

Meeting Notes

Date: April 13, 2019 1 p.m.

Place: Dekalb County Fire Rescue Headquarters
1950 West Exchange Place, Suite 400
Decatur, GA 30084

Purpose: Meeting with the Friends/Neighborhood of Little Creek Horse Farm

Attendees:

- The residents – neighbors of LCHF and some members of Conservancy (attendees list attached to this meeting notes)
- DeKalb County Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs: David Flaherty
- Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. (Wood): Mirsada Ilic & Gregg Hudspeth

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to collect the ideas for improvements and master plan preparation for Little Creek Horse Farm. In addition to the attendees from the Neighborhood, several members of the Conservancy were in attendance, too. Sign-in sheets were at the front table by the door along with literature from the Conservancy.

Introduction

David Flaherty opened the meeting, described its purpose and introduced members of the groups in attendance: Friends of Little Creek, Advisor for the County Commissioner, Stride Ahead, Atlanta Riding and Conservancy.

After stating that the Master Plan has Commissioner's and Parks Director full support, David went over 24-slide PowerPoint presentation that summarizes the ideas for improvements discussed at the previous public meetings, including the public meeting held in August of 2018.

Discussion Topics and Improvements Ideas

1. 'No Dumping' signs be erected
2. Install bridge screens to prevent dumping
3. Ongoing project – addition of two culverts under Orion Drive to alleviate flooding for the neighbors upstream. Currently only one culvert is in function.
4. Dog park issues – pros and cons (need for maintenance; responsibilities of the dog owners, County's responsibility); idea of dog station in lieu of dog park; look at nearby dog parks; parks are great for dogs socializing
5. Will tree removal be required if the dog park is implemented?

6. Signage for Little Creek Park on the east end (Orion Drive and Valley Brook)
7. Hardscape materials on Valley Brook may be available for use
8. Awareness/Preservation of wildlife (safety for horses)
9. Create a “naturalistic park” – more like Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve
10. Native plantings; remove invasive plants
11. Birds viewing area as there are many birds present in the LCHF
12. Signage showing flora and fauna
13. Grassy Open Field
14. Keep 14 acres as a nature preserve
15. Audubon program
16. Community garden
17. Connect walking trail (ex. Stone Mountain Trail and Mason Mill park)
18. Walking trail along Orion Drive
19. Connection to Medlock Park – community (a significant obstacle is the need to cross a very busy Scott Boulevard)
20. Use the term “Play Area”, not Playground for use of both, children and seniors; passive recreation
21. Plan park for current and future families
22. Pavilion in wooded area; amphitheater
23. Opportunities for children to learn about nature
24. Stream restoration
25. Horse & Nature Museum (history of General Sherman’s use of area in the Civil War)
26. Clean-up days for picking up trash/ South Fork of Peachtree Creek clean-up
27. Control mosquitos
28. Measures to protect against flooding along Orion Drive
29. Will it be an on-line survey available for those residents that didn’t attend any of the public meetings? Will there be voting available on line?
30. Include residents living in the new developments in the LCHS planning initiative
31. Include art work on sewer manholes covers
32. In closing, Tamara invited whole group to collaborate and presented her 7 E’s:
 - Energy
 - Environment
 - Equine
 - Exercise
 - Entertainment
 - Enjoyment
 - Education

Meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.

Several conversation with the meeting attendees took place after the meeting was adjourned to discuss specific details/ideas/improvements using maps displayed on the walls.

End of Meeting Notes

Enclosures: Sign-in Sheet