



**Mountain Way Common
Steering Committee Meeting Summary #2**

October 25th, 2012 7:00 PM, Blue Heron Nature Preserve

Attendees: Beth Godwin, Dan Weede, Gordon Certain, Jane Moss, Jane Zoellick, Kevin McCauley, Mandy LeCompte, Marianna Lee, Sonya Parker, Susan Richardson, Tina Weede, Joe Coomes, Bethann Kushner, Carlos Perez

Park Pride Staff: Walt Ray, Becky Katz

The meeting began with a round of introductions. New attendees received copies of the Scope of Work and MOU's from the previous Steering Committee meeting on September 27, 2012. Walt Ray reminded the Committee the importance of representing the surrounding community.

Next the Park Visioning Scope of Work was assessed. Questions were raised about the format of the public meetings. The proposed four public meetings were explained as follows:

- **Public Meeting One:** This meetings focus is on wish list creation. The community will express their desires for a park in their neighborhood without limitations of politics, cost, ownership of land or geographic realities.
- **Public Meeting Two:** Park Pride will facilitate a design charrette. Attendees will review and edit the wish list from PM 1 to a realistic list and figure out each items appropriate place in Mountain Way Common.
 - Carlos Perez of AECOM offered to give a design presentation of the Georgia 400 Trail as it relates to the Common during this meeting.
- **Public Meeting Three:** Park Pride will present two to three conceptual design options. Attendees will review and discuss the pros and cons of each design. All comments will be recorded to be incorporated into the final Vision Plan
- **Public Meeting Four:** The final Vision Plan will be presented. The attendees will have the opportunity to document their priorities in an attempt to rank proposed projects in the Common.

After the overview public meeting content, the Steering Committee agreed to host the meetings.

Then, Becky Katz asked attendees to schedule public meeting dates for the Visioning of Mountain Way Common. Gordon Certain volunteered to reserve a room at Saint James Church for all the public meetings. Members of the Steering Committee have already scheduled work days in the upcoming months and will conduct tours on the same day. The following dates were decided.

Meeting Type	Date	Time	Location
PM #1	02/12/13	7pm	Saint James Church
PM #2	03/12/13	7pm	Saint James Church
PM #3	04/16/13	7pm	Saint James Church
PM#4	05/07/13	7pm	Saint James Church



Tours/Work Days	The Steering Committee will arrange tours and work days at Mountain Way Common including
Neighborhood Clean-Up	10/28/12
Corporate Volunteer Work Day	11/10/12
Opportunity for Community Tours	02/23/13

Carlos Perez, AECOM's lead designer for the Georgia 400 Trail, answered questions about the connector ramp in the Common. Members of the Committee inquired how much influence the Visioning will have on the GA 400 trail including the proposed ramp and parking. Walt Ray stressed that while the GA 400 amenities will be included in the discussion of Visioning, the main focus must be potential ways that the local community greenspace may link to (or not) the larger regional project. The Scope of the Visioning Program does not include designing/re-design the Georgia 400 Corridor.

Usually Park Pride encourages the Committee to create a survey to engage neighbors and publicize the public meeting schedule. Since Gordon Certain conducted a successful survey last year, the Committee suggested other advertising avenues. Jane Zoellick created a tri-fold brochure and asked Park Pride to write a synopsis of the Visioning Process including the public meeting schedule. It was also suggested that the community has many established successful lines of communication including a regular newsletter that is distributed to 1800 households in the immediate vicinity. Gordon Certain suggested the same synopsis be including the local newsletter.

The meeting concluded with questions about visioning for undeveloped properties. It was suggested that the community not limit their vision to only the Georgia Department of Transportation property, but to vision for the undeveloped properties. This way the final deliverable of the conceptual master plan can guide the Common's development for many years to come.

Attachment: Visioning Synopsis for the Mountain Way Common Brochure and Newsletter.



Initiated in 2005, Park Pride's award-winning Park Visioning program has produced 28 master plans, the fruition of 28 community engagement processes involving hundreds of neighbors, scores of meetings and an inestimable number of person-hours. The end products, unified statements of community will, are manifested in professionally rendered conceptual design documents accompanied by project details and cost estimates. Park Pride has selected Mountain Way Common as one of their Visioning projects for 2012/2013.

The master plan will help guide the development of the Common for years to come. This is the same process Little Nancy Creek Park successfully followed to develop their master plan.

A key element of the Visioning process is engaging the community and collecting input through a series of public meetings. The whole community is encouraged come and 'have their say' about the future Mountain Way Common.

The Visioning public meetings will be held at Saint James Church at 7 pm on the following dates:

1. Tuesday February 12th, 2013 : Wish List Creation: Come prepared to dream big about your green-space
2. Tuesday March 12th, 2013: Design Charrette: Join in on the hands on design workshop
3. Tuesday April 16th, 2013: Preliminary Design Review: Park Pride will create three design options using the information collected. Come have your say about your favorite elements of each design option.
4. Tuesday May 7th, 2013: Final Concept Presentation: View the conceptual master plan and rank your priorities for each amenity