviewed.
- The City should be more active with holiday celebrations
- Develop geocaching at the park and other locations in the city.
- There was discussion on the City finding developing a building which would have multi-purpose rooms for activities such as exercise classes, yoga and classroom programs. The City could construct a building or try to find a vacant building which could be renovated.
- Develop a silver sneakers program for older adults in Claremont similar to other programs in the County.
- Construct a bridge across the creek at the property the City owns at White Oak.
- Construct a dog park at the property the City owns at White Oak

Summary

From the input gathered from the survey and focus group meetings, it appears that there are several facilities that the citizens would like to continue supporting. On both the survey and the focus group meetings, more playground equipment was mentioned. Also, the City should consider working with the Girl Scouts on selection of the equipment installed. The Girl Scouts were consulted when the City last purchased playground equipment in 2006. The citizens want to see more walking trails/greenways. The walking track at Claremont Park is very popular but needs some maintenance for it to continue to be in good condition. The citizens like the potential that the Carolina Thread Trail has for the city and the connect ability to other public facilities. Fitness equipment and a place for citizens to exercise was one of the top potential facilities mentioned. Everyone seemed to like the concept of a multi-purpose building which would have a large exercise room, meeting rooms and restrooms.

Section IV Existing Facilities

Section Overview

This section of the study looks at the existing Claremont Park located in Claremont. The park and land are owned and maintained by the City of Claremont. Observations and recommendations from the study follow are listed below. The existing facilities were reviewed to avoid unnecessary duplication for future facilities at the park and to recommend renovations as necessary. The recommendations are broken down into three phases. These are short term (1-5) years, intermediate (6-10) years and long term (11-15 years). This section is broken down into the following:

Claremont Park

Other Facilities

IV. Existing Facilities

Claremont Park

The Town Park is an older park built in 1987 and located near downtown Claremont on Main Street and is adjacent to Claremont Elementary School. It is owned and maintained by the City of Claremont. The park is well used and was renovated with a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant in 2006 which provided renovation to several of the facilities in addition to new playground equipment. Current uses at the park include tennis, walking, picnicking, amphitheater and playground equipment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

SHORT-TERM PHASE

As previously mentioned the park has been in existence for many years. There are some renovations and updates that are needed to keep it in good condition and up to current standards. Several new facilities are recommended that would bring new activities to the park and city.

- 1) REFURBISH WALKING TRACK Although the track was refurbished in 2006 with a PARTF grant there are sections of the trail where there are cracks. The cracks need to be filled and the entire track needs to be resealed.
- 2) REFURBISH ONE TENNIS COURT There are two tennis courts in the park. One tennis court should be converted to a full court basketball court and the other should be refurbished. The courts were renovated in 2006 as part of the PARTF grant. There are some cracks on the courts that need to be fixed in order to keep the courts in good condition.
- 3) REPAIR WATER FOUNTAIN The water fountain was installed at the park several years ago and has not worked. The fountain either needs to be repaired or removed.



Existing Tennis Courts

- 4) REMOVE OLD METAL SLIDING BOARD The old metal sliding board in the playground area does not have handrails and does not meet the current safety standards. It could also be a liability issue for the City. The slide should be removed and replaced with a functional safe piece of playground equipment.



Old Sliding Board

- 5) REFURBISH PLAYGROUND AREA The fall zones that surround the existing playground equipment need rehabilitating. In many spots, there is not enough mulch to soften the impact from youth falling from existing equipment. Rubber mulch is currently used and this should be continued since it has a longer life than wooden mulch and in the long run will result in less maintenance.

- 6) DEMOLISH AMPHITHEATER/GRADE AREA AND REPLACE WITH GAZEBO/MULTI-PURPOSE



Existing Amphitheater

FIELD. The amphitheater at the lower end of the park gets a lot of use particularly in the summer with the outdoor movies. The amphitheater was renovated with the PARTF grant in 2006 but it needs extensive renovation. Also, the area surrounding the amphitheater is uneven and needs to be graded to a level position. The City should demolish amphitheater and grade the area near

where the amphitheater is currently located. This graded area could also serve as a multi-purpose field for certain activities such as unorganized football. The graded area where the multi-purpose field would be located would also make it more suitable for events and provide a better area for seating. In addition, the City should construct a gazebo which could be used for events such as movies and could be more functional than the old amphitheater. The City should consider constructing the gazebo with composite materials that would have a longer life than wooden components.

- 7) NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT To keep the playground popular with kids, new playground equipment is needed. Examples of equipment that were mentioned at the Public Meetings include climbing wall, large see-saw, dino climber and flywheel. The City should continue to use the Girl Scouts to help in the selection of playground equipment.

8) ENLARGE CAMPING AREA FOR ORGANIZED GROUPS Over the years, there has been interest in developing a camping area on the undeveloped north side of the creek and park. In recent years, the City has worked with the Scouts to develop a camping area for organized groups and some improvements have already occurred such as tent pads and cooking area. Other improvements needed would be clearing, more camping areas and cooking areas. The groups could use the parks existing restrooms. This would be a joint venture between the scouts and the City.

9) CONSTRUCT SEGMENT OF CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL ADJACENT CREEK TO BUNKER HILL COVERED BRIDGE AREA. Catawba County and the City of Claremont are a part of the Carolina Thread Trail which when completed will cover 15 counties in North and South Carolina. The City was an active participant in the Catawba County Greenway Plan which was funded by the Carolina Thread Trail. From the plan, there were numerous priorities and priority #5



Existing Carolina Thread Trail in Newton

was to construct a trail from Claremont City Hall to the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge. This trail would be a segment of the Lyle Creek Corridor and would ultimately go from the Claremont City Hall to the Town of Catawba. The trail would go through the park to connect to City Hall. The City is working with Catawba County on planning the proposed trail and at the present time a route has not yet been determined.

10) CREATE NEW PARKING AREA (8 Spaces) Because of the popularity of the park, there are times when overflow parking is needed. There is an area above the picnic shelter and adjacent to the school property that is fairly flat and could be used for extra parking for up to 8 vehicles. In the future, if the City and School are able to do joint recreation ventures such as disc golf and a ballfield, the extra parking spaces would be convenient for users. The parking spaces could be graveled initially and in the future they could be paved.

