

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	November 18, 2019
Action Required:	Resolution Enactment
Staff Contacts:	John Blair, City Attorney
Presenter:	John Blair, City Attorney
Title:	Refer Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Planning Commission

Background:

On November 4, 2019, the City Council received a presentation from New Hill Development Corporation that included the Starr Hill Neighborhood Community Vision and Small Area Plan. At the conclusion of the presentation, Councilor Galvin indicated that she would like to explore the possibility of incorporating the Starr Hill Neighborhood Community Vision and Small Area Plan into the Charlottesville Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion:

Charlottesville City Code Section 34-27 enables the City Council to initiate proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The ordinance also permits the Council to direct the Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendment within sixty days of the Council's action or to establish an alternative timeframe for the public hearing.

At the November 4, 2019 City Council meeting, the Director of Neighborhood Development Services, Alex Ikefuna, requested that City departments have time to examine the proposed Starr Hill Neighborhood Community Vision and Small Area Plan before the Planning Commission conducts the public hearing. Based on Mr. Ikefuna's comments, the Council agreed to establish a one hundred and twenty day time period before the Planning Commission is required to conduct the public hearing on the proposed amendment.

Attachments:

Resolution

**RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE CHARLOTTESVILLE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCLUDE**

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville City Council received the New Hill Development Corporation's Starr Hill Neighborhood Community Vision and Small Area Plan (hereinafter Small Area Plan) on October 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville City Council received a presentation about the Small Area Plan at its November 4, 2019 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Galvin requested the Charlottesville City Attorney to prepare a resolution referring the Small Area Plan to the Charlottesville Planning Commission to consider its incorporation into the Charlottesville Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Charlottesville City Code Section 34-27 authorizes the Charlottesville City Council to refer proposed written Comprehensive Plan amendments to the Charlottesville Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Small Area Plan is referred to the Charlottesville Planning Commission for its recommendation on whether to incorporate the Small Area Plan in the Charlottesville Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing on the incorporation of the Small Area Plan into the Comprehensive Plan within one hundred and twenty days of this Resolution's adoption.