Latta House & University Site Master Plan

Citizen Planning Committee Meeting #1

March 22nd, 2019
Agenda

1) Project Background
2) CPC Role & Responsibilities
3) Draft Charter Review
4) Consensus Building Process
5) Project Schedule
6) Project Overview: Situation Assessment Summary, Draft Goals, & Vision Statement
7) Next Steps
Project Background

Park Planning Process

Winter 2018
• Situation Assessment

Spring 2018 – Fall 2019
• Public Input Process

Winter 2019
• Master Plan Approval Process

The Public Input Process includes Citizen Planning Committee meetings, Online Input, Public Input meetings and Event Outreach.

Public input starts with general input, then alternatives are designed & presented, and finally the draft Master Plan is developed.
Project Background

Site Context & Historic Background

The Latta University, founded in 1892, was dedicated to educating underprivileged and orphan African-American children.
Project Background

Site History

1993
Raleigh Historic Landmark (House)

2002
National Register of Historic Places

2007
Latta House Destroyed, Site Resources Recovered, and Deed Conveyed

2008
Collection Processed

2009
Archaeological Survey

2010
Raleigh Historic Landmark (Site)
CPC Role & Responsibilities

Why are you here?

Provide recommendations to the Raleigh Historic Resources and Museum Advisory Board (HRMAB) for a future park program that will best meet the needs of the community

*Discover*, share information, and learn from each other

*Develop*, review, and discuss program elements

*Shape* agreements that resolve issues and balance multiple interests

*Inform* the public and the City about topics addressed in the process
CPC Role & Responsibilities

Your Responsibilities

*Deliberate in Good Faith* balance interests and participate in a consensus building process

*Represent Constituents* when reviewing issues and recommendations

*Attend Meetings* and fully participate in each meeting
Vision Statement that describes the overall vision for the park and serves as the foundation for a range of Plan Alternatives

Draft Master Plan that includes a conceptual plan rendering, Vision Statement, background information, and recommendations for stewardship of the park

Priorities for phased development of the project, with consideration for existing and anticipated funding

Proposed Master Plan based on public feedback of the Draft Master Plan
Consensus decision-making is a group decision-making process in which group members develop, and agree to support a decision in the best interest of the whole

1) **Endorsement** (Member fully supports it)
2) **Endorsement with minor point of contention** (Member likes it)
3) **Agreement with minor reservation** (Formal disagreement, but will not block or hold up the proposed)
4) **Stand aside with major reservations** (Formal disagreement, but will not block or hold up the proposed)
5) **Block** (Member will not support the proposed plan)
Consensus Building Process

Measuring Consensus:

**Consensus** = all committee members present rate the proposal as a 1, 2, or 3

**Consensus with Major Reservations** = All committee members present rate the proposal as a 1, 2, or 3, except at least one Committee member rates it as a 4

**No Consensus** = Any committee member rates the proposal as a 5
Project Schedule

MARCH
- Public Input Meeting: April 6th
- Citizen Planning Committee Meeting: March 22nd

APRIL
- Online Input

MAY
- Public Input Meeting: June 8th

JUNE
- Friends of Oberlin Village Presentation
- Raleigh Historic Development Commission Presentation

JULY
- Public Input Meeting: August 24th
- Citizen Planning Committee Meeting: July 26th

AUGUST
- Online Input

SEPTEMBER
- Friends of Oberlin Village Presentation
- Raleigh Historic Development Commission Presentation

OCTOBER
- Historic Resources & Museum Advisory Board Presentation

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER
- City Council Presentation
- Historic Resources & Museum Advisory Board Presentation
Project Overview

Situation Assessment Summary

- Existing Conditions
- Site Restrictions
Project Overview

Situation Assessment Summary

Community Input Survey

- 42 participants
- Opened: October 19, 2018
- Closed: December 3, 2018

Best way to share & interpret the history?

- Interpretive Panels: 19
- Sculpture/Statue: 18
- Building Footing Outline: 12
- Audio-Visual Display: 9
- Outdoor Art Exhibition: 9
- Other: 3
Project Overview

Situation Assessment Summary

What amenities would you use?
- Community Gardens - 17
- Walkway/Trails - 14
- Picnic Areas/Shelters - 14
- Neighborhood Gathering Space - 14
- 8 - Restrooms
- 7 - Greenway Access/Connection
- 7 - Playgrounds
- 3 - Fitness Stations

What experiences should be provided?
- Cultural Opportunities - 22
- Social Gathering - 19
- 12 - Sitting Outside
- 7 - Walking or Riding a Bike
- 6 - Unstructured Play
- 5 - Enjoying the Outdoors
- 5 - Other
- 3 - Playground
- 2 - Fitness Activities
Project Overview

Situation Assessment Summary: Stakeholder Concerns & Recommendations

• Development & gentrification of the area
• Suggestions on historic interpretation
• Opportunities for a community gathering space
• Preservation of the site’s large trees & open space
Project Overview

Draft Project Goals Review

1. Educate Site Visitors
2. Encourage Community Gathering
3. Enhance the Site’s Natural Beauty
The Latta House & University Site will be a gathering place for the community to connect with the natural beauty of the site and learn about the site’s unique history.
Next Steps

April 6th

Public Input Meeting #1
• Day-of Volunteers
• Help spread the word!

May 24th

CPC Meeting #2 Homework
• Draft Charter Review
• Draft Vision Statement