11) RENOVATE/ENLARGE RESTROOMS TO INCLUDE CONCESSION/VENDING/ADD STORAGE

The current restrooms have not been updated in recent years and need to be renovated and enlarged. The current structure and location allows for expansion. There has been



Existing Restrooms

interest expressed in having a concession/vending area in the park for special events such as family movie night. An addition could be made to the current restroom facility for items that are used at the park. Having a storage facility at the park for items that are used only at the park would be convenient and more efficient for the upkeep of the park.

- 12) CONVERT TENNIS COURT TO FULL COURT BASKETBALL COURT From the survey and input from the focus group meetings, citizens want to see an outdoor basketball court in the city. Because of terrain challenges and limited additional space at the park for a court, the City should look at converting one of the existing tennis courts to a full court basketball court. By using the existing court, the City could lower costs since the area is already graded and concrete and a fence exists around the court. The other tennis court would continue to be used for tennis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

INTERMEDIATE PHASE

- 1) POTENTIAL JOINT VENTURE WITH COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM The existing park is adjacent to Claremont Elementary School and there are numerous potential joint recreation opportunities that could benefit both the City and School. The City and School system should meet in the future to examine recreation opportunities that could benefit each entity.

- 2) POTENTIAL JOINT VENTURE WITH SCHOOL TO DEVELOP 9-HOLE DISC GOLF COURSE Disc golf is a recreation activity that is growing in popularity at parks across the region and the state. It can be enjoyed by young and old. In Caldwell County, the Town of Sawmills has recently developed an 18-hole course at Veterans Park and the Town of Hudson is developing a course at Redwood Park. In Burke County, there are three courses at Hildebran Town Park, Bethel Park and Catawba Meadows Park. Disc golf courses are fairly inexpensive to construct and in many cases vendors will assist with the design and costs. The largest expense is for the pads and baskets. Many parks are

finding that areas they thought were undevelopable are great locations for courses. Typical courses in the region have 9 and 18 holes. The size of the course is dependent



Typical Disc Golf Basket

on the amount of land available and terrain. The City of Claremont should explore a potential joint venture with Claremont Elementary School to develop a 9 hole course on property owned by the City and the Catawba County Schools. The course would be located near the northern edge of the park along the creek. Such a project could benefit both entities.

- 3) **POTENTIAL JOINT VENTURE WITH SCHOOL TO USE BALLFIELD** From the survey and public meetings, there was interest expressed in the City developing a ballfield. There are very few large parcels of property in the City that would be suitable for the development of a ballfield. There is an existing ballfield at Claremont Elementary School adjacent to the park. The City should look at potential joint venture with the school to use the ballfield. This could benefit the schools in that they would have assistance from the City to update the ballfield and with maintenance. The joint venture would benefit the City in that they would not have to acquire suitable property to construct a ballfield. The ballfield would be for unorganized leagues and games. Having organized leagues would require the City to hire a person to program the leagues and games. If the City would like to see organized leagues, an alternative would be to work with the Catawba County YMCA,

- 4) **POTENTIAL JOINT VENTURE WITH SCHOOL TO DEVELOP WALKING TRAIL TO BALLFIELD** The construction of the trail would be dependent on the City and School working out an agreement for joint usage of the ballfield. If this occurs, a simple natural surface trail could be constructed from the proposed additional parking lot to the ballfield approximately 400 feet. In the future, the trail could be paved.

Other Facilities

There are other facilities in the City that are not operated or maintained by the City but provide recreation activities to the public.

These are as follows:

1) St. Marks Lutheran Church

St. Marks Lutheran Church in Claremont has a large family life center which can seat more people than any other facility in the city. The center is used for large community events.

2) First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church in Claremont is similar to St. Marks Lutheran Church in that they have a meeting room smaller than the Lutheran Church. The Church is also used for community meetings specifically senior breakfast meetings.

Section V Site Plans

Section Overview

This section looks at the recommended renovations and development for Claremont Park. The proposed renovations and development are shown on the map for the park. Also, listed are future park facilities at locations that have not yet been determined.

Exhibit 1, Claremont Park - Recommendations



City of Claremont

COMPREHENSIVE PARKS and RECREATION PLAN

Exhibit 1

Recommendations

-  (Years 1-5) **Short Term Recommendations**
-  (Years 6-10) **Intermediate Term Recommendations**
-  (Years 6-10) **Long Term Recommendations**
-  **Park Boundary**

Other intermediate recommendations outside of Claremont Park include:

- White Oak Area Park
- Small Neighborhood Park
(Locations not yet determined)

Long term recommendations are outside of Claremont Park and include:

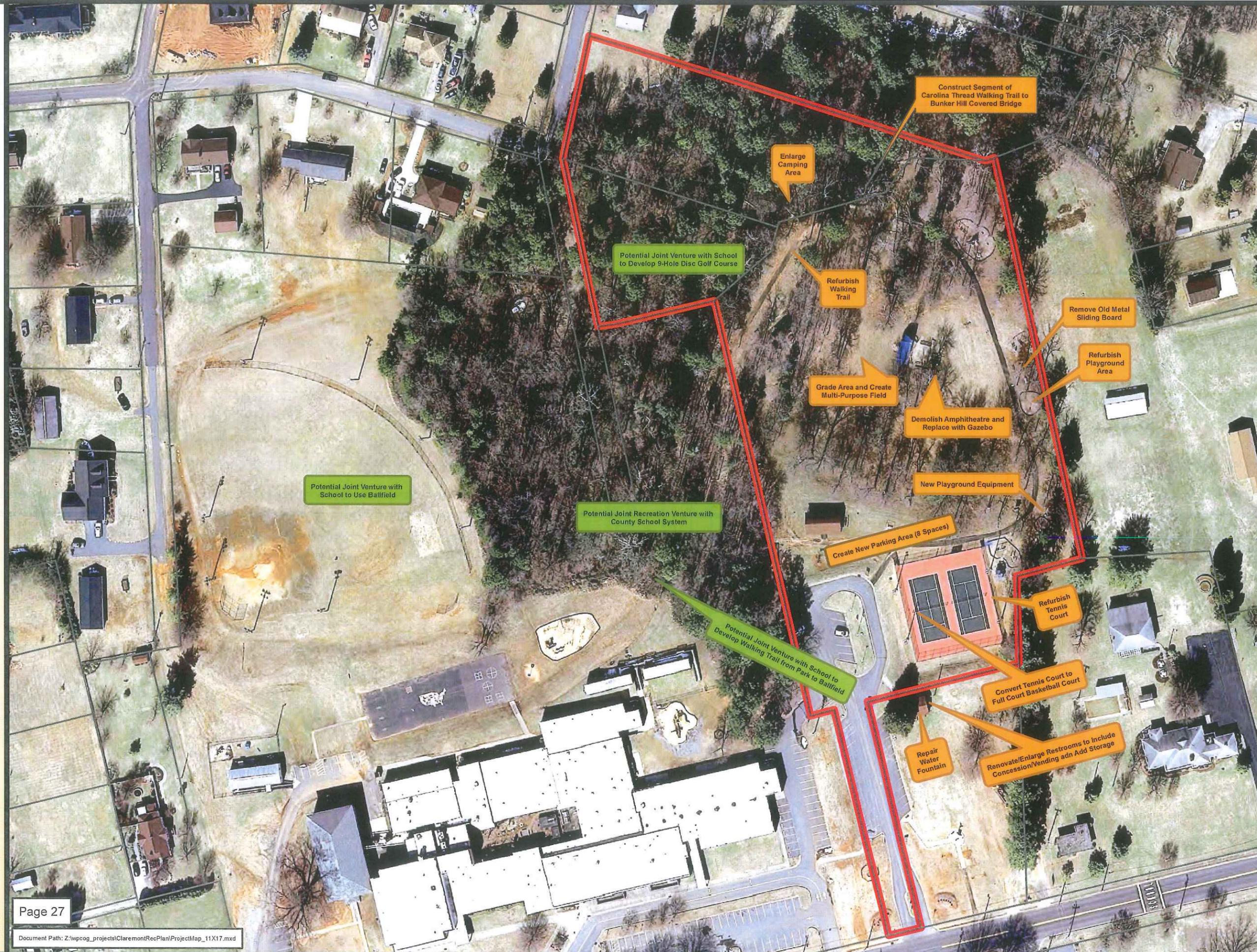
- Multi-Purpose Recreation Building
(Location not yet determined)
- Southern Greenway
(Location not yet determined)



