



**Recap: May 13, 2014
Charlotte Green Team Meeting
Romare Bearden Park & BB&T Stadium**

“Beautiful Day in the Park”

A beautiful day in the park it was! A sunny day in May, 80°, and more than thirty people interested in sustainability/green initiatives by taking in what has been designed and built in uptown Charlotte.

Romare Bearden Park is not just a plot of land with some grass seed thrown out; quite the contrary. It was designed from the ground up (no pun intended) to be not just friendly to the environment, but to make an active contribution to the area. Karen Weston-Chier with Mecklenburg Parks & Rec was the project manager for building the park. Every phase had sustainability designed into it. Along with Tim Turton, the lead horticulturist with Parks & Rec, she gave a guided tour and explanation of many of the park features. There are water features, as well as buildings that had to be considered; trees and plantings were specifically picked because of their hardiness and environmental impact. Now that it’s built with all of these features designed in, it is going to be the model for future parks created, designed and maintained by Mecklenburg County.

After the park tour, the group walked across the street and into BB&T Stadium, the new uptown home of the Charlotte Knights. Dan Rostenkowski, Executive Vice President & COO of the Knights greeted us and led a tour of the stadium. The Knights envision even in the design phase going after LEED certification and a lot was designed into the park. Lights, water, sewer, recycling...all covered. Fan education on these features and how they can contribute was brought up. Following the very informative tour, the Knights hosted a very generous reception for the group so that everyone could mingle and network.

Mary Tribble and Sid Smith took the opportunity to thank everyone for attending, and went over plans for our next two meetings in 2014.

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