



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor & City Council

DATE: December 11, 2014

FROM: John McDonough, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Abernathy Greenway Phased Process

MEETING DATE: For Submission onto the December 16, 2014, City Council Work Session Meeting Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

See attached:
Greenway Process
Southside Greenway Update

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: 12/16/2014

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: () YES () NO

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL: _____

September 18, 2012

Abernathy Greenway Phased Process

- (1) Staff comes up with preliminary proposal (concept) for elements of a phase; establish phases based on budget availability on a fiscal year basis. Solicit Committee input. If there are significant differences of concept, bring proposals to City Council for direction.
- (2) Phased concept will be shared with the City Council for direction and feedback.
- (3) *Public Meeting* *Nov. 19 Wed.*
Neighborhood input will be solicited by and channeled through the Committee.
- (4) Staff incorporates neighborhood input in accordance with overall City Council guidance.
- (5) Upon City Council approval, phase is designed and bid, acceptable bids are presented to City Council for approval.
- (6) Work begins on phased project. City Council and Committee kept appraised of project status. Any changes that significantly alters the original phased scope, will be presented to City Council for their review and guidance.

NOTE:

1. Re-focus Committee of their responsibilities.
2. The next step for Staff and the Committee to do is to develop a priority list of phased approach for the completion of the master plan.

South Greenway Time Line

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| 1) Staff review of information on hand ----- | October 2014 |
| 2) Public input meeting -----
Council Chamber, 6 p.m. | November 19, 2014 |
| 3) Staff develop recommended list of park elements for designer – council reviews at work session ----- | December 16, 2014 |
| 4) RFP for design contract – turn over documents for Southside Greenway design ----- | January 2014 |
| 5) Preliminary Park Design completed and posted to website ----- | March 2015 |
| 6) Council approves ----- | March 2015 |
| 7) Funding request ----- | April 2015 |
| 8) RFP for Southside Construction Contractor ----- | May/June 2015 |
| 9) Work starts ----- | July 2015 |

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Southside Greenway Update

11-25-14

City staff has compiled a list of park elements developed from a public meeting and Greenway Steering Committee input. Sandy Springs City Council will review the list as a park concept during December; after review the list will be used for the master park design.

The 14 acre park is located between the Roswell Rd. Sandy Springs Village Shopping Center and the Abernathy Greenway Art Center on the south side of Abernathy Rd.

The Greenway Steering Committee has recommended the following vision for the park:

- A) Our Vision of Abernathy Greenway – Southside is a passive linear park with a natural landscape, walking trail and other recreational amenities along a Marsh Creek tributary which provides an ‘urban forest’ experience to the community, improves quality of the watershed, and enhances the green gateway to the City of Sandy Springs.

List of elements currently being considered.

1. Provide a visual and sound buffer to the neighborhoods on the south side of Abernathy Road.
2. Provide native, low maintenance landscaping throughout the park.
3. Provide safe community access to the park.
4. Provide recreational features including a natural-surface trail.
5. Integrate access from the redeveloped Provence North Apartment complex and the Mimms shopping center.
6. Add to existing “free forest” – low maintenance native plants and trees.
7. Walking/Jogging Trail loop with fitness stations.
8. Benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, way-finding signage.
9. Simple creek crossings such as wood bridges, stone steps.



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10. Create a wetland pond which is a focal point for the south side of the park. This will help manage storm water flow and improves water quality in Marsh Creek.
11. Integrate Arts Center into the park (we have lease at Art Center for 3.7 acres)-includes parking lot use, play lot, and tennis courts.
12. Marsh Creek Watershed Improvement Project (Design Underway).
13. Creek Restoration – bank stabilization, stepping stones, climbing boulders.
Wetland/detention pond with water feature.
14. Landscaping and provision for Sculpture Garden at Arts Center
15. Identification markers on native trees and plants
16. Security lights and cameras
17. Water feature with fish
18. Hardscape elements with same stone as North Greenway
19. Signage
20. Pedestrian bridge over Abernathy Rd.
21. Parking included on east end of park
22. Arts Center – add 20 spaces next to existing 24 behind tennis courts (leave playground).
23. Directional sign to 15 unused spaces existing on Burdette.
24. No parking at Wright Road due to topography and blind approaches.
25. Negotiate with Provence North Apartment complex for entrance and public parking.
26. Negotiate with Mimms for lease/purchase of rear retail center parking and trail entrance.
27. If needed later, add parking at Johnson Ferry and Long Acre on additionally acquired properties.