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This map was created on March 28, 2014 by the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, Hickory, NC using the latest data from the Catawba County GIS.



Section VI Future Parks and Facilities

Section Overview

This section looks at new parks and facilities the City will need in the future. These would be located outside of Claremont Park. In all cases the locations for the parks and facilities are not known at the present time.

White Oak Area

Small Neighborhood Park

Multi-Purpose Building

Southern Greenway

VI. Future Parks and Facilities

White Oak Park Area

During the survey and focus group meeting, there was interest expressed in the development of a small passive recreation park in the White Oak area of the City. The project could be a joint venture of the City and citizens that live in the White Oak area. The city currently owns a small tract of property in the area that could be used.

RECOMMENDATIONS

INTERMEDIATE PHASE

- Construct a small bridge/culvert

The small tract of property owned by the city has a small stream that runs through the property. In order for the site to be fully utilized, there must be a way to cross the creek. Depending on the location, either a small bridge or a culvert needs to be constructed. The City could look for a volunteer group such as the Boy Scouts to assist with project since they completed a similar project in the City Park crossing the creek to the camping area.

- Construct a walking trail

A 1,000 foot long walking trail could be built on the parcel that would follow the Property lines and cross the creek. The trail would be natural surface and would follow the contours of the terrain. The City and the citizens of the White Oak area could work together to complete the trail. Depending on the popularity and trail usage, it could be paved in the future.

Small Neighborhood Park

Interest was expressed on building a small neighborhood park in a residential area of Claremont in the future. The park would be family oriented and would consist of facilities that were easy to maintain. At the present time, a location has not been selected for the small neighborhood park.

RECOMMENDATIONS

INTERMEDIATE PHASE

- Install playground equipment

Playground equipment could be installed at the neighborhood park. The equipment Selected would be dependent on the age of the user group. The City should look to an organization such as the girl scouts for assistance in the selection of the equipment since they would know the latest trends and popularity in playground equipment. The equipment should have adequate fall zones with material such as mulch to cushion impact from users.

- Construct a picnic shelter

A picnic shelter would be an excellent complimentary facility to construct with the playground equipment. This would allow families to venture to the park and have a meal while the kids play. The size of the shelter should be dependent on the size of the neighborhood to be served. A typical size is 16' x 24' and would include picnic tables and grill. It would be similar to the shelter at City Park.

Construct a New or Renovate Existing Building into a Multi-Purpose Building

During the focus group meetings and from the results of the survey, there was interest expressed in the City having a multi-purpose facility that could host meetings, have an exercise room with equipment and have space for such activities as yoga or fitness classes. As the population of Claremont becomes older, this type of facility will be needed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

LONG TERM PHASE

- Construct a new or renovate existing building into a multi-purpose building



Typical Exercise Room

In the future, the City should find land and construct a multi-purpose building dedicated For recreation or if any vacant building becomes available that would be suitable they should renovate into a multi-purpose building. Local governments in the region either have or are constructing such facilities. The Town of Hudson is constructing an addition to their Recreation Center that would include a meeting room, fitness room and restrooms. The dimensions of the building are 40' x 108'. There are no uniform

dimensions for such building. There is no space at the current Claremont Park for such a structure.

Southern Greenway

More walking trails are a recreation activity that the citizens for Claremont expressed a desire for on the survey and during the focus group meetings. A greenway could be constructed that would connect the downtown area of Claremont with Frances Sigman Park area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

LONG TERM PHASE

- Construct a greenway in the southern part of the city.

In the future, the City should look at constructing a greenway from the downtown District going south to Frances Sigman Park. The greenway would begin near South Depot Street and cross the railroad tracks and go south along Bethany Church Road to Keisler Dairy Road and to the park. Along the way, there could be spurs to areas such as White Oak. The greenway would be several miles in length at a minimum and could be longer depending how many spurs were constructed. The cost at this point would be hard to determine since a definite route has not yet been determined and it is not known whether the trail will be paved or natural surface. Since Depot Street is near the City Hall which is part of the planned corridor, the southern greenway section of trail could be certified with the Carolina Thread Trail..

Section VII Cost Estimate

Section Overview

The facility improvements planned for the City are divided into three phases over the next fifteen years. This section provides a cost estimate for each phase as well as the total cost to renovate and develop the parks.

