Planning Committee
Agenda Packet

May 17, 2022
Room 280
5:00 p.m.
1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Approval of April 19th Meeting Minutes. Attachment 1.

3. M.R. #22-12 | Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation would like to acquire approximately 81 acres located north of Brief Road, south of Cabarrus Road, east of Arlington Church Road, + west of Ferguson Road (Tax Parcel 139-441-01): in Mint Hill’s Extraterritorial Jurisdiction for park + recreation uses. Attachment 2.
   Staff Resource: Alberto Gonzalez, Planning
   Caroline Sawyer, Asset & Facility Management

4. M.R. #22-13 | Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation would like to acquire approximately 17 acres located at 1700 Weddington Road in Matthews (Tax Parcel 227-291-01) for future park uses. Attachment 3.
   Staff Resource: Alberto Gonzalez, Planning
   Caroline Sawyer, Asset & Facility Management

5. M.R. #22-14 | Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation would like to acquire approximately 14.5 acres (Tax Parcels 047-351-03 + 047-351-06) located on David Taylor Drive in the University Research Park for future park uses. Attachment 4.
   Staff Resource: Alberto Gonzalez, Planning
   Caroline Sawyer, Asset & Facility Management

6. M.R. #22-15 | Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation would like to acquire approximately 0.5 acres (Tax Parcel 133-141-04) located on Albemarle Road + on the south side of Albemarle Road, west of Farm Pond Lane, + east of Executive Center Drive. Attachment 5.
   Staff Resource: Alberto Gonzalez, Planning
   Caroline Sawyer, Asset & Facility Management

7. M.R. #22-16 | Community Support Services (CSS) would like to acquire approximately 2.85 acres (Tax Parcel 167-191-42), located on Forest Point Blvd in southwest Charlotte. The property is north of Arrowood Road between I-77 and South Blvd. Attachment 6.
Staff Resource: Alberto Gonzalez, Planning
Caroline Sawyer, Asset & Facility Management

8. **M.R. #22-17** The City of Charlotte proposes to purchase three properties on West Boulevard for future redevelopment. All three properties are located on the southeast corner of West Boulevard and Remount Road (Tax Parcels 11903340, 11903341, + 11903342). All referenced properties together total 0.70 acres. **Attachment 7.**
Staff Resource: Alberto Gonzalez, Planning
Leisa Sossamon, Real Estate – General Services

9. **Charlotte UDO Update (45 minutes)**
Staff Resource: UDO Staff

10. **Adjournment**
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission
Planning Committee Meeting – Virtual Zoom
DRAFT
DRAFT Minutes
April 19, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

Attendance

Planning Committee Members Present: Chairperson Phillip Gussman, Vice Chairperson Erin Barbee; and Commissioners Melissa Gaston, Peter Kelly, Ronnie Harvey, and Wil Russell

Planning Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Elizabeth McMillan

Planning Staff Present: Kathy Cornett, Zenia Duhaney, Gretchen Flores, Erin Hinson, Yolanda Jones, Alberto Gonzalez, Catherine Mahoney, Kevin May, Alysia Osborne, and Mariah Wozniak

Other Staff Present: Jason Hunt, Charlotte Stormwater Services and Anne-Rose Loy, City Real Estate

Welcome and Introductions
Chairperson Gussman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., welcomed everyone, and introduced each commissioner and staff member.

Virtual Meeting Rules and Guidelines
Chairperson Gussman explained the virtual meeting rules and guidelines. The meeting was livestreamed on Facebook Live. A link for the public to view the meeting’s livestream is posted on the Planning, Design & Development Department’s webpage.

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Russell to approve the March 15, 2022, minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved. 6-0

Mandatory Referrals
Chairperson Gussman asked whether any of the commissioners had any questions regarding the mandatory referrals. The Chairperson hearing no comments entertained a motion to approve the mandatory referrals.

- M.R. #22-10| The City would like to acquire 6.4 acres, a portion of PID 113-03-111, to preserve the existing wetland on the site and its benefit for stormwater pollutant reduction, habitat, and other ecosystem values.
- M.R. #22-11| Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation would like to acquire ~77.34 acres (PID #s 113-381-04, 113-381-05 and 113-161-42) located on Walkers Ferry Road in west Charlotte for future park uses.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Barbee and seconded by Commissioner Kelly stating that the Planning Committee reviewed M.R. #22-10, and M.R. #22-11, on April 19, 2022, and has no additional comments for the submitting agencies. The motion was unanimously approved. 6-0

Charlotte Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Update
Mariah Wozniak updated commissioners on the UDO’s project schedule, gave a recap on past engagement for the 1st draft UDO, and shared an update on the public comment responses. She also reviewed some of the UDO’s available tools and presented a preview of the planned public engagement for the upcoming 2nd UDO draft release. The 2nd draft is scheduled for release in May, followed by a public hearing in June, and adoption by City Council in July 2022. A new Government Channel program – Charlotte’s UDO & You - has been created with the help of Corporate Communications & Marketing. New episodes air the last Thursday of each month and are hosted by Interim Director Alyson Craig.
Commissioners asked several questions.

