

## FIBER INNOVATION CENTER COMMUNITY MEETING

# Gaston College Kimbrell Campus 7220 Wilkinson Blvd, Belmont, NC 28012

Gaston College, along with WHN Architects architecture team and Shelco LLC, will be hosting an open community forum to discuss a conditional zoning request with the City of Belmont that would allow for the upcoming expansion of the Gaston College Kimbrell Campus to include a World-Class Fiber Innovation Center.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Property Location: Located on 7220 Wilkinson Blvd., Belmont, NC 28012

The intent of the Fiber Innovation Center expansion on the Kimbrell Campus is to enhance workforce and economic development for the advanced materials and textiles industry of Gaston County and beyond. The single floor 40,000 square foot addition will include the following:

- Polymer Development Lab to include Polymer Reactor and Small-Scale Extrusion.
- Extrusion Line to include Melt Spinning, Drawing, Crimping, Cutting and Texturing.
- Spun Yarn and Filament Yarn Lines to include Opening, Cleaning, Blending, Carding, Drawing, Roving, Spinning, Twisting, Braiding and Winding.

#### **MEETING INFORMATION**

The purpose of this meeting is to inform neighboring property owners about the nature of the proposed expansion to the Gaston College Kimbrell Campus and to seek comments on the development plans associated with the conditional zoning request.

**Option 1: Virtual** 

Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/FICplanning">https://bit.ly/FICplanning</a>

Call-In Number: +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 915 5442 4172

Passcode: 964608

Option 2: In-Person

Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Drop-In Style Plan Review and Feedback)

7220 Wilkinson Blvd., Belmont, NC 28012

Kimbrell Classroom Building - Conference Center



For more information about the request and to view the project plans, visit:

http://www.cityofbelmont.org/gc-fiber-innovation-center

## **OUR VISION**

Gaston College's Kimbrell Campus will be a World-Class Fiber Innovation Center focused on advanced materials and the textile industry. The full programs and services offered at the Kimbrell Campus will become the focal point for our region and state providing advanced fiber development, high quality training, degree programs, workforce development programs, apprenticeships, and a textile academy. The Kimbrell Campus will also house a cutting-edge cybersecurity training and degree programs focused on artificial intelligence for various sectors of the manufacturing industry including textiles.

The addition of the Fiber Innovation Center (FIC) will provide industry with a state-of-the-art facility to develop and test advanced fibers for the advanced materials industry for products such as: Personal Protective Equipment, smart textiles for the defense industry, and many other proprietary products developed by our national and international partners.

The FIC will be the only facility in North America open to industry that will house the entire range of advanced fiber development capabilities able to support the industry with scalability where scientists can start with an idea, move to small-scale trials and work up to a commercially viable product ready for production. An on-site dedicated full-service lab will support development and small-scale production efforts. This innovation ecosystem is ideal for entrepreneurs, equipping creatives with viable resources and opportunities to successfully start and maintain their own business.

As a leading education and training institution in the North Carolina Community College System, Gaston College will offer the following workforce development programs:

- Associate in Applied Science in Textile Technology 2-year degree
- Associate in Applied Science in Cybersecurity 2-year degree
- Career Now Program AAS in Textile Technology and Cybersecurity courses for high school students' career pathways
- Apprenticeship 321 Textile Technology Technician Program for students earning apprenticeship hours with industry and college credits toward AAS in Textile Technology
- STEM courses for traditional college students and high school students earn college credits toward career pathways in textile technology and cybersecurity
- Textile robotics and automation simulation center for Textile Academy a short-term industry-supported training program
- Education and Training opportunities will be available from polymer to finished product



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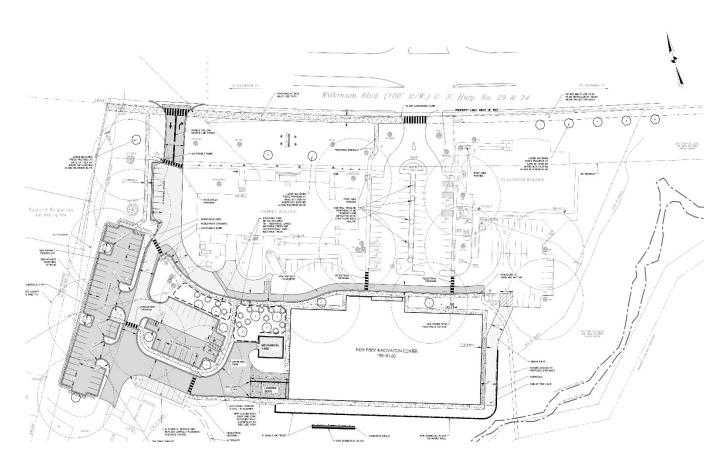
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# **Community Input Meeting Mailing List**

