CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION PRE MEETING TUESDAY, June 10, 2008 -- 4:30 P.M. NDS CONFERENCE ROOM

Planning Commissioners present

Ms Cheri Lewis

Mr. Jason Pearson

Ms. Genevieve Keller

Mr. Hosea Mitchell

Mr. Michael Osteen

Mr. Michael Farruggio

Mr. Dan Rosensweig

Staff Present:

Mr. Jim Tolbert, AICP, Director NDS

Mr. Richard Harris, Deputy City Attorney

Ms. Missy Creasy, Planning Manager

Mr. Nick Rogers, Neighborhood Planner

Mr. Brian Haluska, Neighborhood Planner

Ms. Mary Joy Scala, Preservation Planner

Ms. Francesca Fornari, Assistant City Attorney

Ms. Jeanie Alexander, Traffic Engineer

The meeting began at 4:30pm.

The meeting began with an orientation of the agenda including an update on changes and procedural details. This was followed by an overview of the initiation process presented by Rich.

The meeting moved to traffic questions of Jeanie concerning the Hydraulic site. Hosea expressed concern with the level of service (LOS) numbers. Jeanie noted that in reviewing traffic patterns, LOS is one consideration which operational queuing is another. The LOS can not be corrected but the queuing can be addressed. It is hoped that with ITS and signals in the proper location that traffic can be managed. Traffic management will be key in this area. Mike F. was concerned about the future of the Hydraulic area and asked to schedule a future work session of the commission on this issue. There was also a request to have a member from the Planning Commission on the Hillsdale Drive Committee. Cheri noted that she will want to discuss tree canopy during the meeting. Dan asked about the closeness of the Whole Foods entrance to the Hydraulic intersection. Jeanie noted that the entrance has remained in the same place but the lanes were shifted to allow for better flow. She felt it was the best option they had provided so far and most likely the best they could do with the site constraints (keeping the building in the current location).

The meeting ended at 5:20pm.