



ATTENDEE COMMENTS

OLD WESTSIDE PROPERTY PUBLIC INPUT MEETING 3-11-2019

- Passive uses – no active ballparks
- Walking trails
 - Soft surface
- Fishing in lake
- Make lake deeper
- Clean up the property – Demo old houses
- Build connecting trail along Austell-Powder Springs Road
- Clean up Old Westside Road
- Create a Beltline type of trail – connectivity to other parks
- Will the park bring more people to area?
 - Hope for families using the park
- Walking trail
- Picnic area
- A quiet place, to sit
- Fishing
- Like Marietta Square
- Passive, quiet
- Thomas Street – clean up the old house and dumping in area
 - This is not something that PARKS can do
- Don't duplicate what is at Clarkdale Park down the street
- Are there personnel to maintain the park?
 - PARKS will keep it mowed and pick up trash with roving crews
- Hours will be dawn to dusk
- No funding has been identified for development
 - Not likely through operating budget, but special funding through a Bond or SPLOST
 - PARKS will maintain and mow it in the meantime
- It will always be in the PARKS inventory – will not be sold for development
- Can the County block access to the property until it is developed?
 - It's public property, so no
- Rent the brick house for revenue
- County can't really control what goes on there now
- PARKS to review site and make sure it's safe
- Will this be a good thing or a bad thing for the neighborhood?



- Generally, parks are a good thing
- Where is this park in the priority for development, versus other parks and properties?
 - That's up to the Commissioner
- What police presence will be there? Which force will respond?
 - Property is in unincorporated Cobb County
 - Powder Springs line is about ½ mile to the north
 - Austell line is a few hundred feet to the south
- Concerned about bad behavior at service station on the corner
- Have entrance off of Old Westside, not Austell-Powder Springs Road
- Have art placed around the park
- Observation deck out to the lake
- No swimming
- Will need a fishing license
- Small parking lot
- Small, natural playground
- Open meadow, greenspace
- Will there be any commercial businesses allowed on the property – e.g. ice cream or snow cones?
 - PARKS tries to limit that
- Is there a law limiting proximity of registered offenders near a park?
 - Yes
- Once construction starts, how long will it be under construction? Will equipment just sit there for a long time?
 - Construction will be as fast as possible. Equipment will not sit there idle.
- Need a restroom building
- Walking trail around the lake
- Limit vehicular access
- No entrance off of Furr Road – except for PARKS maintenance
- Keep dogs on leash – clean up after them
- No dog park
- Community garden
- Pavilion with picnic tables – small, 4-5 tables
- Police call box, especially if there is a connecting trail along Austell-Powder Springs road
- Lighting?
 - Hours will be dawn to dusk, so the only lighting will be for security around the parking lot



- PARKS will clean up trash
- Benches around lake
- Bridge over lake
- What is at Clarkdale Park? How big is it?
 - Clarkdale park is 33.3. acres
 - Four baseball fields, batting cages
 - Pavilions
 - Senior Center
 - Walking trail
- Even if you don't get all of the development money at first, would you still get started?
 - Yes, we would be prepared to build the park in phases
- Parking like at Mable House Barnes Amphitheater – grassy pavers
- Would you fence the perimeter?
 - No, we typically do not do that
- Disc golf? No, just areas to throw a frisbee
- Do parks generally increase neighboring property values?
 - Generally, parks do raise values of nearby properties
- Does that mean that taxes will go up?
 - PARKS has no control over that
- PARKS will come back in 2-3 months with a more detailed plan, based on the comments received here. We will contact you by email first.
- Can you demolish the older buildings first?
 - We will explore this
- Use the existing metal barn for maintenance building
 - Great idea
- Will this lead to re-zoning of surrounding area?
 - PARKS is not involved in this
- Don't forget to include a younger demographic in your planning. These can be a key for local investment and can revitalize an area.
- Will you add more trees?
 - Do you want more trees?
 - Yes, for shade
- Disappointed in in the delayed timeline for development
- Is there a possibility of federal or state funding?
 - They have grants, but receiving this is not likely
- What about Norfolk-Southern funding?
 - PARKS is not sure about this