

American Legion Public Input Fall 2017

Project Background: The Chapel Hill Town Council in December 2016 agreed to purchase the American Legion property for \$7.9 million. The Town Council anticipated that the site — through public amenity, private partnerships, and a mix of uses — could serve local quality of life and integrate with the Town’s larger vision for future development in northeast Chapel Hill. Council initiated a public engagement process, led by the American Legion Task Force and Coulter Jewell Thames, PA, a landscape architecture firm, to learn about the community’s interests in the site and to begin developing a vision for how the site can best serve the community and the future of Chapel Hill.

The engagement process kicked off with a public design charrette on April 8, 2017. At this charrette a list of potential uses for the site was identified. After the charrette, the Task Force met numerous times and developed Development Principles for the property.

At this time, the Town of Chapel Hill seeks your input to help the Task Force further prioritize the list of uses possible at the site as it moves forward with the property purchase. It is important to note that this not the last chance for public input. As the Council moves forward with decisions regarding the site there will be further opportunity for comment.

>>Insert Location Map

>>Insert Site Analysis Map

Question 1: Tell us about yourself:

If you provide an email you will be added to a list of people interested in receiving further information about the property.

Name:

Address (optional)

Email address (optional)

Question 2: How many adults live in your home (1, 2, 3, 4+)

Question 3: How many children live in your home (0, 1, 2, 3, 4+)

Question 4: At the April charrette, a range of uses were identified including:

- Passive recreation such as trails, parkland and natural area
- Lawn for open play (frisbee, kites, throwing footballs, etc.)
- Outdoor gathering and picnic spaces
- Farmer's market
- Event venue-rental opportunity
- Athletic fields and courts including pickle ball
- Skate park
- Other programmed outdoor recreation
- Playground
- Splash pad
- Children's natural play
- Outdoor performance venue/amphitheater
- Affordable housing
- Workforce housing
- Senior housing
- Other housing
- Educational uses-service-learning, afterschool, vocational
- Community center
- Cafes/ eateries
- Space for food trucks
- Children's museum
- Cemetery expansion
- Indoor recreation space
- Cultural/ arts facility — classroom and makerspace
- Dog park
- Child and senior daycare (combined)
- Commercial and retail uses
- Pool (indoor/ outdoor)
- Community garden
- Boy Scout amphitheater (preserved)
- Dance studio (preserved or replaced)
- Nursing home/ assisted living
- Parks & Recreation administrative offices

Please list your top three choices for use of the site below. Choices can be from the above list or others not on the list. (Open ended question)

Question 5: This list of questions below has been developed based on Task Force's Development Principles and will be used by the Task Force to prioritize uses for the Council's consideration. To assist this prioritization, please rank the questions with the most important factor to consider each use's priority on top to least important on the list. Your ranking will help determine which questions should be given the most weight as the Task Force develops its prioritized list uses for the Council's consideration.

How well does the use meet existing town needs based on Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation data?

Is the use compatible with neighboring uses taking into account impacts from noise, light, traffic, etc.?

Does the use support a variety of uses on the site?

Will the use be open to Chapel Hill Residents of all abilities and income levels?

Can the use be provided a cost that is affordable to all Chapel Hill residents?

Will the use support a healthy lifestyle by providing physical and athletic opportunities?

Does the use encourage interactions with nature?

How sustainable or green is the use?

Question 6: Do you have other thoughts or comments regarding the American Legion that you would like to share with the Task Force and Town Council? (open ended)