South River Forest and Public Safety Training Center
Community Task Force

SUBGROUP MEETING 5 – JUNE 27 & 28, 2023
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Recommendations Exercise
Welcome
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.

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
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

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<th>Meeting 1: Informative and Visioning</th>
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<td>Developed vision statement draft and outlined basic priorities</td>
<td>Provided insights from existing plans to color recommendations and edited vision statement</td>
<td>Drafted preliminary recommendations in “buckets” created from initial comments &amp; recommendations</td>
<td>Edited recommendations and crafted ideas for community engagement and communication plan</td>
<td>Review and prioritize final recommendations and provide feedback for guiding principles</td>
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Review

Vision Statement
Guiding Principles
Goal Statements
Our vision is to promote innovative development practices by introducing sustainable infrastructure solutions that promote healthy and vibrant communities. The project will prioritize safety, equity, and community to create a culture of responsibility that South River Forest’s natural resources and the people who call it home.
Final Vision Statement
Sustainability and Resilience

Our vision is to ensure innovative development practices through community driven sustainable solutions that amplify health and vibrancy. We will prioritize safety and equity to create a culture of inclusion for the surrounding community while creating opportunities to improve existing natural, cultural, and physical conditions in and around the South River Forest.
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>Parks and Greenspace</td>
<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>
<td>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.</td>
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**Recommendation Goals ("Buckets")**

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Recommendation “Bucket”
Sustainability and Resilience

Quality of Life
improve the well-being for individuals and communities

Infrastructure
develop and improve systems and structures that support sustainable functioning

Retention
preserve and protect valuable resources, including natural, cultural, and human assets
Live Well: Improve quality of life for individuals and the community that the development of practices that are concerned with the interconnectedness of environmental, social, and economic factors.

Infrastructure: Influence the built and cultural environment, current and future, on and around the site through innovative practices and interventions that prioritize cultural vitality.

Retention: Integrate services, systems, and tools that preserve, leverage, and improve the site’s environmental, social, and economic characteristics with a focus on long-term viability and positive impact.
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
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.
## Sustainability and Resilience Mentimeter Results

### Communicate
- **NPU/community meetings** foster community engagement events.
- **Upload documents/plans to website.**
- **Virtual & in person meetings.**
- **Calls**
- **Social media**
- **Newspaper**
- **Church announcements**
- **Ensure ALL city departments are sharing the information.**

### Community Engagement
- The community should be invited to hear updates and be told where they can find them online.
- **Public Town Hall with a facilitated feedback session.**
- **Bring community in to co design, inform, expand and fill gaps**
- **Regular, public meetings with updates rooted in radical transparency.**

### Potential Partners
- **Community nonprofits**
- **Schools**
- **Environmental groups**
- **Workforce development partners & educational programs (trades)**
- **Community organizations**
- **Senior living professionals**
- **Youth engagement groups**
- **Community appointed leaders**
- **ATL OSR and OCP**
- **City of Atlanta Planning**
- **Urban Agriculture and Food Systems Team (city)**
- **Office of Sustainability**
Next Steps
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.”
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
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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