South River Forest and Public Safety Training Center Community Task Force

SUBGROUP MEETING 5 – JUNE 27 & 28, 2023
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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.
Task Group 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 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
02 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
Our vision is to preserve the historic significance of the Former Atlanta Prison Farm Site while repurposing it to promote community, education, and revitalization. The project will honor the dignity of its past while fostering vibrancy and multigenerational programming for the future.
Final Vision Statement
Visioning, Memorializing, and Repurposing the former Atlanta Prison Farm Site

Our vision is to preserve the historic significance of the Former Atlanta Prison Farm Site while repurposing it to promote community, education, and resilience. We will honor the people of its past while fostering awareness about similar histories and provide multigenerational programming that encourages forward thinking and innovation in policing, incarceration, and protest.
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.
Guiding Principles
Subgroups

Parks and Greenspace
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.

Police, Fire, and E911 Curriculum
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.

Sustainability and Resilience
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.

Visioning, Memorializing, and Repurposing the Former Atlanta Prison Farm
A reconciliation and acknowledgement of the history of the site, its implications, and impact on the African American community is necessary and will enhance future dialogue on policing, incarceration, and protest in Atlanta.
Review

Vision Statement
Guiding Principles
Goal Statements
## Recommendation Goals (“Buckets”)

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Recommendation “Bucket”
Visioning, Memorializing, and Repurposing the former Atlanta Prison Farm Site

**Education**: aim to promote knowledge, awareness, and understanding of a past, as well as the potential for the future

**Preservation**: protect and conserve physical and cultural resources

**Land**: address land use and management practices with the aim of achieving sustainable outcomes with respect to the site's history
Recommendation Goal Statement
Visioning, Memorializing, and Repurposing the former Atlanta Prison Farm Site

**Education:** Promote historical awareness of the depth and breadth of Atlanta’s history with policing, incarceration, and protest while fostering empathy, dialogue, and collective action toward change.

**Preservation:** Safeguard valuable physical and cultural resources while honoring historic relevance.

**Land:** Create a harmonious balance between the site’s historical significance, past use, and future utility in sustainable development.
Recommendations
Exercise
Recommendations Exercise – Instructions

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 Education**

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Community Engagement and Outreach Plan Review
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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.
Visioning, Memorializing, and Repurposing the Former Atlanta Prison Farm Mentimeter Results

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Next Steps
Communications

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The South River Forest and Public Safety Training Center 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.”
Next Steps

- Final Presentation to Mayor
- Deliver Final Recommendations Report
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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
Aug 5th Final Presentation

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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