South River Forest and Public Safety Training Center
Community Task Force

PROJECT KICK-OFF – APRIL 19, 2023
Agenda

Opening Remarks: Mayor Andre Dickens

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03 Vision, Goals, and Expectations

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Project Team

Introductions
Project Team

APD-U
Bridget Wiles, Project Manager
Jesse Wiles, CEO
Noldy Belizaire, Urban Sustainability Planner
Carter Coleman, Real Estate Development Associate
Mia McDowell, Community Services Specialist
Tia Maxwell, Planning Services Manager

City of Atlanta
LaChandra Burks, Deputy COO
Karen Rodgers, Senior Policy Advisor
Alvin Dodson, Deputy Commissioner
Keith Hicks, Director
Aaron Wiener, Landscape Architect
Deputy Chief P. Spann, Police
Major Fred Watson, Police
Deputy Chief Stephen Hill, Fire
Section Chief Carlos Barham, Fire
Desiree Arnold, Director
Chandra Farley, Chief Sustainability Officer
John Sydel, Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer
Jahnee Prince, Commissioner
Janide Sidifall, Deputy Commissioner
Doug Young, Director of Design
APD Urban Planning and Management LLC

- APD-U established in 1990
- Minority-owned firm based in Atlanta, GA
- Over 30 years of national expertise on neighborhood planning, housing development, affordability policies, and equitable community development
- Proven track record of success in the management of acquisition, housing strategies, and neighborhood redevelopment projects with a focus on sustainable place-based redevelopment
- The perspective of a developer and knowledge of the community-based organizations
- Community capacity building training and expertise
- Displacement risk mitigation expertise
Project Background

Overview
Context
Scope and Timeline
# Scope Overview

## Project Management

- Staff Project Coordination Meetings
- Project Kickoff Meetings
- Review of Existing Plans and Studies

## Task 2: Stakeholder Engagement

- Task Force Engagement Plan
- Task Force Engagement Meetings
- Design of Collateral Materials

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- Defining the Vision & Mission
- Geographic Boundaries
- Goals for Engagement

## Task 3: Recommendations

- Task Force Recommendations Draft
- Task Force Recommendations Final Report
Project Timeline

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Kickoff Meeting April 19

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Vision, Goals, and Expectations
Task Force Vision and Goals

Vision

The vision for the South River Forest and Public Safety Training Center Community Task Force is to contribute to the policymaking for a safe, equitable, and inclusive environment that provides comprehensive training for all public safety professionals and encourages public interaction with the site.

Goals

• Create inclusive and community-driven recommendations for the surrounding green space (300 acres) and the public safety training curriculum.
• Facilitate an inclusive engagement process that incorporates the aspirations and expertise of the Atlanta community.
• Provide opportunities for fact-based education and awareness of the public safety training center and surrounding green space.
Expectations

Engagement activities are centered around the planned development of the site

Recommendations will be delivered to the Mayor and reviewed by the Community Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Task force members are representatives of their community of influence

The Task Force is focused on the 300 acres surrounding the Public Safety Training Facility site

Only selected Task Force members are to participate in the activities
Context
Rules for Engagement

Be Respectful of Others

Be Present; No Alternates

Silence Cellphones

One Conversation at a Time

Review Materials and Provide Input
Roles and Communication
Roles

APD-U ("Urban")
• Review existing plans and studies and development context
• Facilitate task force discussions
• Prepare and report final stakeholder recommendations

Community Task Force Members
• Provide expertise and commentary for task force subgroups
• Collaborate on potential uses
• Prioritize recommendations
• Participate in the development of final recommendations
• Share facts, information, and recommendations with communities of influence

The City of Atlanta
• Provide counsel and manage media requests from reporters and digital communications
• Provide additional insight within subgroups
• Participate in project management meetings
• Implement recommendations
Communications

Correspondence/Media
For questions about media correspondence and press releases, please reach out to the City of Atlanta for assistance.

City of Atlanta
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Task Force Focus Areas

- Parks and Green Space
- Sustainability and Resilience
- Visioning, Memorializing, and Repurposing the Former Atlanta Prison Farm Site
- Police, Fire, and E911 Curriculum
Task Group Focus Areas

**Group 1: Parks & Greenspace**
Develop programming for passive and active uses of the land, while preserving its natural ecology.