- Vice Chairperson Barbee asked about the start of the comment period for the UDO. If someone is reluctant or concerned about a particular part of the UDO, what is the intent on how to communicate any specific changes or provide an opportunity for more in-person small group conversations? Is the comment period closed? Ms. Wozniak replied that the comment period hasn’t been determined as of yet, partially to allow for some flexibility in the event there is a need for additional engagement based on feedback received.

- Commissioner Russel asked about the meetings for specific groups such as developers/industry groups and what is being done to balance these voices with those of community members? Kevin May replied that the engagement efforts going forward will be more citizen oriented. Citizens now and always will have the opportunity to get involved. Mr. May asked commissioners to help staff make those connections with their constituents that may have been missed.

- Commissioner Kelly asked if a list of themes have been developed? For example, these are the topics that seem to have the most questions. Chairperson Gussman asked for staff to produce something along those lines that could be easily shared, short cut the conversation, and or could help to advance the conversation to a point of understanding. Yolanda Jones, with the UDO team, added the team has been looking at the “hot button topics.”

The discussion continued and Commissioner Russel asked about getting feedback to staff regarding the UDO. Chairperson Gussman responded that a list of commissioner recommendations will be assembled before the release of the 2nd draft. This will be done as a body on May 2. Candice Rorie will be sending a survey for commissioners to add their comments. Commissioners will vote as a group on the recommendations. The Chairperson asked if staff could provide an email address or phone number where they can directly share with people. Chairperson Gussman also asked for a list of dates. Staff will provide a list of dates as soon as possible. Hearing no additional questions Chairperson Gussman called the meeting to a close.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm
Mandatory Referral | Report No. 22-12
Proposal to acquire property in Mint Hill’s ETJ for park and recreation use

Project Proposal and Location:
Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation would like to acquire Tax Parcel 139-441-01 located in Mint Hill’s Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. This property is approximately 81 acres and is zoned R-Residential. It is located at the north of Brief Road, south of Cabarrus Road, east of Arlington Church Road, and west of Ferguson Road. The property is mostly wooded, with Clear Creek running through the northwest corner of the parcel and a timber forest on the western portion of the property. Mostly agricultural and single-family uses surround this property.

Project Justification:
The acquisition of this property would help fill an identified park gap in Meck Playbook. While not yet master planned, potential features may include both active and passive park amenities. Active park amenities may include a as playgrounds, spraygrounds, park shelters, tennis/pickleball/basketball courts, informal multipurpose lawn area, and paved and unpaved trails. The eastern portion of the property contains hardwood forest that will be designated as a nature preserve. This portion of the property serves as a water quality buffer for Clear Creek and will provide a passive wildlife refuge that will complement the more actively developed western portion of the property.

Consistency with Adopted Public Policies:
Acquisition of this property is consistent with Meck Playbook, the County’s guide for providing recreation, open space, and natural habitat protection. Meck Playbook recommends acquisition of additional park land to meet the standard acreage goals per number of County residents and to provide additional parks in underserved park gap areas. Additionally, the acquisition is supported by the Environmental Leadership Action Plan (ELAP), which aims to maintain a minimum parkland acreage of 19:1,000 residents.

Consistency with Adopted Land Use Plans:
Active and/or passive park amenities require conditional zoning approval by the Mint Hill Board of Commissioners. Parks are generally viewed favorably and considered consistent with the Land Use Plan.

Project Impact:
Acquisition of the parcels will increase land for recreation and open space.

Relation to Other Public or Private Projects:
There are no known related public or private projects.

Estimated Project Completion Date:
Acquisition of this parcel is planned to occur in FY22.

Joint Use Task Force Review Comments:
The Joint Use Task Force reviewed this proposal at their May 4th meeting and offered no comments.

