



# City of CHARLOTTE

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager Report

DATE: September 8, 2017

**Lovett Street Update.** During a routine visit to the site of the Lovett Street project, DPW Director Amy Gilson discovered that the curb was poured in a manner such that it angled toward the sidewalk rather than the gutter. It appears that this error resulted from improper installation of the form in the machine used for installing the curb and gutter. No one associated with the project had ever experienced such an occurrence which explains why the inspector on the job did not check for it when he was doing his other tests for compliance with specifications. Several options were offered to correct the problem. I directed that the defective curb be removed in all areas except that portion on the north side of the street where water would drain into a green space. This problem has caused a significant delay in completing the project and we will miss the Frontier Days deadline that we had been trying to achieve. Steps have been taken to open up the sidewalk areas, however, to better accommodate parade-goers.

**Development Projects.** Over the last two weeks, staff members have had several meetings with developers regarding possible redevelopment and new development projects. The Hayes Green Beach and Dairy Queen projects are reaching your agenda for this meeting. Several others are in earlier stages and might not come to fruition, of course. Nonetheless, we continue to attract significant attention from developers and have been profiting from a strong working relationship with both LEAP and MEDC.

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