

**Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 9: 24 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.**

**Councilmembers present:** Councilman John Paulson, Councilman Graham McDonald, Councilman Gabriel Sterling, Councilman Tibby DeJulio and Councilman Andy Bauman.  
Councilman Ken Dishman was absent.

**STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Recreation and Parks**

1. Abernathy Greenway Phased Process


**Director of Recreation and Parks Ronnie Young** gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Abernathy Greenway Phased Process (see attachment). In the agenda package is the process that staff began using in September, 2012 in order to do a better job of organizing the projects. To be considered is the concept of the elements that will be presented to the City's design group, once they are put in place. These are the elements for the park as it is currently designed. On page 2 is the timeline. The RFP will be going out in two weeks to hire a design team. Once the RFP has been reviewed and discussed, the elements will be presented to the design team and this item will be back before Council around March 2015. The last two documents are the Southside Greenway Update. The update references that the Greenway Steering Committee recommends a vision for the Abernathy Greenway. This recommendation came from the steering committee and the public. At a November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting the public was shown all of the elements that had already been requested and public input was allowed. Those elements are listed on the document in the agenda package as #1 - #27. He recommended that all of these be placed in the process and given to the design team once they are chosen. Number 11 refers to property the City does not control. For the City to do anything on that property besides the 3.7 acres that is the tennis courts, play lot, and parking lot, additional negotiations would be needed with Fulton County. Number 14 is a questionable element. Number 20 discusses a pedestrian bridge over Abernathy Road, which is questionable as well. Number 21 is the parking included on the east end of the park and that would involve additional park property purchase. Number 22 is related to parking spaces at the Art Center. Number 25 deals with the Provence North Apartments and he is not sure what is being done there, but staff can discuss that at the appropriate time. Number 26 references negotiating with Mimms Enterprises for property on the east side of the park and staff can look at that at a later date. A parking lot on the south side of the property is very possible at Johnson Ferry Road or Long Acres Drive. The suggestion is for a passive linear park with dirt paths, stream restoration, possibly water pools, and a lot of plant life and buffer trees.


**Councilman John Paulson** asked if the water feature for #17 would be a koi pond.

Director of Recreation and Parks Young responded that was the recommendation.

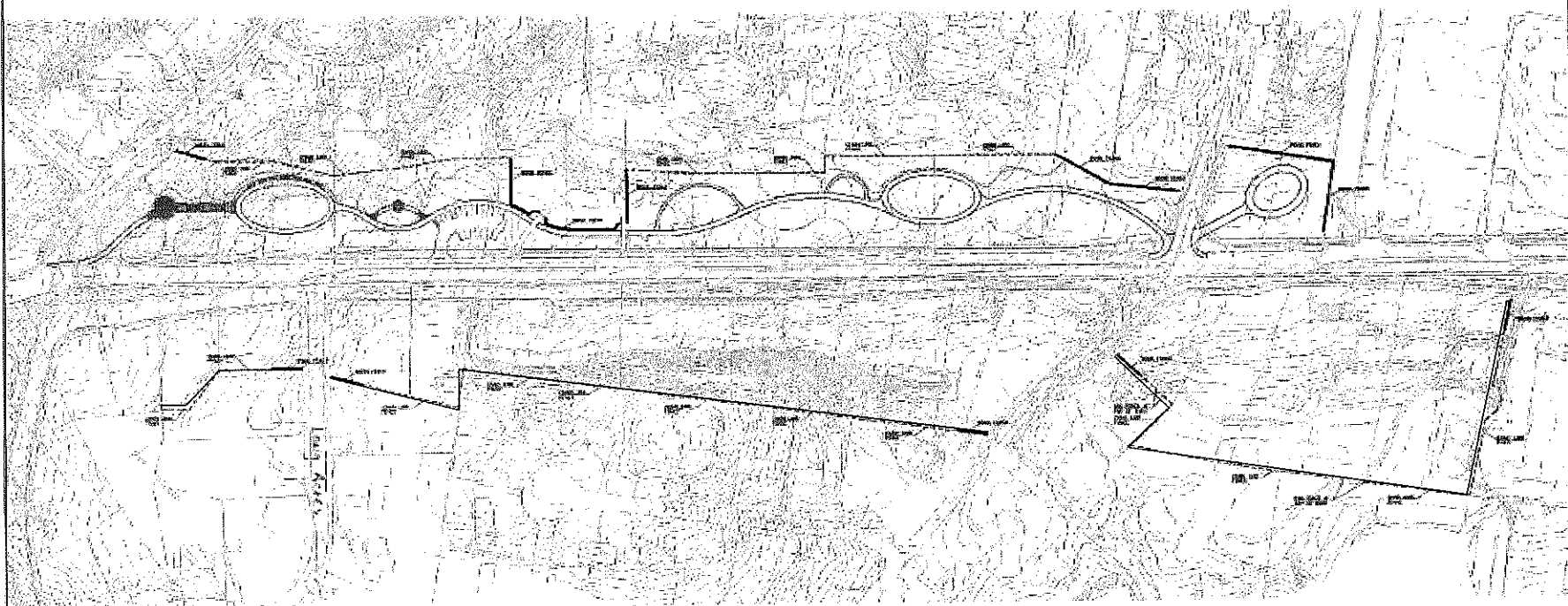
There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

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