



## Culture Blocks Update to Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners

# ASC: Mission & Vision

**Mission:** Ensuring access to an excellent, relevant, and sustainable cultural community for the Charlotte–Mecklenburg Region.

**Vision:** A vibrant cultural life for all.

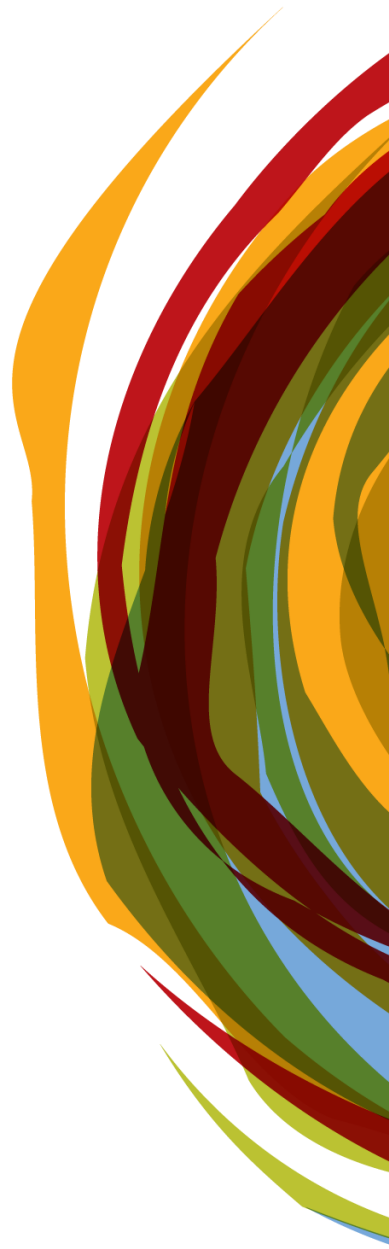
# Cultural Vision Plan



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# Our Goals For Today

- Culture Blocks Update
- Answering Any Questions



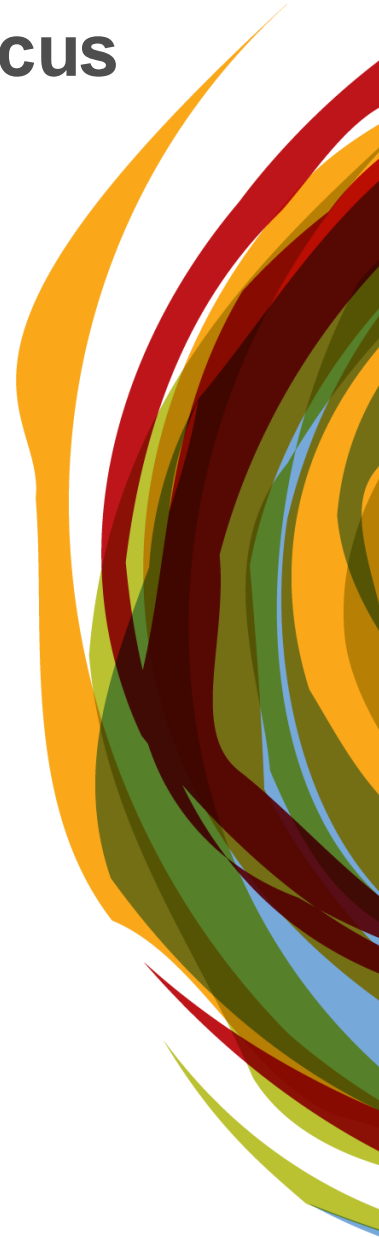


# CULTURE BLOCKS

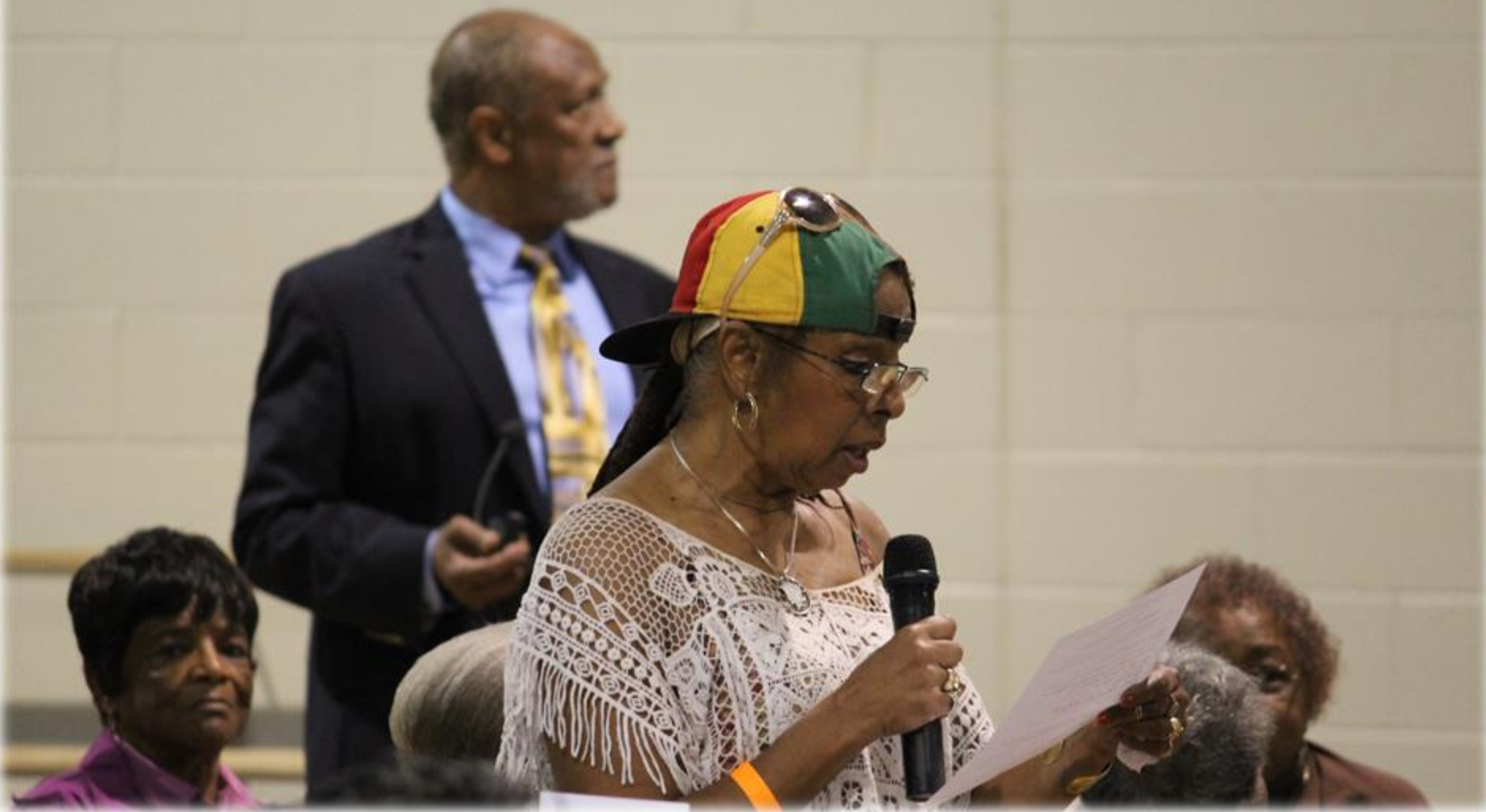
a community partnership between



# Culture Blocks: Geographic Areas of Focus



# Culture Blocks Program: Listening & Learning



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Community Dinner – North End (Block 2) – May 2016  
Ivory Baker Recreation Center  
Over 100 area residents in attendance

# Culture Blocks: Listening & Learning

## What are the community desires?

- Beautification through public art
- Celebration of African American, Latino, Asian and other cultures
- Programs sharing neighborhood history
- Arts and science education and affordable youth summer camps
- Turn neighborhoods into communities through outdoor events
- Dramatized storytelling, plays, and film festivals reflecting the ethnic groups of the area
- Literary events such as spoken word, authors readings, writing workshops
- Community choirs, theatre troupes
- Senior programming and art for healing



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# Culture Blocks: Building Partnerships

June 2016 – November 2016:

(most recent available)

- Over **168** experiences at **18** libraries, recreation centers, and parks
- Served approximately **2,993** residents (excluding early voting)
- More than **17** first time funding relationships with individual artists and organizations
- Engaged **30** community groups



Culture Blocks Community Dinner  
Albemarle Road Recreation Center  
May 2016

# Culture Blocks: Looking to the Future



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**“Not Just Selfies” Photojournalism Program**  
**Presented by Creating Exposure Through the Arts**  
**Student Image by Essynce Minter**  
**On Location: West Boulevard Community Farm Project**



**Thank You for Your Partnership!**