

## Public Records Request #3691

The following materials have been gathered in response to public records request #3691. These materials include:

- Charlotte Gateway Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2020

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### Further Information

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Charlotte Gateway Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2020 3:00p.m.

Special Guest:

Secretary of Transportation Eric Boyette

Steering Committee Attendees:

Tracy Dodson  
John Lewis  
Julie White  
David Howard

Mark Hahn  
John Saclarides  
Michael Smith

Staff Member Attendees:

Brad Thomas  
Lori Lencheski  
Fran West  
John Muth  
Brian Nadolny  
Jason Lawrence  
Todd Thorne  
Grant Meacci

Lorna Allen  
Johnella Walker  
Craig Newton  
Andy Miller  
Jason Orth  
Matthew Simmons  
Cheryl Myers  
Klint Mullis

Other Attendees:

Ty Niess  
Darryl Dewberry

Ms. Dodson opened the meeting at 3pm. and asked for a roll-call of participants on the line. Once complete, a motion was made by Ms. White to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from November 26, 2019, and second from Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hahn.

After the approval of the minutes, Ms. Dodson asked Ms. Lencheski to provide a brief project update. Ms. Lencheski discussed the third and final amendment to the RFP, which changed the submittal requirements. She explained that we asked for the developers approach to the project, provide a construction timeline, as well as discuss their team organization. Furthermore, Ms. Lencheski discussed the comments from the Professional Staff Working Group, explaining that Charlotte Gateway Partners LLC submittal seemed to follow the original direction of the Steering Committee. On behalf of the Professional Staff Working Group, Ms. Lencheski recommended the Steering Committee to select Charlotte Gateway Partners LLC to move forward with negotiations.

Ms. Dodson asked for each Steering Committee's thoughts regarding the submittals. Overwhelmingly, the committee members were in agreement with the Professional Staff Working Group's recommendation. Much of the comments were the same, "the approach made a ton of sense," "team is

excited the project,” and “pleased with both submittals and supportive of the selection.” Mr. Saclarides wondered what set them apart of the other team. Again, Ms. Lencheski reiterated the approach to complete the project was a large factor. Mr. Howard furthered that by mentioning he felt this was a true multi-modal project, the project seemed integrated and intentional and they were willing to take down all of the land.

At this point, Mr. Howard made a motion to allow the Professional Staff Working Group to initiate negotiations with Charlotte Gateway Partners LLC. Prior to a vote, Mr. Lewis asked if the motion should include language to provide flexibility to negotiate with the second team, without having to return to the Steering Committee if the negotiations fall through with Charlotte Gateway Partners LLC. Many of the Steering Committee members would like to reconvene should the negotiations fall through, to determine what a next step in the process might be. Mr. Thomas, City Attorney for CATS, said the motion is fine to proceed, if talks should fall through, the Committee will reconvene. Mr. Howard made the motion again, it was second by Mr. Saclarides and passed unanimously.

After the motion was made, a discussion ensued regarding notification and communication with teams. Mr. Howard asked if any of the teams were on the call, to which Mr. Dewberry replied that he was. Furthermore, Mr. Howard asked what the process moving forward would be regarding communication with Spectrum. Mr. Thomas reminded the Steering Committee that Ms. Walker is point of contact for the RFP and ensure any message we communicate is consistent with the Professional Staff Working Group and the Steering Committee. Ms. Walker mentioned that once she and Ms. Lencheski have an opportunity to discuss the publication notice, and publish the notice, the Committee would be able to communicate with the team.

In closing, Mr. Howard thanked the Mr. Dewberry and his team and reiterated the excitement and importance about the partnership moving forward.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Smith second the motion, and it passed. Meeting ended at 4pm.