

Memo

To: City of Charlotte City Council

From: City of Charlotte Planning Commission

Date: December 2019

Re: 2019 Annual Report – Draft

As required, the City of Charlotte Planning Commission respectfully submits this annual report of its activities to the City of Charlotte City Council.

Significant activities this year included the review and approval of site plans for new restaurant developments on Lansing Street for a redeveloped Taco Bell site (complete), and a new Culver's restaurant (development in 2020).

The Planning Commission also reviewed and approved a third site plan, for a Phase II of the Edmond Senior Apartments, but issues related to parking led to the project eventually being withdrawn by the developer.

In February, Eaton County Circuit Court overturned a drive-thru speaker condition the Planning Commission had imposed on the

Over multiple meetings, the Planning Commission also undertook a review of the proposed draft of a new sign ordinance. This has been a long-awaited project.

The Planning Commission also received training in December related to "Best Practices," as originally prepared by Rowe Engineering. The

information was provided by Community Development Director Myrkle, and included topics related to site visits, Ex Parte communication, conducting meetings, conflicts of interest, and approval standards.

Planning Commission goals for 2020 include:

- Having a full Commission and keeping members engaged and interested in the proceedings.
- Electing a full slate of officers, Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.
- Completing the sign ordinance work for possible adoption in 2020.
- Seek out additional training opportunities for commission members.