

SUMMARY OF A CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW-Change of Use  
1701 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard-Evolve  
COMMUNITY DESIGN COMMISSION

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Community Design Commission conducted a concept plan review for 1701 MLK-Evolve on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The project proposes an interior change of use from commercial to residential space. Key points made by members of the Commission and Public about the concept plan include:

- Multiple commissioners expressed support of the change if the residential units are classified for converted to affordable housing.
- One commissioner expressed caution to endorse the change given the recent approval of SECU-Charterwood on the adjacent property.
- One commissioner encouraged the applicant to investigate neighborhood service/retail or consider flex-space for start-ups
- One commissioner was supportive of the change given the existing retail has remained vacant and referenced the timid approach to providing retail as the root cause for current vacancy.

