



ATTENDEE COMMENTS

ANDERSON PROPERTY PUBLIC INPUT MEETING 2-27-2019

- What is timetable?
 - There is no \$ now for the construction. We need to plan ahead for when money becomes available.
- How do you maintain these new park properties?
 - We are reviewing all the newly acquired properties over the winter for safety.
- Can we fish on the property?
 - Yes
- Are horses allowed?
- Are there deer on the property?
 - Yes
- Is Cobb County meeting public need for greenspace?
 - Cobb has over 6,000 acres of parklands that we manage
- Mr. Schmidt: "Glad that this will be a park...the house should be preserved and used for weddings, meetings, family events etc."
- Use the property for youth summer camps
- It can be a place for senior high school photos
- Save the house – have education courses on art / environmental courses
- Create a Girl Scout camp
- Keep and use the house
- Please keep in mind the traffic off Burnt Hickory...it's hard to get onto Burnt Hickory from Anderson Road
- Suggest parking in west pasture
- Create walking paths / trails
- Build a dog park
- No soccer or baseball fields
- Concerned about parking / traffic – don't want overflow from Kennesaw Mtn. Park
- What is the Burnt Hickory Trail on map?
 - Proposed future DOT trail
- Keep park natural with trails
- Make this similar to Mable House Arts Center
- Create a fitness trail with mileage signs noted.
- There are native plants on-site – you should protect them and create signage to describe the plants
- Learn about nature on site – develop environmental classes



- Therapeutic classes and features for kids
- Mr. Tom Little, Sr was the architect of the house. He died in the Orly Paris France crash in 1960's
- Writer's retreat in house
- The house is > 4,000 square feet in size
- Sign – do not block intersection at Mt. Calvary / Burnt Hickory and at Anderson / Burnt Hickory. Paint a box in the intersections..."Don't Block the Box".
- DOT will probably require a deceleration / acceleration lane into the park site.
- What about access to Barrett Parkway instead of Burnt Hickory?
 - County does not own that property.
- How much of the park is useable? How much parking do you plan on placing in the park?
 - Depends on the use you want and what is developed
- Can you shuttle people from other parks / parking areas to this park?
- Look at access from Barrett. Parking visible from Burnt Hickory will attract Kennesaw Mountain visitors.
- Have a botanist certify the native plants – Audubon certification
- There needs to be activities for adolescents / teenagers! This is in general for all parks...like skate parks, rock walls.
- Develop an orienteering course
- Geocaching
- Develop nature trails
- The redevelopment of the house should be the primary focus of the property. Use it for community meetings, art classes, community events
- Develop a small picnic area
- Develop a small nature themed playground for little children.
- What is the security / EMT response time to the park?
 - There is a fire station not too far away on Barrett.
- PARK is looking at installing license plate readers
- Install a sidewalk along Burnt Hickory. City proposed sidewalk from Whitlock to Old Mountain Road.
 - Some people did not like this as they thought people would use the Anderson parking lot to walk to Kennesaw Mountain National Park.
 - County sidewalk funding is typically governed with Commissioner input
- Develop a bridge/boardwalk trail system similar to the Fernbank Museum.
- Use the house for community use – revenue source for county
- Access off of Barrett?
- Move entrance to the southeast corner of the property
- Are there fish there
 - Yes



- Do you stock the lake? The County has a Lake Management Program
- Will the dock remain? You should rebuild the dock and use it in the plan.
- Maintain the open space as is.
- Does floodplain extend into the pasture
 - Yes
- Maintain the pastures
- What's the timetable until the next master plan phase?
 - We probably will have the preliminary master plan for the property in about 2 months we will then bring the plan back to you in a public meeting.
- How do we communicate to you?
 - Make sure you have your email address on the sign in sheet so we can keep you informed. Tom Bills will send the link to the PARKS web page, which will include the comments from today's meeting and the figures shown at the meeting.
- There is no development funding budgeted for these new properties.
- Is there a ranking system for which park is developed first?
 - The BOC makes the final decisions
- Will there be lights?
 - It will be a dawn to dusk park.
- Could this possibly be a SPLOST project.
 - Possibly via the next SPLOST.
- Is there a way to protect kids around the lake?
 - No swimming allowed, no motor boats...develop signage.
- What about security for the house? Will it be staffed?
 - Presently, we don't have staff for the house. The County does have security systems and could install a camera system, license plate readers.
- Develop a herb garden
- Is the park in the City of Marietta? No, the city line is on the east side of Anderson Road. The road is within the county.
- There is a lot of history around this area...civil war, agriculture...develop a museum in the house.
- Also, consider Native American History of the area...get KSU involved in the historical information gathering.
- Concern about the parking / traffic
- Don't develop the site with too many uses.... that will just invite more people and more traffic & parking issues.
- Develop as low impact
- At the next meeting, ask people where they live in relation to the site. Have them speak louder, so we can all hear.