Background

Cost Estimate

VII. Cost Estimate

Background

The renovation of the existing park and creation of new facilities will involve significant funding over the next 15 years. With limited resources, the City felt that it would be best to phase improvements and future facilities over the next 15 years. The phases are as follows: Short Term (Years 1-5), Intermediate (Years 6-10) and Long Term (Years 11-15)

Cost Estimate

Short Term (Years 1-5)	Cost
Claremont Park	
Refurbish Walking Trail	\$ 7,000
Refurbish Tennis Court	\$ 3,500
Repair Water Fountain	\$ 2,000
Remove Old Metal Sliding Board	\$ 500
Refurbish Playground Area	\$ 5,000
Demolish Amphitheater/Grade Area/Multi-Purpose Field	\$ 20,000
Replace with Gazebo	
New Playground Equipment	\$ 40,000
Enlarge Camping Area	\$ 1,000
Construct Segment of Carolina Thread Walking Trail to Bunker Hill Covered Bridge Area	Price Uncertain
Create New Parking Area (8 spaces)	\$ 8,000
Renovate/Enlarge Restroom to include concessions/vending/ add storage	\$ 45,000
Convert Tennis Court to Full Court Basketball Court	\$ 8,500
TOTAL COST SHORT TERM	\$ 140,500
Intermediate Term (Years 6-10)	
Claremont Park	
Potential Joint Venture with School to Develop	\$ 15,000

9-Hole Disc Golf Course	
Potential Joint Venture with School to Use Ballfield	\$ 35,000
Potential Joint Venture with School to Develop Walking Trail from Park to Ballfield	\$ 1,200

TOTAL COST INTERMEDIATE	\$ 51,200
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TOTAL COST TO DEVELOP CLAREMONT PARK

SHORT TERM	\$ 120,500
INTERMEDIATE	\$ 71,200
TOTAL COST	\$191,700

Future Park and Facilities Outside Claremont Park

Intermediate Term (Years 6-10)

White Oak Area Park

Bridge/Culvert	\$ 10,000
Walking Trail (1,000 LF @\$3.00 a foot) natural surface	\$ 3,000
TOTAL COST	\$ 13,000

Small Neighborhood Park

Playground Equipment	\$ 20,000
Picnic Shelter (16' x 24')	\$ 15,000
TOTAL COST	\$ 35,000

Long Term Phase (Years 11-15)

Multi-Purpose Building

Construct a New or Renovate Existing Building into a 40' x 108'

Multi-Purpose Recreation Facility to include fitness room, meeting Rooms and Restrooms.	\$ 450,000
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Southern Greenway

Long Term Phase (Years 11-15)

Construct a greenway from downtown to Francis Sigman Park. Route not yet selected.	\$1,000,000
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TOTAL COST FOR PARKS AND FACILITIES

Claremont Park	\$ 191,700	
White Oak Area Park	\$ 13,000	
Small Neighborhood Park	\$ 35,000	
Multi-Purpose Building	\$ 450,000	
Southern Greenway	\$1,000,000	
TOTAL COST		\$1,689,700

TOTAL COST BY PHASES

Short Term	\$ 120,500	
Intermediate	\$ 119,200	
Long Term	\$ 1,450,000	
TOTAL COST		\$1,689,700

Section VIII Recommendations

Section Overview

This section provides a strategy for the City to implement the plan. Recommendations are grouped into three phases over the next fifteen years. The recommendations are as follows:

Short Term Recommendations (Years 1-5)	Recommendations 1-11
Intermediate Recommendations (Years 6-10)	Recommendations 12-18
Long Term Recommendations (Years 11-15)	Recommendations 19 and 20

VIII. Recommendations

The recommendations in the plan are summarized in this section. They have been assigned target dates for implementation and grouped according to target dates. The recommendations are grouped into the following phases: Short Term (Years 1-5), Intermediate (years 6-10) and Long Term (Years 11-15)

The City of Claremont should use this summary as a guide and planning tool to prioritize the recommendations, set annual goals, prepare budgets, and set specific dates. The recommendation summary can also be used as a check off list for accomplishing the recommendations.

Short Term Recommendations (Years 1-5)

Claremont Park

1. Refurbish Walking Track
2. Refurbish one Tennis Court
3. Repair Water Fountain
4. Remove Old Metal Sliding Board
5. Refurbish Playground Area
6. Demolish Amphitheater/Grade Area and Replace with Gazebo/Multi-Purpose Field
7. New Playground Equipment
8. Expand Camping Area For Organized Groups
9. Construct Segment of Carolina Thread Trail Adjacent Creek to Bunker Hill Covered Bridge Area
10. Create New Parking Area

11. Renovate/Enlarge Restrooms To Include Concession/Vending/Add Storage

12. Convert Tennis Court to Full Court Basketball Court

Intermediate Phase (Years 6-10)

Claremont Park

13. Potential Joint Venture With County School System

14. Potential Joint Venture With School To Develop 9-Hole Disc Golf Course

15. Potential Joint Venture With School To Use Ballfield

16. Potential Joint Venture With School to Develop Walking Trail to Ballfield

Facilities Outside Claremont Park

17. White Oak Area Park

18. Small Neighborhood Park

Long Term Phase (Years 11-15)

Facilities Outside Claremont Park

19. Construct a New or Renovate Existing Building into a Multi-Purpose Building

20. Southern Greenway

Section IX Appendix

This section contains a listing of various funding sources that are available to the City of Claremont. There are several options that are available for assistance through foundations, and state and local governments.

Adopt-a-Park

- Concession Stand Equipment
 - Ice Machine
 - Industrial Crockpots
 - Coffee Maker
 - Popcorn Machine
 - Sno-Cone Machine
 - Nacho Machine
 - Wire shelves
 - Refrigerators
 - Chest Freezer
 - Sinks
 - Drink Machine (outside the concession stand)
 - Menu

- Bike rack
- Pet Waste Station
- Message Board
- Cornhole Boards – replace current horseshoe pits
- Additional picnic tables & benches (close to concession stand to not interfere with the covered picnic areas)
- Plant-a-tree (with special plaque/certificate of recognition)

The City is considering incorporating some of the things from the list above into a corporate sponsorship package. This could be a funding source for projects at the park.

Funding and Resource Guide

Parks, Open Space, Land Preservation

NC Department of Environmental and Natural Resources

Extensive list of funding and tax credit resources

NC Department of Commerce

Invaluable economic statistics and funding opportunities in areas such as Heritage Tourism, Economic Impact/Tourism Research and Community Development

North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center

The center is dedicated to the development of innovative strategies to improve the lives of rural North Carolinians, with a special focus on economic opportunities for citizens with low to moderate incomes.

Parks and Recreation Trust Fund

The fund provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants to local governments for park and recreation purposes. Funding is available for acquisition, development or renovation.