**Group 2: Police, Fire, and E911 Curriculum**
Provide input on the collaborative potential and direction of the public safety curriculum.

**Group 3: Sustainability & Resilience**
Introduce and encourage the use of best practices with regards to infrastructure and development.

**Group 4: Visioning, Memorializing, and Repurposing the former Atlanta Prison Farm Site**
Contextualize the future best use of the former Atlanta Prison Farm Site given its history.
Group 1: Parks and Greenspace

George Dunsenbury, Trust for Public Land
Greta G. DeMayo, PATH Foundation
Janese Coleman, Community Member
Lewis Woodson, Community Leader & Parks Advocate
Lynette Reid, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.
Marc Bolden, Community Member
Michael Halicki, Park Pride
Michelle Blackmon, Grant Park Conservancy
Linda DiSantis, The Nature Conservancy
Nina Cutler, Community Member

Rev. Gary Burke, Clergy
Samyukth Shenbaga, Atlanta Regional Commission
Stacy Funderburke, The Conservation Fund
Robbie Hunter, Community Member

Facilitators:
Carter Coleman, APD-Urban

City Staff:
Alvin Dodson, City of Atlanta
Keith Hicks, City of Atlanta
Aaron Weiner, City of Atlanta
Group 2: Police, Fire, and E911 Curriculum

Samuel Bacote, Community Member
Atty. Gerald Griggs, Georgia NAACP
Christopher Bruce, ACLU of Georgia
Dr. Bryant Marks, AUC Staff, Morehouse College
Dr. Gerald Durley, Retired Pastor & Community Activist
Dr. Rashad Richey, Radio Personality
Dr. Volkan Topalli, Georgia State University

Jill Savitt, National Center for Civil & Human Rights
John Prevost, Community Member
Richard Rose, Atlanta NAACP
Tsedey Betru, BeTru Consulting

Facilitators:
Jesse Wiles, APD-Urban
Mia McDowell, APD-Urban

City Staff:
Deputy Chief P. Spann, Atlanta Police Department
Major Watson, Atlanta Police Department
Desiree Arnold, Atlanta Police Department E-911
Deputy Chief Stephen Hill, Atlanta Fire Rescue Department
Section Chief Carlos Barham, Atlanta Fire Rescue Department
Group 3: Sustainability & Resilience

Bonita Johnson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Dr. LaToria Whitehead, LS Whitehead Group, LLC/Spelman College
Dr. Yomi Noibi, Eco Action
Jay Bassett, Retired EPA & Master Connector
Rabbi Peter Barg, Clergy
Susan Evans, Atlanta Housing Authority

Facilitators:
Noldy Belizaire, APD-Urban

City Staff:
Chandra Farley, Office of Sustainability
John R. Sydel, Office of Sustainability
Group 4: Visioning, Memorializing, and Repurposing the former Atlanta Prison Farm Site

Bishop Kevin Strickland, Clergy
Blake Fortune, Community Member
Cicely Garrett, Community Member
Donna Stephens, Chattahoochee Brick Company
Douglas Blackmon, Author, Slavery By Another Name
Leo Smith, Interfaith Public Policy
Linda Adams, Community Member
Lisa Tuttle, Arts Exchange
Sabir Khan, Artist
Sheffield Hale, Atlanta History Center

Facilitators:
Tia Maxwell, APD-Urban

City Staff:
Jahnee Prince, Commissioner of Planning
Janide Sidifall, Deputy Commissioner of Planning
Doug Young, Director of Design
Anthony Knight, African American Heritage Coordinator
Meeting Structure

Kickoff – Large Task Force Meeting (1)
- Welcome, introductions, project vision
- Goals, objectives, and guiding principles for the task force engagement
- Initial topic discussion
- Communication protocols

Subgroup Meetings (5 per Focus Group)
Meeting 1 – Informative and Visioning
Meeting 2 – Narrow Down the Vision
Meeting 3 – Create Priorities
Meeting 4 – Develop Recommendations
Meeting 5 – Share and Vet Recommendations

Task Force Large Group Meeting (1)
- Review of final recommendations/report
## Task Group Schedule

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**Large Group Final Recommendations**<br>Wednesday, August 2, 2023 • 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM