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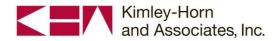
# Project Renaissance Parks and Trail Design City Council Roundtable August 15, 2012

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Project Orientation- Scope and Schedule
- 3. Council Vision

## A. Key Questions

- i. What goals and/or preconceived notions are there regarding the parks and trails?
- ii. What type of character do these parks collectively and/or individually want to have?
- iii. What are the biggest challenges facing the parks and trail?
- iv. How will we judge success? How will the community judge success?
- B. Park Elements "On" and "Off the table"
  - i. 1.9 Acre park at Chamblee Dunwoody
  - ii. 1.4 Acre park square
  - iii. 5 Acre park at North Shallowford
  - iv. Multi-use Trail and Linear Park
  - v. Wooded Area/Nature Preserve
  - vi. Off the Table
- 4. Questions and Next Steps



#### **MEETING NOTES/OUTCOMES:**

### Overarching Goals and Qualities- Renaissance parks and trails should be/feel:

- Public
- Visible
- Used/Active
- Safe
- Green
- Include Focal Points ("Kodak moments" in each area)
- Consistent/Unified- feel like they are part of an integrated system of spaces
- Places to interact and communicate with each other
- Low-Maintenance
- Dunwoody-Quality
- A series of four parks linked by the trail

# While not final, the following elements were discussed as possible features of each park, green space, or trail

## 1.9 Acre Park near Chamblee-Dunwoody- "Family Park"

- Playground
- Pavilion/Shelter
- Restrooms
- Bench/Seating Area
- Small Lawn
- Small Water/Spray Feature
- Parking (possibly pervious paving)
- Clear underbrush at trees along Chamblee-Dunwoody and maintain tree cover
- Provide a separation between roadway and park elements (potentially decorative fencing)

## 1.4 Acre Park Square- "Sophisticated, Elegant, More Formal Park"

- Lawn Area/Grass
- Small Hardscaped Plaza
- Trees, Shrubs, Flowers- GREEN
- Shade Structure/Gazebo/Small Pavilion
- Small Decorative Fountain
- Seating Area/Benches
- Small Stage
- Parking around the square
- Connected to/Highlighting the multi-use trail
- Farmer's Market



#### 5 Acre Park at North Shallowford-"Active Park"

- Concert Stage/Band Shell
- Pavilion/Concessions
- Restrooms
- Large Multi-Purpose Lawn(s)
- Picnic Shelter
- Hardscape Plaza/ Steps and Terraced Seating along North Shallowford Hillside
- Hard Surface Play Area/Basketball Goal (1/2 court)
- Parking (possibly pervious paving)

#### Multi-use Trail and Linear Park

- 10-12 foot trail (could be as narrow as 8 feet in some limited locations)
- Adjacent landscape and tree cover
- Bioswales/storm water features
- Pull out areas with benches and trash receptacles
- Wayfinding/signage/mile markers
- Lighting or conduit with stubs every 250 feet for lighting

## 2.5 Acre Wooded Area- "Nature Preserve"

- Clear Underbrush below trees
- Soft Surface Trails
- Boardwalks

# "Off the Table"- Will not be included in these parks

- Tennis Courts
- Full Basketball Court
- Baseball/Softball Fields
- "Lined"/Programmed Athletic Fields
- Pool/Natatorium
- Larger water features that encourage large groups or "bathers"

## Challenges and Questions to be answered-

- Making the City Square a City Park- design must clearly highlight the square as a public park, not a private neighborhood amenity
- Parking- how much will be needed at each park area, how much room is there to accommodate parking
- Topography along Shallowford Road- impact to the width of the multiuse trail along Shallowford and challenges to linking the trail from Shallowford Road into the 5-Acre park
- Lighting- must be coordinated, unobtrusive to neighbors, and will be a significant budget item. In some places conduit may be run to allow lights to be added in the future
- Maintenance of water elements- If water elements are included, they should be low-maintenance and built to last



- Safety- all park and trail areas feeling open, visible, and safe
- Signage- How will we keep park signage and other signage clean, elegant, and limited
- Funding- the process must prioritize elements under the likely scenario that community wants are larger than current funds available
- Short-term versus long-term improvements- what will be built immediately versus elements that may require more time or additional cost and be identified as future additions/phases