NC Dept of Transportation Enhancements Fund (TEA21)

There are twelve funding categories including acquisition, landscaping, bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

North Carolina Trails Program

- Adopt-A-Trail Grant awards funds annually to government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private trail groups for such projects as trail building, trail signage and facilities, trail maintenance, and trail information brochures and maps.
- Recreation Trails Program (RTP) trail grant program funded by Congress with money from the federal gas taxes paid on fuel used by off-highway vehicles. Its intent is to meet the trail and trail-related recreational needs identified by the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). The grant applicants must be able to contribute 20% of the project cost with cash or in-kind contributions.

Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program

This is a federally funded program, which awards matching funds to encourage citizen involvement in creating and sustaining urban and community forestry programs. Municipalities, counties, regional agencies, interest groups, educational facilities and private organizations are eligible to apply for funding for projects that enhance and promote the urban forest.

The North Carolina Natural Heritage Trust Fund

This fund provides assistance to purchase land that has significant aquatic or plant communities. These properties can be used for passive parks.

Resource Conservation & Development

Provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, improve, and sustain our natural resources and environment. There are nine regional offices serving North Carolina counties.

The Trust for Public Land

TPL helps conserve land for recreation and spiritual nourishment and to improve the health and quality of life of American communities.

Other Resources**Eat Smart, Move More NC Funding Opportunities**

Sponsored by the Division of Health and Human Services, and Department of Public Health.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina

The foundation supports programs that increase access to health services for the uninsured, provides health education, promotes healthy lifestyles and supports health initiatives that target children, older adults and minorities

Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation

The foundation makes grants in North Carolina for non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organizations and institutions.

Shade Structure Grant Program

Grant opportunity for common areas without shade trees.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION	
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Date of Meeting:

April 7, 2014

To: Mayor and the City Council

From: Laurie LoCicero, City Planner

Action Requested: Hold Public Hearing for Ordinance 11-13 Zoning Map

North Carolina General Statutes require that the City Council Hold a Public Hearing prior to any changes in the City Ordinance.

The Following pages summarize the requested changes to the official zoning Map.

Recommendation: Hold Public Hearing

DATE: March 5, 2014

SUBJECT:

Rezoning Case 14-1: 3761-08-89-7105
3761-08-89-6132
3761-08-88-6982

Owners: Mildred Lyerly (2681 & 2683 JB Road)
Johnny and Mary Lyerly (2585 Old Island Ford Rd)

Location: 2681 JB Road
2683 JB Road
2585 Old Island Ford Road

BACKGROUND:

Area: 2681 JB Road – 0.44 ac
2683 JB Road – 0.51 ac
2585 Old Island Ford Road – 0.94

Infrastructure: Wells and Septic tanks

Existing Land Use: 2681 JB Road – mobile home
2683 JB Road – mobile home
2585 Old Island Ford Rd - vacant

Existing Zoning: R-2 Residential Agriculture

Requested Zoning: R-2 with Manufactured Home Overlay

Zoning Within 100 feet:

North: R-2 Residential Agriculture
South: R-2 Residential Agriculture
East: R-40 Residential (County)
West: R-2 Residential Agriculture

Land Uses Within 100 feet:

North: Single family residential
South: Single family residential
East: Farm use (vacant) and single family residential
West: Vacant

DISCUSSION:

The property owner has requested a rezoning to R-2 with a Manufacturing Home overlay (MH district). This property is located in the City's Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction and is not within the City Limits. The MH overlay is only allowed in the R-2 district. The 2 properties on

JB Road do currently have mobile homes on them and the property on Old Island Ford Road did have a mobile home on it several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lyerly would like to place a double-wide manufactured home on the vacant property. The City-wide rezoning in 2005 to coincide with the new zoning ordinance did not create any parcels designated with the MH overlay. There are other mobile homes located in this area. Any new mobile home placement will have to comply with Article J. All properties located on the east side of JB Road and Old Island Ford Road are in the County's jurisdiction.

ENCLOSURES: Map of zoning of parcels and surrounding area, map of aerial photo of parcels and surrounding area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Board considered this issue at their March meeting. The Planning Board agreed with staff's recommendation to rezone these properties with the MH overlay. Presently we do not have any MH overlay and this would bring 2 properties into compliance and give a range of housing options on the vacant property. The underlying zoning is and will remain R-2 which is required for MH overlay.

The hearing was properly advertised and the property owners within 100 feet were notified with first class letters.