Planning Staff Review:
Planning staff has reviewed the proposed and has the following comments: No comments

Conclusions: Favorable

Adopted Goals and Policies: Goal: To provide a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities to persons of all age categories, placed at conveniently located sites through the Mint Hill study area (page 75 2010 LUP).

CMPC Planning Committee Review:
At their May 17, 2022 meeting, the Planning Committee reviewed the proposed request and had the following comments:
MANDATORY REFERRAL | REPORT NO. 22-13
Proposal to acquire property on Weddington Road in Matthews for park and recreation use

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:
Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation would like to acquire Tax Parcel 227-291-01 located at 1700 Weddington Road in Matthews. This property is approximately 17 acres and is zoned R-15. It is located at the northwest corner of Weddington Road and S Trade Street. The property is a partially wooded, undeveloped site with Four Mile Creek running through it. Surrounding this parcel is mostly single-family homes.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:
The acquisition of this property would help fill an identified park gap in Meck Playbook. While not yet master planned, potential features may include both park and greenway amenities. Park amenities may include a playground, shelters, multipurpose field, and athletic courts. Greenway amenities may include a trailhead parking lot, restrooms, and greenway trail.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:
Acquisition of this property is consistent with Meck Playbook, the County’s guide for providing recreation, open space, and natural habitat protection. Meck Playbook recommends acquisition of additional park land to meet the standard acreage goals per number of County residents and to provide additional parks in underserved park gap areas. Additionally, the acquisition is supported by the Environmental Leadership Action Plan (ELAP), which aims to maintain a minimum parkland acreage of 19:1,000 residents.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:
The Matthews Land Use Plan does not make specific recommendations for this property. However, parks, schools and moderately higher density residential development are appropriate. Page 42 of the Land Use Plan includes the following specific parks related land use action items: 1. Continue to abide by guidelines and policies set forth in the Town's Recreation Master Plan and the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation 10 Year Master Plan, 2. Identify and preserve land which could be developed as public recreational land uses, 3. Pursue the development of bike and pedestrian connectivity to Four Mile Creek greenway and all future greenways, 4. Identify and pursue funding sources for land acquisition, 5. Pursue joint use development opportunities for recreational land uses.

PROJECT IMPACT:
Acquisition of the parcels will increase land for recreation and open space.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS:
Mecklenburg County has an existing greenway trail to the east of this property along Four Mile Creek. This calendar year NCDOT will be extending the existing greenway trail, which currently ends at Brenham Lane, under S Trade Street. Once constructed, Mecklenburg County will take over long term maintenance of the trail. Acquisition of this property will provide the opportunity to create a greenway trailhead where NCDOT’s project is concluding.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:
Acquisition of this parcel is planned to occur in FY22.

JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:
The Joint Use Task Force reviewed this proposal at their May 4th meeting and offered the following comments:

Jay Camp with The Town of Matthews, commented the Town supports this purchase.

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW:
Planning staff has reviewed the proposed and has the following comments:

Conclusions: Proposed transaction is compatible with the overall land use plan for this area.
Adopted Goals and Policies: Proposed transaction meets the Town’s land use goals for this area.
CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE REVIEW:
At their May 17, 2022 meeting, the Planning Committee reviewed the proposed request and had the following comments:
Mandatory Referral 22-13

Initiated by: W. Lee Jones, Park and Recreation
Submitted by: Caroline Sawyer, Asset & Facility Management

Produced by: Charlotte Department of Planning, Design & Development
Source: City of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County GIS data
Date Saved: 4/26/2022
MANDATORY REFERRAL | REPORT NO. 22-14
Proposal to acquire property on David Taylor Dr in Charlotte for park and recreation use

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:
Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation would like to acquire Tax Parcels 047-351-03 and 047-351-06 located on David Taylor Drive in northeast Charlotte. Collectively, these properties are approximately 14.5 acres and are zoned RE-2. The properties are located on the west side of David Taylor Drive and borders Mallard Creek. Currently, this is the site of an elementary charter school called Corvian Community School and is surrounded by office uses.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:
The section of the Mallard Creek Greenway along the school’s border has remained unpaved for many years. Park and Recreation desires to own the property to complete upgrades to the greenway and to add amenities that have been requested by greenway users. The department plans to pave the trail, upgrade deteriorated retaining walls, and install restrooms and parking for greenway users.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:
Acquisition of this property is consistent with Meck Playbook, the County’s guide for providing recreation, open space, and natural habitat protection. Meck Playbook recommends acquisition of additional park land to meet the standard acreage goals per number of County residents and to provide additional parks in underserved park gap areas. Additionally, the acquisition is supported by the Environmental Leadership Action Plan (ELAP), which aims to maintain a minimum parkland acreage of 19:1,000 residents.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:
The University Research Park Area Plan (adopted 2010) recommends residential and office uses for this site. The Charlotte Future 2040 Policy Map recommends Campus and Community Activity Center Place Types for these parcels.