AKPAR PROPERTY ADDRESS	CURR_NAME1	CURR_NAME2	MAILING ADDRESS	CURR_ADDR2	CURR_CITY	CURR_STATE C	URR_ZIPCODE
186612 223 SLOAN ST	ELIZABETH T HAMILTON &	DAVID W THORN	3909 PINE COVE DR		GASTONIA	NC	280560000
216907 7225 WILKINSON BLVD	STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION	BELMONT BRANCH	PO BOX 26807		RALEIGH	NC	276110000
186604 300 SIXTH ST	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA		C/O STATE PROPERTY OFFICE	1321 MAIL SERVICE CENTER	RALEIGH	NC	276991321
186278 NO ASSIGNED ADDRESS	STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION	BELMONT BRANCH	PO BOX 26807		RALEIGH	NC	276110000
186518 210 THIRTEENTH ST	RACHAEL P GLAVIN		210 13TH ST		BELMONT	NC	280123551
186614 218 SLOAN ST	JASON WOLFE DALE		218 SLOAN ST		BELMONT	NC	280123535
186613 224 SLOAN ST	NICHOLAS EDWARD PRICE	RICHARD LEE FERA	224 SLOAN STREET		BELMONT	NC	28012
216908 NO ASSIGNED ADDRESS	STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION	BELMONT BRANCH	PO BOX 26807		RALEIGH	NC	276110000
186577 NO ASSIGNED ADDRESS	GASTON COLLEGE		201 HWY 321 SOUTH		DALLAS	NC	280340000
186462 7303 WILKINSON BLVD	DONNA WORICK NEIL &	DOLLY WORICK WILLIAMS	202 HAZELEEN AVE		BELMONT	NC	280120000
186602 100 ALICE AVE	GASTON COLLEGE		C/O USPS	3151 DALLAS HIGH SHOALS HWY	DALLAS	NC	280340000
186578 NO ASSIGNED ADDRESS	GASTON COLLEGE		201 HWY 321 SOUTH		DALLAS	NC	280340000
305639 1401 E CATAWBA ST	CITY OF BELMONT		PO BOX 431		BELMONT	NC	280120431
224591 7304 WILKINSON BLVD	ARETE 108 LLC		4127 GLENWOOD DR		CHARLOTTE	NC	28208
186603 104 ALICE AVE	THE TRUSTEES OF GASTON COLLEGE		C/O CYNTHIA P MCCRORY	201 HIGHWAY 321 SOUTH	DALLAS	NC	28034
186486 7220 WILKINSON BLVD	GASTON COLLEGE		C/O RALPH HUDDIN	201 HWY 321 SOUTH	DALLAS	NC	280340000
186517 208 THIRTEENTH ST	NATHAN B WYLIE &	CANDY L WYLIE	208 13TH ST		BELMONT	NC	280123551
214172 1400 E CATAWBA ST	CITY OF BELMONT		PO BOX 431		BELMONT	NC	280120431
186575 7202 WILKINSON BLVD	GOODMAN INVESTMENT GROUP LLC		2417 SABINA WAY		VIRGINIA BEACH	VA	23456
186611 219 SLOAN ST	RANDALL R CLARDY &	SAMANTHA L CLARDY	219 SLOAN ST		BELMONT	NC	280120000
186601 308 SIXTH ST	MATTHEW JASON STEPHENS	SHANNON DAWN STEPHENS	308 6TH ST		BELMONT	NC	280123239
186576 7212 WILKINSON BLVD	BELMONT PROPERTIES		C/O DAVID LEE MARROW	P O BOX 1097	BELMONT	NC	280120000
186277 NO ASSIGNED ADDRESS	STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION	BELMONT BRANCH	PO BOX 26807		RALEIGH	NC	276110000
186497 300 THIRTEENTH ST	PATTY ELIZABETH VO	NELLI KHANH TIEN VO	300 THIRTEENTH STREET		BELMONT	NC	28012
222096 NO ASSIGNED ADDRESS	CITY OF BELMONT		PO BOX 431		BELMONT	NC	280120431
126120 NO ASSIGNED ADDRESS	ADAM'S BLUFF PROPERTY OWNERS		C/O PROPERTY MATTERS REALTY	PO BOX 158	GASTONIA	NC	28053



#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Date: August 9, 2022

Time: Noon

Project: Fiber Innovation Center

Gaston College

Project Nos. SCO No. 21-23122-01, NCCS No. 2575, WHN No. 20172

Location: Virtual

Subject: Community Input Meeting

Attending: David Jackson

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Tiffany Faro, Belmont Zoning Dr. John Hauser; Gaston College Mack Millen; Gaston College Guyann Howe; Gaston College Julie Ostrowski; Gaston College

Justin Heitz; Shelco

Alan Hunter, AIA; WHN Architects Nguyen Tao; WHN Architects

Prepared By: Alan Hunter, AIA; WHN Architects

The purpose of this meeting was to conduct a presentation of the project and give opportunity for the public to comment and ask questions.

- 1. Dr. Hauser and Alan Hunter gave a presentation about the project for approximately 30-mins. It was recorded and posted to the City of Belmont website (<a href="https://www.cityofbelmont.org/gc-fiber-innovation-center">https://www.cityofbelmont.org/gc-fiber-innovation-center</a>) for public viewing.
- 2. No questions were asked during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm



#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Date: August 9, 2022

Time: 5pm

Project: Fiber Innovation Center

**Gaston College** 

Project Nos. SCO No. 21-23122-01, NCCS No. 2575, WHN No. 20172

Location: Gaston College, Kimbrell Campus, Kimbrell Building Conference Room

Subject: Community Input Meeting

Attending: Tiffany Faro, Belmont Zoning

Dr. John Hauser; Gaston College Mack Millen; Gaston College Don Rusch; Gaston College Sam Buff; Gaston College

Justin Heitz; Shelco

Alan Hunter, AIA; WHN Architects Nguyen Tao; WHN Architects

Prepared By: Alan Hunter, AIA; WHN Architects

The purpose of this meeting was to conduct a presentation of the project and give opportunity for the public to comment and ask questions.

1. No citizens attended the meeting, and no questions were asked during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm

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