Rezoning 14-1

 Rezoning Request

Zoning Districts

-  B-1
-  B-2
-  B-3
-  M-1
-  R-1
-  R-2



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OLD ISLAND FORD

Rezoning 14-1

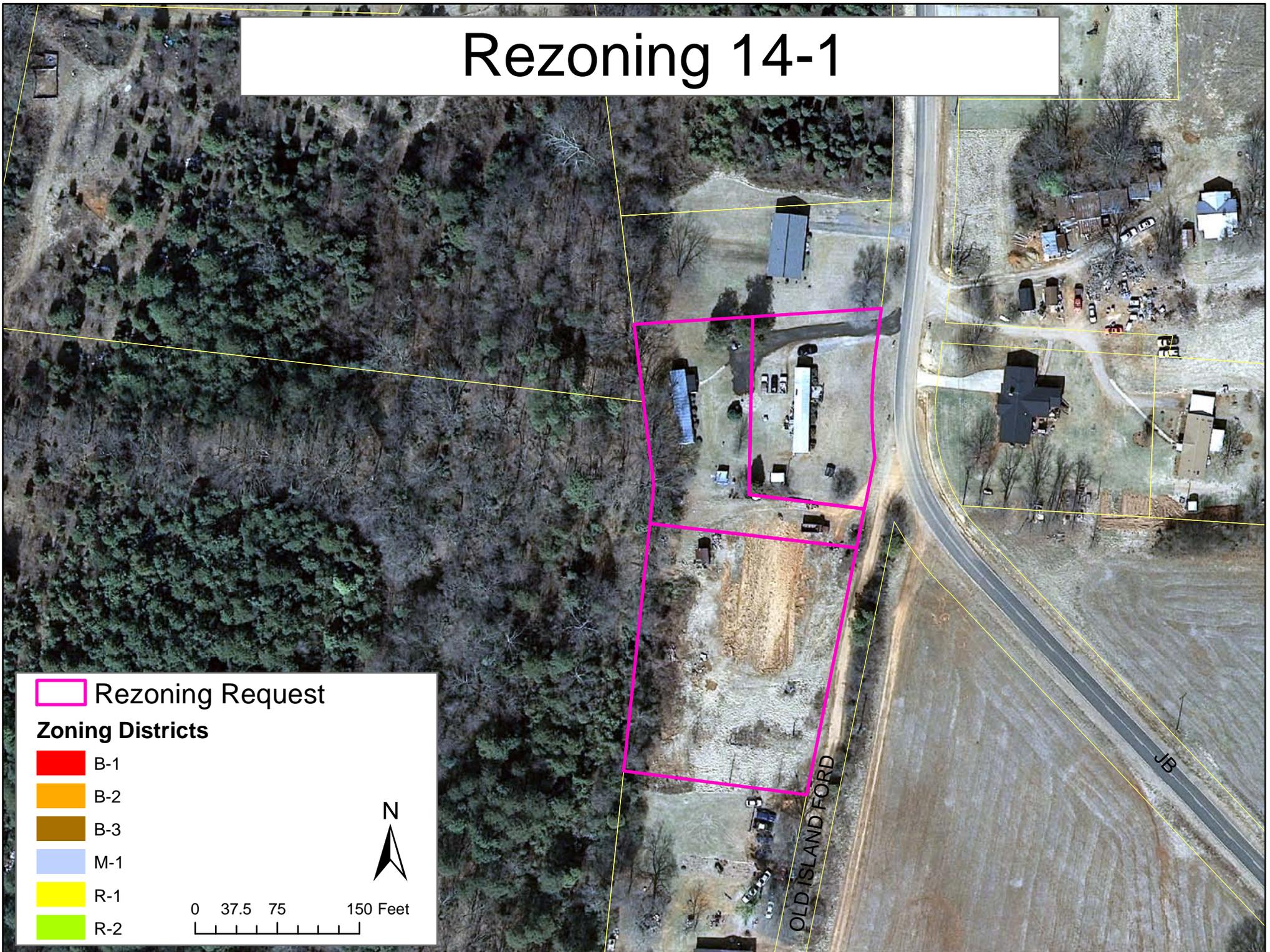
 Rezoning Request

Zoning Districts

-  B-1
-  B-2
-  B-3
-  M-1
-  R-1
-  R-2



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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION	
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Date of Meeting:

April 7, 2014

To: Mayor and the City Council

From: Doug Barrick, City Manager

Action Requested: Approve Ordinance 10-13 Budget Amendment

This budget amendment appropriates funds for the following projects:

FEMA Reimbursements

Recommendation: Approve Ordinance 08-13

City Council of the City of Claremont

Catawba County, North Carolina

Ordinance No. 10-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT AMENDING CLAREMONT
MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

Water & Sewer Fund

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues 30.3350.0000	\$7,936.00	
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Department Supplies 30.8150.3300	\$5,146.00	
Capital Outlay 30.8150.7400	\$2,790.00	

INTRODUCED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont on
April 7, 2014.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont on
April 7, 2014.

MAYOR Shawn R. Brown

ATTEST:

Doug Barrick, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bob Grant, City Attorney

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: April 7, 2014

To: Mayor and the City Council

From: Doug Barrick, City Manager

Action Requested: Ordinance 11-13 Claremont Zoning Map Updates

This Ordinance proposes to update the City of Claremont Official Zoning Map to reflect the change of three parcels from R-2 Residential Agriculture District to R-2 Residential Agriculture District with the Manufactured Home Overlay District. This change is in conformance with the Land Development Plan in that it allows for affordable housing options in the City's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

Recommendation: Approve Ordinance 11-13

City Council of the City of Claremont

Catawba County, North Carolina

Ordinance No. 11-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT AMENDING THE OFFICIAL
CLAREMONT ZONING MAP

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

The City of Claremont Official Zoning Map shall be updated to reflect the change of three parcels from R-2 Residential Agriculture District to R-2 Residential Agriculture District with the Manufactured Home Overlay District. This change is in conformance with the Land Development Plan in that it allows for affordable housing options in the City's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction. This zoning change is subject to the following properties:

<u>Catawba County PIN</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Address</u>
3761-08-89-7105	Mildred Lyerly	2681 JB Rd
3761-08-89-6132	Mildred Lyerly	2683 JB Rd
3761-08-88-6982	Johnny and Mary Lyerly	2585 Old Island Ford Rd

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont on April 7, 2014.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont on April 7, 2014.

MAYOR Shawn Brown

ATTEST:

Doug Barrick, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bob Grant, City Attorney

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: April 7, 2014

To: Mayor and the City Council

From: Doug Barrick, City Manager

Action Requested: Review and evaluate joining the NCLM REG-TAF

The NC League of Municipalities (League) is requesting voluntary contributions for the Regulatory Technical Assistance Fund (REG-TAF). REG-TAF is a voluntary annual joint action program that is separate from our League dues and was created to protect N.C. municipalities' collective interests by hiring external technical support for water quality and electric regulatory issues. The League membership asked the League to organize this annual voluntary joint action program after the success of two previous League member-supported joint action programs -- the Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition (MEAC) and the North Carolina Municipal Energy Group (NC-MEG).

The attached proposal provides more information about the REG-TAF program and the voluntary suggested contribution.

Recommendation: Review and approve request to join the NCLM REG-TAF

North Carolina League of Municipalities Regulatory Technical Assistance Fund (REG-TAF)

In response to member interest, the League of Municipalities (League) is requesting voluntary contributions for the Regulatory Technical Assistance Fund (REG-TAF). REG-TAF is an annual joint action program created to protect N.C. municipalities' collective interests by hiring external technical support for water quality and electric regulatory issues. REG-TAF comes after the success of two previous League member-supported joint action programs—the Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition (MEAC) and the North Carolina Municipal Energy Group (NC-MEG):

- In 2010, the League formed MEAC, a coalition comprised of more than 130 cities and towns, to accurately analyze data on the state's proposed limits on wastewater discharges and increased stormwater regulations. MEAC commissioned a study that estimated the cost of complying with the proposed standards at \$2 billion statewide. Based on this study, the League successfully pushed the state to implement alternative policies that minimized the financial impact of these regulations so that most cities will not need to pay for expensive wastewater plant upgrades and stormwater program expansions.
- In 2013, the League formed NC-MEG, a coalition of more than 100 League members, to hire specialized outside legal counsel in the League's interventions in both the Progress Energy Carolinas (PEC) and Duke Energy Carolinas (DEC) rate cases before the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC). The League's interventions reduced the financial burden of rate increases on municipal budgets, particularly in those cities and towns providing services such as water and wastewater treatment, street lighting, traffic signals, and recreational facilities. The NCUC issued an order in the PEC rate case in May of 2013, and the overall rate increase to municipalities was less than 5%, a reduction of 50% from PEC's original requested rates. The League's involvement in the DEC rate case is ongoing; however, the League's intervention minimized the impact of DEC's initial rate increase proposal on municipal operations and the League continues to press DEC for an LED streetlight rate for cities and towns that would make it financially feasible for them to swap out old streetlight technologies for more energy-efficient technologies.