PROJECT IMPACT:
Acquisition of the parcels will increase land for recreation and open space. Corvian Charter School has determined that the site is no longer functional (no bus pick-up/drop-off area, no indoor gym, lack of office space etc.) and has decided to relocate the elementary school.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS:
There are no known related public or private projects.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:
Acquisition of this parcel is planned to occur in FY22.

JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:
The Joint Use Task Force reviewed this proposal at their May 4th meeting and offered the following comments:

Planning suggested it would be a good idea to pass this Mandatory Referral by University City Partners for their review.

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW:
Planning staff has reviewed the proposed and has the following comments:

Conclusions: Continuation of the existing Mallard Creek Greenway is appropriate for this area. This use is compatible with the surrounding elementary charter school and office uses.

Adopted Goals and Policies: The proposed acquisition meets the CLT Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan Goals #1: 10-Minute Neighborhood, #6: Healthy, Safe & Active Communities, #7: Integrated Natural & Built Environments, and # 10: Fiscally Responsible.

CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE REVIEW:
At their May 17, 2022 meeting, the Planning Committee reviewed the proposed request and had the following comments:
MANDATORY REFERRAL | REPORT NO. 22-15
Proposal to acquire property on Albemarle Road in Charlotte for park and recreation use

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:
Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation would like to acquire Tax Parcel 133-141-04 located on Albemarle Road in Charlotte. This property is approximately 0.5 acres and is zoned B-2. It is located on the south side of Albemarle Road, west of Farm Pond Lane, and east of Executive Center Drive. The property is adjacent to Campbell Creek and contiguous to County-owned property. Surrounding this parcel is commercial, office, retail, and institutional uses.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:
Acquisition of this property will help provide the real estate needed for the construction of the Campbell Creek Greenway. While not yet master planned, this property adds to existing property owned by the County along the creek corridor.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:
Acquisition of this property is consistent with Meck Playbook, the County’s guide for providing recreation, open space, and natural habitat protection, as well as Mecklenburg County’s Greenway Master Plan and Environmental Leadership Action Plan (ELAP).

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:
The Eastland Area Plan (adopted 2003) recommends greenway and institutional uses for this site. The Charlotte Future 2040 Policy Map recommends the Community Activity Center Place Type for this parcel.

PROJECT IMPACT:
Acquisition of the parcels will increase land for recreation and open space.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS:
There are no known related public or private projects.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:
Acquisition of this parcel is planned to occur in FY22.

JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:
The Joint Use Task Force reviewed this proposal at their May 4th meeting and offered no comments.

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW:
Planning staff has reviewed the proposed and has the following comments:

Conclusions: Acquisition of this property for greenway uses is appropriate considering its adjacency to existing park property, Campbell Creek, and the floodplain.

Adopted Goals and Policies: The proposed acquisition meets the CLT Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan Goals #1: 10-Minute Neighborhood, #6: Healthy, Safe & Active Communities, #7: Integrated Natural & Built Environments, and # 10: Fiscally Responsible.

CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE REVIEW:
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Mandatory Referral 22-15

Initiated by: W. Lee Jones, Park and Recreation
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Mandatory Referral

Produced by: Charlotte Department of Planning, Design & Development
Source: City of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County GIS data
Date Saved: 4/26/2022
MANDATORY REFERRAL | REPORT NO. 22-16
Proposal to acquire property on Forest Point Blvd for Community Support Services use

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:
Community Support Services (CSS) would like to acquire Tax 167-191-42, located on Forest Point Blvd in southwest Charlotte. The parcel is approximately 2.85 acres, zoned B-2(CD), and is currently the site of a TownPlace Suites hotel. The 94-room extended stay hotel consists of two buildings constructed in 2000 and renovated in 2019. The property is north of Arrowood Road between I-77 and South Blvd. There are single-family homes to the east, fast food restaurants to the west, vacant land to the north, and another hotel to the south.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:
CSS intends to convert the hotel into permanent housing for seniors (60 years old or older), some of whom have underlying medical conditions who have been experiencing homelessness. The subject property location is near amenities that will be supportive to future residents including a CATS bus line, shopping, medical offices and banks. This housing will better help support CSS’s mission to combat homelessness in Mecklenburg County.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:
As a department in Mecklenburg County’s Health and Human Services Agency, CSS maximizes community partnerships and collaborative opportunities to better provide services for military veterans, people experiencing homelessness, people seeking substance use treatment, and people needing prevention and intervention for community or domestic violence. Acquisition of this hotel for the purpose of converting the rooms into senior housing for residents at risk of homelessness, will help support one of CSS’s core missions to provide services for people experiencing homelessness as well as homelessness prevention and intervention.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED LAND USE PLANS:
The Southwest District Plan (adopted 1991) recommends office uses for this site. The Charlotte Future 2040 Policy Map recommends the Commercial Place Type for this parcel.

