
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Brent Walker

Date: 3/28/2011

Subject: **Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Approval**

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Staff recommends approving the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan as submitted

BACKGROUND

With the acquisitions of six park properties from DeKalb County in June of 2010 the City identified a need to create a Master Plan for Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces. On September 27, 2010, City Council approved the award of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan to Lose and Associates.

The Master Plan has been developed based on an evaluation of the existing park conditions, assessment of the City's future park needs, benchmarking against other local government park systems and an extensive public involvement process. Public input was gathered through interviews, public meetings, focus group meetings, an open web-based survey and a statistically valid mail survey sent out to 2500 Dunwoody residents.

Based on the discussion from the March 14, 2011 Council Work Session, the following alterations have been made to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space master Plan:

Brook Run Park

- Minimized water feature to maintain multi-use field next to the playground.
- Added existing theater back to plan.
- Reconfigured Athletic Fields.
- Added nature trails.
- Returned Veterans Memorial to existing location
- Added tennis courts in the basketball, sand volleyball area.
- Reconfigured great lawn to accommodate theater parking.
- Added greenway trail along Barclay Rd.

Windwood Hollow Park

- Added 2 tennis courts
- Reconfigured parking lot.
- Reduced the size of the pavilion.

Dunwoody Park

- Moved the pavilion/restroom to the north side of the multi-use field
- Added note that consideration should be given to establish heavy vegetative buffers along the park property lines to minimize impact on adjacent neighbors.

Donaldson Chesnut House

- Added text to reflect historic interpretive programs on the site.

Affiliated Service Providers

- Page 4.3 Added text addressing the City's desire to recover as much cost that is reasonable for maintenance and upkeep of recreation facilities without impacting our affiliated partner's ability to provide services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Creating this master plan will provide long-range guidance to the City of Dunwoody on park redevelopment, possible land acquisitions for future park space, staffing options, revenue sources and maintenance plans. Staff respectfully requests that Council approve the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and authorize staff to take the appropriate actions necessary to complete the plan

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND GREENSPACE
Plan AND INCORPORATE AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE
PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan, adopted in 2010, laid the foundation to prepare and implement a parks and green/open space plan; and

WHEREAS, the residents, businesses, property owners, and other stakeholders worked with the City of Dunwoody and the project team led by Lose and Associates to develop a vision for the future of the Dunwoody Parks System; and

WHEREAS, the Dunwoody Parks, Recreation and Green Space Master Plan has been developed based upon the direct input of the residents, businesses, property owners, and other stakeholders and accurately reflects their complex and diverse desires as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody wishes to adopt the Dunwoody Parks, Recreation and Green Space Master Plan as a guide for future development and redevelopment of the City’s Parks System; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody wishes to maintain its Comprehensive Land Use Plan to accurately reflect current community conditions and the City’s vision and priorities for the future and therefore wishes to incorporate the Dunwoody Parks, Recreation and Green Space Master Plan as part of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody and it is resolved by the authority of said City Council, that by passage of this Resolution the City of Dunwoody Mayor and City Council adopt the Dunwoody Parks, Recreation and Green Space Master Plan and incorporate it as part of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

SO RESOVLED AND EFFECTIVE this 28th day of March, 2011.

Approved:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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