

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following comments were received at the two public meetings held on June 8, 2017. Some comments are verbatim transcripts from “sticky notes” and comments sheets. Others are distillations of broader conversations and discussions.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Are we taking account of what’s in greenway and parks and rec master plan?
- Open space should not be considered a holding zone or land banking? Would like acknowledgment that some open space is there for a reason and is already the highest and best use and a valid purpose.
- Where does cultural arts come into the plan? A multipurpose building for significant cultural arts is needed.
- What is the process for suggesting new town property to be included to the list of focus properties considered by the Task Force? Kidzu is thinking about Pritchard Park. Are there any deed restrictions to Pritchard Park?
- Could the postage stamp parcels not on focus list be pocket parks?
- Some communities have created live/work/studio space for artists. Are there other properties where we could build affordable housing that is not an art colony but

PROPERTY SPECIFIC COMMENTS

MILLHOUSE ROAD

- Can’t light industrial and some recreation use co-exist?

FIRE STATION #4

- Booker Creek headwaters need to be taken into account.

DRY CREEK PROPERTIES

- Retain for future Dry Creek Trail/New Hope Creek Greenway system.
- Chapel Hill’s part of the New Hope Creek Master Plan adopted by Durham County, Durham City, Orange County, and Chapel Hill.
- This property should be managed as open space and not simply held for some other purpose.
- Consider limited use for affordable housing.

2200 HOMESTEAD ROAD

- How does this fit into the Town’s master Greenways Plan?

200 PLANT ROAD

- Inclusive housing is preferable.
- Consider as an addition to the park. Retain and improve access to Battle Branch and Bolin Creek Trails.
- Use a small portion for affordable housing.
- Can the site be accessed directly from Estes Drive?
- I Have trouble with adding uses to the property which is already busting at the seams. Never enough room for people who use the community center, playground, thousands of new residents are being added to area (Ephesus/Fordham District). Want them to have a walkable place to recreate. Need more climbing walls, ceramic studio space, dance, teen centers. Could we put affordable housing where fire station is and put recreation in the middle of the community? There is currently not enough parking.

OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING

- Would loss of courtroom facilities have a downside? Explore.
- Cultural art center would be an excellent function and an expressed community need. Good synergy with teen center and proximity to UNC.
- Teen center space in Old Post Office is an embarrassment. Now used as a place for camps by youth of color. Become an underground ghetto. Question – how do we do something, a group has talked to Bob Seymour. Senior center was in similar circumstance before current building. How do we proceed as a community to create a space for our teens within the context of the overall planning? Is there a place within this planning process to think of a teen center in similar ways we think of a senior center?
- Are there leases for the court space and post office?

PARKING LOT #2

- Can Wallace Deck “grow” sufficiently to add spaces from lot #2 and additional use? At what cost?
- There was an analysis 12-13 years ago. Land values are higher. Was that brought up?

ALL PARKING LOTS DOWNTOWN

- Great that decisions are postponed until a parking plan is developed and adopted.

OPEN SPACE – MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH RD.

- Retain as open space like Merritt’s Pasture.