PROJECT IMPACT:
Acquisition of the property will provide permanent housing for seniors, some of which have underlying medical conditions who have been experiencing homelessness.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS:
There are no known related public or private projects.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:
Acquisition of these parcels will occur in FY23.

JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:
The Joint Use Task Force reviewed this proposal at their May 4th meeting and offered no comments.

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW:
Planning staff has reviewed the proposed and has the following comments:

Conclusions: Acquisition of this property for residential use is appropriate considering the intent to convert an existing use and its adjacency to residential uses, retail uses, medical offices, and transportation.

Adopted Goals and Policies: The proposed acquisition meets the CLT Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan Goals #1: 10-Minute Neighborhood, #2: Neighborhood Diversity & Inclusion, and # 10: Fiscally Responsible.

CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE REVIEW:
At their May 17, 2022 meeting, the Planning Committee reviewed the proposed request and had the following comments:
MANDATORY REFERRAL | REPORT NO. 22-17
Proposal to acquire property on 1527, 1533 and 1541 West Boulevard

PROJECT PROPOSAL AND LOCATION:
The City of Charlotte proposes to purchase three properties on West Boulevard for future redevelopment. All three properties are located on the southeast corner of West Boulevard and Remount Road (parcel identification numbers: 11903340, 11903341, and 11903342). All referenced properties together total 0.70 acres and are currently zoned B-1 according to the Charlotte Zoning Ordinance.

1527 and 1533 West Boulevard (Parcel identification numbers 11903340 and 11903341, respectively) are improved with attached single-story retail buildings that consist of eight (8) total spaces. Some spaces are operational, and others are undergoing renovation.

The structure located on 11903340 consists of 3,900 square feet of finished area and was constructed in 1952. The structure located on 11903341 consists of 4,633 square feet of finished area and was constructed in 1950. The structures on 11903340 and 11903341 are attached.

1541 West Boulevard (Parcel identification number 11903342) is improved with a single-story retail space that is currently vacant. The structure located on 11903342 is not attached to any other structures and consists of 1,040 square feet of finished area and was constructed in 1950.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:
This acquisition of property will enable the City to continue working toward achieving its vision, in alignment with the West Boulevard Playbook, for revitalization of the West Boulevard corridor through future redevelopment. 11903340 and 11903341 are in the process of being seized by the federal government and 11903342 is marketed for sale. All three properties are well positioned to further the City’s commitment to economic and community development in one of the Corridors of Opportunity.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED PUBLIC POLICIES:
The acquisition of properties is consistent with the City’s Investment Policy, including its Business Matching Grants, Corridors of Opportunity, and Public Private Partnership Programs to maximize development opportunities and public benefits.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED Land USE PLANS:
The Central District Plan (adopted 1993) recommends retail uses for this site. The Charlotte Future 2040 Policy Map recommends the Neighborhood Center Place Type for these parcels.

PROJECT IMPACT:
Acquisition will enable the City to work toward reaching working toward its incentive of equitable investment and neighborhood redevelopment to help promote business growth, increase safety, and revitalize the area.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROJECTS:
In alignment with the West Boulevard Playbook these acquisitions support the priorities of economic development, community safety, and community development.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:
The acquisition of properties is estimated to be complete by the August 31, 2022.

JOINT USE TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMENTS:
The Joint Use Task Force reviewed this proposal at their May 4th meeting and offered no comments.

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW:
Planning staff has reviewed the proposed and has the following comments:
Conclusions: The proposed transaction is consistent with the City’s adopted plans and policies for the site.

Adopted Goals and Policies: The proposed acquisition meets the CLT Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan Goals 
#1: 10-Minute Neighborhood, #8 Diverse & Resilient Economic Opportunity, and # 10: Fiscally Responsible.

CMPC PLANNING COMMITTEE REVIEW:
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