



**Recap: September 24, 2015
Charlotte Green Team Meeting
CPCC Culinary Arts Department
Central Campus
Charlotte, NC**

“CPCC’s Major Initiatives on Green Sustainability & the City’s Green Walking Tour App”

Over thirty people attended this great session hosted by Central Piedmont Community College in the Philip Van Avery Culinary Arts Building on the Central Campus. The auditorium was a perfect venue that aided in a lot of great dialogue, initiated by two great speakers and presentations.

Just in the last two years, **Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC)** has initiated a number of green/sustainable initiatives on all of their campuses. These include: secure document collection and shredding; food waste collection; composting; reduced energy and water consumption; LED lighting; and solar panels where practical. And virtually all of these are incorporated into the Van Every building, home of the culinary arts department on central campus. **Pamela Metcalf, Director of Energy & Sustainability for CPCC** gave a great presentation on all of these initiatives and the results that they are seeing in reduced energy consumption and waste disposal. As she noted, some of these such as the food recycling (composting) had an increase in cost, but overtime they were offset by reduced costs in other areas, such as lower waste disposal costs.

We also got to hear about updates to the City’s **Green Walking Tour phone app** from **Darcy Everett with the City of Charlotte**. You may remember, this app was first developed to provide to attendees of the Democratic National Convention (DNC) here in Charlotte back in 2012. It was very well received and now local citizens and other tourists to town have been using it. But there have been a number of additions and improvements since then that Darcy covered. One of these is that in addition to the phone app, there is now a desktop webpage also available that shows sustainability initiatives across the City, not just Center city. To access both of these options, go to www.power2charlotte.com/GreenTour. This a continuous project, always being updated and improved and Darcy wants to hear from people with suggestions for new sites to add and ideas to improve the tour. And we want to get it in front of more and more people, locals and visitors.

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