

## **Cornelius Bromont Team Presents To Cornelius Town Board, Citizens Speak In Favor of Project**

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The Cornelius Bromont team, developers of the planned Village At Lake Norman, presented additional expert testimony regarding their project to the Cornelius (NC) Town Board Monday night, and numerous citizens spoke in support of the project.

Expert testimony about the quality of projects that Bromont has developed and built over the past 30 years was presented by Charles MacLean III, a Phoenix AZ architect who has designed 25 multi-tenant and mixed-use projects for Bromont and its chairman, Walt Rector.

"Many of these projects were large in size, designed to blend in with the local community, featured extensive landscaping above underground parking, and exhibited a high level of design detail, much as you will see with the Village At Lake Norman," MacLean said. "You can be assured that the new project will be of the highest quality."

Dan McGinnis, vice president of CB Richard Ellis, explained how Cornelius's strong demographics, including an on-going population increase of 25 percent every five years and average household income in excess of \$110,000, is very appealing to potential retail and restaurant tenants.

"This is why we are here," McGinnis said. "And this is why some of the leading retailers in the country are interested in being a part of this project. We plan to bring to Cornelius high-quality, national and regional retailers and restaurants that will be great assets to the community."

A number of local citizens, including property owners and adjacent businesses, spoke in favor of the project. Third-party consultants including Rose & Associates Southeast, LandDesign and Parsons Brinckerhoff were hired by the Town to provide objective assessment of the project's design and plans.

"We very much appreciate the Town's due diligence, and felt that overall the third-party consultants were quite positive about our project and its chances for success," said Josh Rector, project manager for Cornelius Bromont, LLC. "We also appreciate that the Town Board extended the meeting until almost 11:30 p.m., because they are committed to do the right thing for Cornelius, as are we. We trust that our experts' testimony and the support of numerous local citizens further strengthened their confidence in our Design Team, our plans, and the many benefits this will bring the Town."

The next Town Board meeting in the review process will be at 7 p.m. Monday, March 3, in Town Hall, focusing on the financial aspects of the Village At Lake Norman.

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