

**Project Renaissance Parks and Multi-Purpose Trail
Public Meeting Summary
September 4, 2012**

On Tuesday evening, the City of Dunwoody conducted the first of a series of public input meetings regarding the design of four public park areas associated with Project Renaissance. The public meeting included an introduction by Brent Walker, Dunwoody Parks and Recreation Manager, an overview of the project's parks and trail elements by the consulting team from Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., and multiple opportunities for public input. The meeting was attended by approximately 50 citizens.

The opening presentation recounted the history of Project Renaissance and its associated public spaces from the City's Georgetown/North Shallowford Master Plan adopted in March 2011 to the public/private partnership forged between the City and John Wieland Homes and Neighborhoods earlier this year. The presentation also reviewed project goals, introduced key challenges and community considerations, and included an overview of the four park areas including preliminary ideas and elements that may be considered for each park.

Following the presentation, the City and consulting team provided multiple opportunities for public input including feedback forms; questions from the audience; and a series of break-out tables. At the break-out tables, the consulting team encouraged citizens to review large scale maps of the park sites, ask questions, work with cut-outs of potential park elements, and discuss desired characteristics for each park area.

Comments from the public included:

- Questions and concerns related to parking (how much and where);
- A desire to preserve existing tree cover;
- Concerns regarding potential grading and storm water impacts;
- Questions and concerns regarding the location, width, and material of the proposed multi-use trail connecting the four parks;
- Questions regarding park lighting and night time security;
- Ideas for temporary retail opportunities on future commercial sites near the intersection of Dunwoody Park and North Shallowford Road; and
- A variety of ideas regarding appropriate uses, elements, and layouts for each park area.

Based on public input, the consulting team is expected to develop a series of preliminary concepts for each park site. These concepts will be reviewed at additional community meetings later this month (time and place to be determined).

Design of the first two parks, those on the 16-acre site bounded by Dunwoody Park and Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, will be completed this year with construction expected in the spring and summer of 2013. Park elements on the 19-acre site, between North Shallowford Road and Nancy Creek will be a second phase.

Citizens who were unable to attend the public meeting may review the presentation on the City's website and are encouraged to provide feedback regarding the parks by e-



mailing brent.walker@dunwoodyga.gov The next round of public input meetings will be announced on the City's website.