



ATTENDEE COMMENTS

KEMP PROPERTY PUBLIC INPUT MEETING 8-5-2019

Introduction and comments from Director Jimmy Gisi, and designer Lee Sewell

- There is no funding identified for this park or any of the other five parks that are currently in our master planning process.
- This is the second Public Input Meeting for this park. The next meeting will be when the updated plan is presented to the Recreation Board. We will send that date to you. Finally, the plan will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for their final approval.

Brief description of the main plan features

- Potential future greenway trail connecting Kemp property to Price Park and Allatoona Creek Park
- The plan shows the entrance roadway along the existing farm road at the top of the ridge
- Existing house may potentially serve as a caretaker residence
- Existing barns and outbuildings may serve as maintenance buildings
- Parking is meant to be visible from Burnt Hickory for security, but not immediately adjacent to the road, so that it will not spoil the view into the property. There are +/- 70 spaces shown on the plan
- Several pavilions which may be preserved
- Natural playscape/playground equipment
- Mix of hard surface (concrete) and natural surface trails
- Birdwatching, educational opportunities. Bird watching, butterfly garden, wildflower meadow
- Potentially expand existing pond to allow fishing
- Trails throughout wooded areas
- Preserved Civil War earthworks, trench line – will protect with fencing, interpretive signage
- Hammock village



- The northwestern section, along Burnt Hickory, is protected by a life estate. A Kemp family member resides in the house. Please keep away from that area.

Public Input

- There is no disc golf on the plan. Disappointing. Please add this. Oregon Park is the only disc golf course in a Cobb park
- Disc golf enthusiasts have funding now to build a course with no public funding
- We already have a park like this one – Price Park. This one should include disc golf.
 - During this master planning process, and in our county wide master plan, we heard overwhelming requests for passive, natural park areas
- Horses – horse people are discriminated against
- Need more horse trails
- An equestrian center
- This will be a good place for scouting and Eagle Scout projects
 - Yes, we provide many opportunities for Eagle projects in our system
- The Friends of Kemp Park is forming now. Have sent one newsletter so far. Will help to coordinate groups to build aspects of the park
 - Cobb PARKS will work with the Friends group on this
- What is the status of the property now?
 - Open to the public, but be careful. There are no amenities or staff there
- The existing perimeter fencing will keep horses in
- The location of the parking lot on the plan cannot be seen from Burnt Hickory
- Bathroom shown may not be big enough
 - This one has 3 stalls on each side
- Connections / Bridges to Dominion and Harrison Schools
 - Harrison never got back to us
 - Dominion said no to a bridge – however, a representative at the meeting said that they will welcome the park for science and nature educational opportunities, and will walk or drive there. No bridge needed.
- The center line of the creek is the property line on the west side
- GA Battlefield Association member requested fencing now to protect the earthworks
- Excited to keep it natural. Limited bike trails near the greenway alignment, like a pump track or small skills area for kids, not a bike trail network throughout park



- Will a turn lane or road widening be required?
 - Cobb DOT will help us with that when actual construction design begins
- The Kemp family will be pleased with this design
- Sidewalks on Burnt Hickory from Old Mountain to Acworth Due West
- Mr. Kemp wants to leave the property passive, intact
- County does not own the property on the north side of Burnt Hickory
- The perimeter fencing will stay in place for now
- Keep the hard surface surfaces pervious
- When placing the larger parking lot, maintain views of Lost Mountain
- With the parking lot design, can buses, trailers, horse trailers turn around?
- Incorporate pea gravel into asphalt or concrete for a natural look
- Keep trees along the roadway low varieties, maintain view of Lost Mountain
- How big are the pavilions shown?
 - For example:
 - Small 12 by 12, 1 to 2 picnic tables
 - Medium 16 by 16, 4 picnic tables
 - Large 20 by 20, 8 picnic tables
- Will there be a gate, locked at night?
 - If there is a caretaker, yes
 - If not caretaker, then no
- On the Western side, along the potential DOT greenway, can some mixed-use activities occur there?
 - Can we do all of this that has been mentioned?
 - Separate different activities by geography – steep wooded versus flat open
- What is definition of passive?
 - No active sports or dedicated sports fields
- Disc golf is active, like a sport
- Disc golf co-exists with passive uses now, people can walk through the course now, players are careful
- “Multi-use” can prevent the use of others, horses included
- Make the secondary lot in NW corner bigger
- Make a parking lot like the one at Cheatham Hill, dedicated to horse trailers
- Can't build in the floodplain
- When will the life estate area be available?



- We don't know, it's not up to us
- Can the existing house be a mini-museum, with family history and artifacts? Or in another place?
- Install interpretive signage
- Will you build any new buildings?
 - Only if needed. They would match the other architecture
- Eagle Scout projects
 - We respond to requests all the time
- Describe the existing pond
 - Very small, would have to deepen and expand it for a fish pond
- Access to the property now – you can pull in and park away from the road and walk through a gap in the fence
- Planned trail length?
 - A loop trail around the perimeter is about 1.5 miles
- Recommend horse trailering, water and access near existing house and barn
- Would horses be on same trails as hikers? This is not ideal
- They can coexist, one loop trail for horses and walkers, the rest just for walkers
- Is 1-mile loop for horses long enough?
- No trail length or area is too small for horses.
- Install horse jumps in the flat open area near the stream
- Is there an existing trail connection to Saddlebrook?
 - No
- Have you considered having horses at Price Park?
 - No, it has not been widely requested during this process
- Stout Park in Powder Springs will be developed for equestrian use, 300+ acres
- Can't have horses on Corps Property (Allatoona Creek Park)
- Would prefer no horses at Kemp
- They co-exist in many places in other states
- Can we send email with additional comments and questions?
 - Yes, please direct them to tom.bills@cobbcounty.org with Kemp Property in the subject line