



City of CHARLOTTE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: March 10, 2017

Storm Damage. As you might expect, the Fire Department and Department of Public Works were very busy on Wednesday handling calls related to damage caused by falling trees and limbs. We are planning to announce a special curb-side pickup of brush to take place in the next two weeks so that property owners can dispose of branches and limbs that fell on their properties. In addition, we will be considering opening the yard on Saturdays to accommodate those who might wish to haul their own.

Flight School. You might have seen reports of the closing of the flight school at the airport. The operation of such a school is a requirement of the contract between the City and the Fixed Base Operator. The flight school has been operated by a subcontractor of the FBO. Its closure is due to factors that made renewal of the contract impossible. The FBO is making arrangements to establish a new flight school. We expect that to be in operation very soon.

CARA Funding. We are continuing to work on the issue of funding to address operational shortfalls at the Recycling Center. Amy Gilson and I met with Quinn Underwood and Cindy Miller to discuss formalizing a Friends of CARA nonprofit. We expect a meeting with prospective board members to be held before the end of the month. If formed, it is expected that this organization would establish memberships and hold fund-raising events that could be used to support CARA and address similar projects or programs related to the environment.

Task Management. I previously reported our plans to utilize task management software to better track interdepartmental initiatives. Our initial work has identified 22 such projects that center on community development. I have identified several others that involve other departments that will be added to the project list soon. We are also implementing a communication tool that will allow department heads not directly involved in projects to be informed about progress on these initiatives as well.