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## Decision near on Cherry development?

### City Council on Monday set to consider project

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The Charlotte City Council is scheduled to consider Monday whether Stone Hunt Development will be allowed to build a dense residential project in the Cherry neighborhood.

The company proposes 60 housing units on the 6.76-acre site on Main Street between Baxter Street and Baldwin Avenue. The project could include a mix of duplexes, triplexes and quadrplexes, according to paperwork filed with the city.

The city's Zoning Committee recommended 4-1 that the project be approved. The dissenting member recommended the rezoning be denied, primarily because the buildings will look so similar to each other.

Neighbors argued that one of the beautiful things about Cherry is that the homes vary in appearance and density. They worried Cherry's historic character would be lost.

City staff agreed with the Zoning Committee's recommendation that the project be approved, but said several issues still need to be addressed, including:

- Designating a minimum of 10 percent of space for trees to be saved. The staff wants the trees that will be saved to be labeled.
- Since the proposed units are attached, a minimum of 400 square feet in private open space should be designated.
- The developer should specify whether the units will be condos, apartments or townhomes.

#### The 'castle' now open for buyers

Residents who live off Park Road call it the "castle" because of its medieval-like appearance, but the development's real name is Parkwood Knoll. The 24-unit residential project recently opened, featuring an array of upscale amenities including hardwood floors and granite countertops.

Two bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom homes are priced in the \$470,000s to \$518,000s. Details: [www.parkwoodknoll.com](http://www.parkwoodknoll.com).

#### McAllister moving to roomier digs

McAllister, a Charlotte-based commercial construction and real estate development company, is moving its headquarters to a nearby, roomier space.

The new office will be next to McAllister's existing office at 2030 South Tryon St. The two-story building will be 5,250 square feet and LEED accredited for environmentally friendly design.

Features will include hybrid car parking, 90 percent recycled steel and energy saving photocells that use daylight to control heating, air and lighting.

The building is expected to be complete by the end of September.

#### SouthGate units about half sold out

SouthGate, a new condominium building in SouthPark, opened two months ago, and about half of its 47 units are sold.

SouthGate is at the corner of Park and Fairview roads and features one- to three-bedroom units for \$285,000 to \$650,000. Residents have access to a private lounge. Details: [www.southgateonfairview.com](http://www.southgateonfairview.com).

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