South River Forest and Public Safety Training Center
Community Task Force

SUBGROUP MEETING 5 – JUNE 27 & 28, 2023
Welcome

Review Vision, Goals, and Guiding Principles

Recommendations Exercise

Communication Plan Review

Next Steps
Welcome
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
The goals for engagement are to:
• 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 Atlantan community.
• Provide opportunities for fact-based education and awareness of the public safety training center and surrounding green space.
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 Atlanta Prison Farm Site given its history.
**Expectations**

- Engagement activities are centered around the planned development of the site.
- Recommendations will be delivered to the Mayor’s Office, but all may not be implemented.
- 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.
Rules for Engagement

Be Respectful of Others

Be Present; No Substitutions

Silence Cellphones

One Conversation at a Time

In Absence, Review Materials & Provide Comments
Review Vision, Guiding Principles, and Goals
Recommendation Process Flow

- Task Force Vision
- Task Force Subgroup Goals
- Subgroup Vision
- Subgroup Goals
- Subgroup Recommendations
- Subgroup Guiding Principles
Subgroup Meetings Outputs

Meeting 1: Informative and Visioning
Developed vision statement draft and outlined basic priorities

Meeting 2: Narrow the Vision
Provided insights from existing plans to color recommendations and edited vision statement

Meeting 3: Draft Preliminary Recommendations
Drafted preliminary recommendations in “buckets” created from initial comments & recommendations

Meeting 4: Refine & Prioritize Recommendations
Edited recommendations and crafted ideas for community engagement and communication plan

Meeting 5: Review Recommendations & Guiding Principles
Review and prioritize final recommendations and provide feedback for guiding principles
Review

Vision Statement
Guiding Principles
Goal Statements
Draft Vision Statement
Parks and Greenspace

Our vision is to create a dynamic and interactive greenspace that promotes a sense of community while providing recreational opportunities for all. The park will be an accessible space for everyone, while promoting ecological conservation and encouraging connectivity to current and future projects that serve the community.
Final Vision Statement
Parks and Greenspace

Our vision is to develop sustainable practices that conserve the tree canopy, restore the South River watershed, and connect the park to trails, greenspaces, and communities in South Atlanta and DeKalb County. Inclusive recommendations for community stewardship and preservation of the natural landscape will ensure the greenspace will be a multigenerational asset.
Guiding Principles

Set of statements that will establish the framework for the expected behaviors and decision making for implementation of the Task Force recommendations to be attainable, sustainable, and successful

1. Prompt implementation of a community-led leadership team dedicated to the responsible management and implementation of each subgroup area.

2. Financial resources should be committed and allocated to directly support and strengthen the recommendations put forth by the South River Forest and Public Safety Training Center Community Task Force.

3. Regular monitoring of progress should be established and measured by indicators defined by the community-led leadership team.
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<td>All plans for parks and greenspace must align with relevant adjacent plans to encourage connectivity, advance the City’s green mission, and support the local community’s needs, which include protection from gentrification and displacement</td>
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<td>Police, Fire, and E911 Curriculum</td>
<td>City government must acknowledge its role in the current state of policing and its relationship to protest, while making a commitment to prioritize restorative justice practices for affected populations, particularly the African American community</td>
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<td>A Community Benefits Agreement should be established, in collaboration with legacy residents, that prioritizes the development of programming that provides financial, social, and environmental opportunities to the community</td>
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<td>Visioning, Memorializing, and Repurposing the Former Atlanta Prison Farm</td>
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## Recommendation Goals ("Buckets")

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Recommendation ”Bucket” – Parks and Greenspace

Protection
safeguarding and preserving the natural environment, ecosystems, and wildlife from threats and harm

Conservation
emphasizing the sustainable management and responsible use of natural resources, balancing human need and ecological integrity

Activation
promoting public engagement, awareness, and participation in use of greenspace
Recommendation Goal Statements
Parks and Greenspace

Community
recommendations pertain to integrating culture and history of the local community into how parks and greenspace are experienced

Conservation
recommendations consider best practices for sustainable management and balancing human need and ecological integrity

Activation
recommendations identify concrete ways to experience the greenspace and meet the desires of the current and future community
Recommendations

Exercise
Rank the recommendations for each goal group

1. Go to Mentimeter.com
2. Recommendations are displayed in current priority order on the handout
3. For each goal, a ranking activity will be displayed with all the recommendations listed
4. Rank each recommendation in order of highest priority for each goal
Recommendations Exercise – Review

Rank Recommendations under Protection

1st | 1 - Historical Connection
2nd | 2 - Park Activities
3rd | 3 - Community Connection
4th | 4 - Community Leadership

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Community Engagement

A broader, ongoing approach that involves:
• building relationships
• fostering dialogue
• empowering community members for long-term collaboration

Prioritizes involving community members in decision-making processes, problem-solving, and collaborative initiatives.

Outreach

Focuses on specific activities aimed at providing:
• information
• resources
• services to the community often with a shorter-term objective

Activities include workshops, public presentations, information sessions, or public campaigns.
# Parks and Greenspace Mentimeter Results

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<td>Coordination with groups like Park Pride to work on further visioning/master plan</td>
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<td>Meetings at project implementation times - concept, design, construction, and ribbon cutting.</td>
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<td>Consider what should be the role of a specific city-creed entity, e.g., ATL Beltline</td>
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The South River Forest and Public Safety Training Center Community Task Force

Mayor Dickens has established the South River Forest and Public Safety Training Center Community Task Force to seek further input and expert recommendations on key issues. The Task Force members will be assigned to a specific subgroup to study recommendations in four areas:

- Parks & Green Space
- Visioning, Memorializing, and Repurposing the former Atlanta Prison Farm Site
- Sustainability and Resilience
- Police, Fire and E-911 Training Curriculum

The City will also engage the Task Force for their input on issues including:

- Ongoing community engagement;
- Additional community uses of the site; and
- Consideration of the site for potential memorials or other community recognition.

The Community Task Force will begin meeting in April and provide an initial set of recommendations by July.

“We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in our vital public safety needs and establish the largest park the City of Atlanta would own,” Mayor Dickens said. “I want the community at the head of the table, sharing their expertise and aspirations. I look forward to receiving recommendations which will continue to inform the Training Center and the parks, trails and community spaces our communities can be proud of.”

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Members of the Community Task Force

Schedule of Community Task Force Meetings

Subject to change

- Full Task Force
- Parks & Green Space Subgroup
- Atlanta Prison Farm Site Subgroup
- Sustainability & Resilience Subgroup
- Police, Fire & E-911 Training Curriculum Subgroup

Additional Documents

- Studies & Determinations
- Project Updates
- Press Releases
Next Steps

• Final Presentation to Mayor
• Deliver Final Recommendations Report
## Task Group Schedule

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**Large Group Final Recommendations**  
Wednesday, August 2, 2023 • 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Aug 5th Final Presentation Outline

Introduction

Project Background

Stakeholder Engagement

Task Force SubGroup Structure and Process
• Vision, Goals, Guiding Principles
• Meeting Summaries (Meetings 1 – 5)

Task Force Recommendations

Ongoing Communication and Engagements

Next Steps/Conclusion
Task Force Recommendations

Nominate two representatives to work with the consultant team on the final presentation.

Task Force representatives will present the rationale for the preliminary and final recommendations to the Mayor’s team.
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