



City of CHARLOTTE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager Report

DATE: October 7, 2016

Project Rising Tide Training. Last week, I attended a training program for communities involved in the Project Rising Tide program. I did not find most of the sessions relevant to our particular circumstances or needs. One presented did speak about civic engagement which fits well with our focus on civic education. Some good suggestions were offered that we might be able to implement in the future.

Governor's Visit. I was pleased to participate in the discussion with Governor Snyder during his visit to Charlotte Thursday as part of the Project Rising Tide initiative. Mayor Lewis and Councilmember Ridge were also in attendance. I am sure they will be sharing details of the event during their comments at Monday's meeting.

For the Love of Charlotte. Peter Kageyama followed up his presentation at the October 3 special Council meeting with a Tuesday community gathering. It is estimated that about 100 people were in attendance. It was an enthusiastic and engaged crowd. One of the activities involved competing for \$500 grants for a project in the community. The second place award went to a project involving the former Carriage Cleaners building that the City now owns. The idea is to turn this property into a temporary public art installation by painting the entire exterior a solid color and inviting the community to "bomb" it with paint balloons. This event is scheduled for October 24. We would plan to delay demolition of the building until next spring in accordance with the organizers' plans. This is actually advantageous in that we can avoid the need to provide a cover over the surface of the demolition site through the winter and early spring. We would expect to include the demolition in the specifications for the pocket park construction.

Camp Frances Open House. This is one more reminder that the Camp Frances board will be hosting the rescheduled open house on October 23 between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., weather permitting.