

Let us work together for Dunwoody Village (Warren Hutmacher, City Manager)

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As the City Manager of Dunwoody and the Project Manager for the Dunwoody Village Redevelopment Plan I can assure you that I am committed to the development of a long-range plan for Dunwoody Village that will be a true reflection of the wishes of our residents. The plan will need to be economically viable and financially affordable for the City of Dunwoody if we are to have any success in implementing our shared vision.

In the past few weeks, many of you have received emails, letters and surveys from passionate and well-meaning citizens of our City. I have read these emails and surveys and while I hesitate to insert myself into the natural process of citizen involvement and participation in our planning efforts, I feel compelled to ask for your patience and open mindedness in this process.

Our consultants, who you will meet tonight, are experienced, professional and passionate about building communities. They have no set vision for Dunwoody. They do, however, have extensive knowledge about how to produce a process that will deliver to our elected leaders a community based planning effort that will draw out your vision and ideas for Dunwoody Village.

I ask each of you tonight to have an open mind and to give freely of yourself in sharing with us your ideas, aspirations and vision for Dunwoody Village.

The City has no preconceived ideas of what this area should look like, what mix of buildings and uses the area will have or the eventual zoning restrictions that will be in place to drive our vision to reality. There are no secret plans for 5 story buildings or any desire to change the existing character of Dunwoody.

I ask you to consider the following requests as you participate tonight:

- Please do not plan with the end in mind. Allow the process to move forward.
- Please focus your attention on the character of the place you would like created in Dunwoody Village and not on building heights, setbacks and buffers. We will match the zoning regulations to your vision at the end of the process, not at the beginning.
- Please do not attempt to create a political competition to try to drive the City to a predestined result. Let the process play out and let the community's vision drive this plan. We are not looking to create winners or losers, but instead for a true community consensus to build so that our plan has broad and long lasting support.

Enjoy the process of hand crafting a vision for Dunwoody Village that will be a gift for generations to come. Lastly, thank you for your passionate support of Dunwoody.