About REG-TAF

- Annual voluntary joint action program created to protect N.C. municipalities' collective interests on regulatory issues.
- Builds upon two successful initiatives that led to significant cost savings for municipalities.
- Funds will be spent as needed to support water quality and/or electric regulatory issues.
- More than 100 League members participated in similar initiatives.

The League membership prioritized these regulatory actions and has now asked the League to build on the successes of MEAC and NC-MEG by organizing an annual joint action program for municipalities to band together to hire outside technical support and expertise for water quality and electric regulatory issues. As explained on the reverse, the suggested cost share depends on the potential benefit a municipality or authority will receive from joint regulatory technical assistance, given its electric consumption, wastewater generation, and stormwater controls.

See the attached member participation form to determine your suggested contribution for participation. REG-TAF will be a continuing program comprised of annual contributions. In some years, the funds will support both water quality and electric regulatory issues, and in other years, funds may only be spent on one issue. Funds will be expended at the direction of an oversight committee comprised of members of the League's Board of Directors with suggestions from all REG-TAF participants.

The submission of this participation form is an agreement to participate in REG-TAF. Deadline for submitting this participation form is August 1, 2014.



**North Carolina League of Municipalities
Regulatory Technical Assistance Fund (REG-TAF)
Member Participation Form**

By signing the participation agreement below, the preparer agrees on behalf of his/her municipality/ authority to participate in the League's Regulatory Technical Assistance Fund program and to submit the suggested contribution by August 1, 2014.

Program Contact: _____ **Contact's phone:** _____

Contact's Email: _____

Preparer's Signature: _____ **Date of Request:** _____

Name of Preparer: _____ **Position Title:** _____

Municipality: Claremont _____

Address: _____

Suggested Contribution: \$ 354.10 **Other amount:** _____

Please submit this form and payment to:
North Carolina League of Municipalities*
PO Box 742106
Atlanta, GA 30374-742106

* This Atlanta address is where NCLM receives payments

If you have any questions, contact:
Sarah Collins
Regulatory Affairs Associate
(919) 715-2919
scollins@ncml.org

**North Carolina League of Municipalities
Regulatory Technical Assistance Fund (REG-TAF)
Suggested Contribution Calculation**

Suggested contributions are set based on the potential benefit a municipality or authority will receive from regulatory technical assistance, given its electric consumption, wastewater generation, and stormwater controls. Your organization’s suggested contribution was determined using the schedules below. If you have any questions, contact Sarah Collins, Regulatory Affairs Associate, at (919) 715-2919/scollins@ncmlm.org.

SCHEDULE A (electric consumption)

Population	Number of Services*	Suggested Contribution
150,000 +	4	\$6,000.00
75,000 - 149,999	4	\$3,000.00
25,000 - 74,999	4	\$2,000.00
10,000 - 24,999	4	\$1,000.00
0 - 10,000	4	\$500.00

Population	Number of Services*	Suggested Contribution
150,000 +	3	\$4,500.00
75,000 - 149,999	3	\$2,250.00
25,000 - 74,999	3	\$1,500.00
10,000 - 24,999	3	\$750.00
0 - 10,000	3	\$150.00

Population	Number of Services*	Suggested Contribution
150,000 +	2	\$3,000.00
75,000 - 149,999	2	\$1,500.00
25,000 - 74,999	2	\$1,000.00
10,000 - 24,999	2	\$500.00
0 - 10,000	2	\$100.00

Population	Number of Services*	Suggested Contribution
150,000 +	1 (or less)	
75,000 - 149,999	1 (or less)	
25,000 - 74,999	1 (or less)	\$500.00
10,000 - 24,999	1 (or less)	\$250.00
0 - 10,000	1 (or less)	\$50.00

(ElectriCities do not have a suggested contribution from Schedule A)

SCHEDULE B (wastewater generation)

NPDES Permitted Flow*	Suggested Contribution
25 MGD+	\$1,000.00
10 - 24.99 MGD	\$750.00
5 - 9.99 MGD	\$500.00
1 - 4.99 MGD	\$400.00
0.5 - 0.99 MGD	\$250.00
Under 0.5 MGD	\$150.00

* If Unlimited, use actual peak

SCHEDULE C (stormwater)

Certified 11-12 Population	Suggested Contribution
Multiply by .003	4.10

Suggested Contribution Calculation

Amount From Schedule A	\$ 200.00
Amount From Schedule B	\$ 150.00
Amount From Schedule C	\$ 4.10
Total Suggested	\$ 354.10

* Schedule A - the “Number of Services” is the total number of electric generating services you provide:

- Street Lighting
- Wastewater Treatment
- Water Treatment
- Recreation Facilities/Ball Field Lighting

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: **April 7, 2014**

To: Mayor and the City Council

From: Doug Barrick, City Manager

Action Requested: Review and Reject Fire Engine Replacement Bids

The Claremont Fire Dept. received bids for the replacement of Engine 71 as requested for the Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Improvement Plan. The bids received were well above the budgeted price. The Chief has requested that these bids be rejected and that the City Council give authorization to look for piggyback options, demo truck options or a second bid process to bring forth an Engine replacement contract within budget.

Recommendation: Review and Reject Bids

CLAREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK BIDS 2014



Manufacture	Vendor	Bid Bond	Build Time	Base Price	Option 1 Painted Doors	Generator	SCBA Fill	Light Package Preferred	Light Package 2	Light Package 3
Seargrave		No BID								
Stevens		No BID								
E One		No BID								
Ferrara		No BID								
HME	First Class	NO Bond	270 Days	\$ 475,485.00						
Rosenbauer	CW Williams	Yes	365 Days	\$ 501,381.00	\$1,450	(\$304)	\$25K	\$8,200	\$12,150	\$9,296
ERV	Anchor Richey	YES	345 Days	\$ 507,166.00	\$3,500	\$700	\$8,500		\$12k	\$7,800
Pierce	Atlantic	Yes	285 Days	\$ 573,772.00						

Bids where opened and read aloud on Monday March 24, 2014 at 4:00pm in the Conference Room of the Claremont Fire Station

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: **April 7, 2014**

To: Mayor and the City Council

From: Doug Barrick, City Manager

Action Requested: Approve the relocation of the May 5, 2014 City Council Meeting

The Catawba County Board of Elections will be using the Council Chambers for the General Primary Election Voting on May 6, 2014. In order to prepare for the elections, their staff will be setting up the voting machines on the evening of May 5, 2014. In the past the Council has relocated the meeting in lieu of rescheduling the meeting. In keeping with our rotations to departments the Claremont City Park Shelter will play host to the May meeting this year the training room of the Claremont Police Dept. will be used as a bad weather location.

