

## **North Mangum-Corporation Intersection: Neighborhood Meeting for Input on Needs and Opportunities**

### **Durham Targeted Commercial Areas Streetscape Project**

The following comments were received and recorded during the North Mangum-Corporation Intersection neighborhood meeting held on April 17, 2008, for the Durham Targeted Commercial Areas Streetscape Project. The meeting was held in the UDI Resource Center located at 800 North Mangum Street. Participants were asked to share their ideas regarding the types of streetscape improvements and enhancements they would like to see implemented in the North Mangum-Corporation intersection area by responding to the following question:

#### ***“If I could improve the North Mangum-Corporation intersection area, I would ...”***

- Remove all of the overhead wires.
  - Install more trees and landscaping.
  - Make the area look more attractive and spacious.
  - Install more trees along Mangum Street.
  - Install historic-style (original gas) streetlights.
  - Install historic-style brick/cobblestone sidewalks.
  - Make the gas company and other utilities do a better job of cleaning-up and repairing pavements.
  - Not use brick; brick sidewalks can be slippery when wet and harmed by salt spray.
  - Consider installing a traffic circle to help slow traffic.
  - Install an “Old Five Points” sign/marker.
  - Bring back the trolley.
  - Place great emphasis on attracting businesses that meet the needs of the neighborhood residents.
  - Make Mangum Street two-way traffic.
  - Install parking on Mangum Street.
  - Create a large public space.
  - Install two-way traffic on Mangum Street.
  - Make the sidewalks wider.
  - Slow the traffic.
  - Improve pedestrian safety.
  - Create more walking-space for the pedestrian.
  - Provide better lighting in street and pedestrian areas.
  - Make the area more human-scale.
- Provide benches and other pedestrian comforts.
  - Create more green space.
  - Remove all the old buildings located south of Corporation Street along the west side of Mangum Street to create a site large enough to install a new mixed-use development (retail, office and residential) that would include buildings and parking that are set back from the street far enough to install wider sidewalks and a people-place gathering area.
  - Preserve, renovate and reuse the existing buildings.
  - Improve the storefronts and building facades.
  - Install energy efficient street lights.
  - Involve neighborhood residents and business owners.
  - Use non-toxic materials.
  - Reduce the speed limit on Mangum Street to 20 MPH.
  - Make Mangum Street traffic two-way.
  - Bury all the overhead wires.
  - Encourage new businesses to locate here.
  - Install bike lanes.
  - Keep buildings close to the street to help calm traffic.
  - Install pedestrian-scale street lights.
  - Adopt design standards for exterior building renovations.
  - Install bike lanes that are separate from the street.
  - Bury all the overhead power lines.

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- Restore the buildings located on the south west corner of the intersection because they may be the oldest commercial buildings in Durham.
- Make the area a destination shopping place.
- Encourage and support existing businesses.
- Attract the types of new businesses that serve the needs of Old Five Points residents.
- Use non-toxic materials.
- Encourage existing residents to remain in the area.
- Avoid gentrification.
- Install bike lanes on Mangum Street.
- Install parking on Mangum Street.
- Restore the original brick street.
- Convert boarded-up and vacant buildings to usable space for new businesses.
- Remove all the overhead wires.
- Improve the area around the convenience store.
- Install new sidewalks.
- Use energy-efficient streetscape elements.
- Make the area pedestrian-friendly.
- Improve the lighting.
- Install signs saying "Welcome to Old Five Points".
- Remove the old buildings on the corner and install new buildings.
- Install wider sidewalks along Mangum Street.
- Make the area pedestrian and bike friendly.
- Slow the speed of traffic by installing pull-in parking along Mangum Street.
- Bury the overhead wires.
- Install textured paving in all crosswalks.
- Replace old buildings that are no longer viable with new buildings.

- Install a grocery store.
- Install two-way traffic and parking on Mangum Street.
- Bury all the overhead wires.
- Install brick sidewalks.
- Plant trees and landscaping.
- Enhance the historic character and of the area.
- Renovate and reuse the old buildings.
- Make sure that new development fits the traditional neighborhood scale and character of the area.
- Expand the project area north to Gear Street and south to Downtown.
- Make improvements that are consistent with the recent downtown improvements.
- Bury the power lines.
- Open a neighborhood grocery.
- Create more places for kids to play.