Recommendation: Approve Location Change

Department, Committee & Manager Reports

Date of Meeting: April 7, 2014

To: Mayor and the City Council

From: Doug Barrick, City Manager

Action Requested: Allow Departments, Committees & Manager to report on monthly activities and take questions.

Item 11

- A. Quarterly Financial Report
- B. Youth Council
- C. Parks & Recreation Committee
- D. Monthly Department Dashboard Report

Item 12

City Managers Report

Recommendation: Take Reports

Quarterly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2013- 2014

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

3rd Quarter

April 2014

	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual	% Collected To Budgeted
Property Taxes(Current & Prior Year)	\$1,932,378	\$1,916,571	99.18%
Utility Franchise	\$217,000	\$214,159	98.69%
Sales Tax	\$235,100	\$248,364	105.64%
State Shared Revenues	\$68,278	\$64,588	94.60%
Fees	\$13,900	\$17,041	122.60%
Miscellaneous	\$56,456	\$63,936	113.25%
Occupancy	\$8,500	\$0	0.00%
Investments & Grants	\$7,000	\$5,335	76.22%
Total To Date	\$2,538,612	\$2,529,995	99.66%
Fund Balance Approp.	\$84,533	\$0	0.00%
Total Budget	\$2,623,145	\$2,529,995	96.45%

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual	% Expenses To Budget
City Council	\$82,003	\$72,231	88.08%
Administration	\$488,782	\$374,601	76.64%
Library	\$20,300	\$12,317	60.68%
Planning	\$29,150	\$23,913	82.03%
Police	\$855,065	\$641,963	75.08%
Fire	\$334,712	\$245,925	73.47%
Public Works	\$560,984	\$392,862	70.03%
Recreation	\$104,628	\$65,781	62.87%
Debt Service	\$147,521	\$143,560	97.32%
Transfer to other funds	\$0		
Total To Date	\$2,623,145	\$1,973,153	75.22%

Revenues over(under) expenditures \$0 \$556,842

Quarterly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2013- 2014

WATER/SEWER REVENUE

3rd Quarter

April 2014

	CURRENT YEAR		
	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual	% Collected To Budgeted
Water & Sewer Sales	\$1,057,987	\$762,319	72.05%
Taps & Connections	\$5,500	\$1,000	18.18%
Utility Penalties	\$8,800	\$7,390	83.98%
Sprinkler Fees	\$25,000	\$23,800	95.20%
Reconnect Fees	\$2,000	\$1,880	94.00%
Lease Revenues	\$25,200	\$17,063	67.71%
Grants	\$30,000	\$30,000	100.00%
Miscellaneous & Investments	\$86,184	\$94,700	109.88%
Capital Reserve Transfer	\$175,000	\$0	0.00%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$45,000	\$0	0.00%
Total	\$1,460,671	\$938,152	64.23%

WATER/SEWER EXPENSES

	CURRENT YEAR		
	2013-2014 Budget	2013-2014 Actual	% Expenses To Budget
Water Treatment	\$210,475	\$115,073	54.67%
Water Maintenance	\$321,690	\$243,222	75.61%
Sewer Treatment	\$564,264	\$403,826	71.57%
Sewer Maintenance	\$181,784	\$94,644	52.06%
Debt Service	\$182,458	\$3,292	1.80%
Total To Date	\$1,460,671	\$860,057	58.88%

Revenue over (under) expenses \$78,095

Claremont March 2014 Dashboard Report

Police Dept.			Fire Dept.			Financials		
	Month	YTD		Month	YTD		% In	% Out
Calls Answered	595	2018	Calls for Service	25	60	General Fund	97%	75%
Citations Served	74	228	Working Fires	5	12	Enterprise Fund	64%	58%
Warnings	61	127	Training Hours	413	593			
Number of Arrests	9	21	Prevention Programs	9	36	Rescue Squad		
Accidents	7	25	False Alarms	1	6		Month	YTD
Warrants	19	29	EMS Calls	6	11	Calls for Service	60	207
Open Cases	5	14				Training Hours		460
Other Activities & Announcements			Other Activities & Announcements			Other Activities & Announcements		
Lt. Long and Cpl. Buff arrested a subject who was trying to break into a vehicle at Town & Country Tire			Annual Pancake Breakfast May 3rd At Claremont Station 7- 6:00am - Untill \$6.00 per plate			The 14th Annual Pig Pickin & Poker Run will be April 12, 2014		
Public Works			Utility Dept.			Planning & Zoning Dept.		
	Month	YTD		Month	YTD		Month	YTD
Vehicles Serviced	10	19	Water Turned Off	9	25	Zoning Permits	4	10
Recycling Tonnage	4.3	15.6	Water Taps	1	3	Residential Permits	1	2
Solid Waste Tonnage	32.22	110.36	Water Purchased	6,424,500	19,057,000	Commercial Permits	3	4
Street Lights Replaced	0	18	Water Sold	6,282,504	16,754,478	Enforcement Cases	3	6
Work Orders	44	84	McLin WWTP Avg.	173,000	178,333	Planning Board Work	2	4
Sewer Line Jetted	1,782	3,454	North WWTP Avg.	76,000	76,500	Safety Permits	0	2
Other Activities & Announcements			Other Activities & Announcements			Other Activities & Announcements		
Began working on mulit purpose field at the City Park.			526 AMR Meters Installed To Date Working on sewer lines and corrected a conflict with PNG			Planning Board to hear a large planned unit development project at the April Meeting.		

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: **April 7, 2014**

To: Mayor and the City Council

From: Doug Barrick, City Manager

Action Requested: Closed Session

The City of Claremont City Council under attorney Client privileges and General Statutes will hold a Closed Session to discuss the following matters

- A Potential EDC Contract (General Statue 143-318.11(4))

Recommendation: Hold A Closed Session