

MEETING SUMMARY
November 9, 2015
Chamblee Rail Trail Design Study

LOCATION: City of Chamblee City Hall

Attendees: See Stakeholder Advisory Group Kick-Off Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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The City of Chamblee hosted the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) Kick-Off Meeting for the Chamblee Rail Trail Design Study. The meeting was held at City Hall and facilitated by H&L. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the SAG to the project, review their role and responsibilities, and obtain input regarding the project. Following is a summary of the meeting.

- After introductions, Carlos with Perez Planning + Design, presented a PowerPoint Presentation that provided an overview of the project schedule, the Planning Team's Design Philosophy, and an overview of findings to date based on work completed by the H&L Team. After the presentation, three questions were presented to the SAG. Following are responses obtained from the SAG.
 1. What is your vision for the Rail-Trail? How do you see it impacting the surrounding area?
 - Peachtree Malone Loft representatives noted that residents are concerned about losing any amenities. They would prefer to see minimal impact to their property; namely the dog run, trash compactor, and parking spaces that are located within the trail easement.
 - Gary Cornell with the City noted that, based on the easement agreement between the City and the Peachtree Malone Lofts, it is the City's and the H&L Team's understanding that any impacts that are made to amenities along the easement, have to be fully replaced by the City.
 - Regional connectivity. There was some discussion in the past of the Keswick Trail connecting to a broader trail network to the north. One of the SAG members asked about the status of the project.
 - Gary Cornell noted that it was his understanding that the PATH Foundation is still working on creating that connection.
 - Security is a concern.
 - Peachtree Malone Loft representatives noted that they would like to see a private dog park, not a public dog park.

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- It would be important to continue public engagement throughout the entire process and include residents from the Eco Lofts located on 3400 Malone Drive.
 - Need long term plan for regional connectivity. The Keswick Trail currently does not connect to anything which limits its use. Because no one really uses the trail, the trail feels unsafe.
 - Maintenance is important.
 - The group discussed the need of building a multi-use trail versus a trail that has space for pedestrian and cyclist. Carlos noted that there are guidelines that use pedestrian density to suggest when pedestrian and cyclist should be segregated in a trail that the H&L Team will consider. The SAG did not appear to have a preference.
 - A SAG member noted that his vision for the trail was that of a green corridor that was welcoming, beautiful, with shops and stores along the way with better use of the MARTA Pond as a park. The park should have a space to hang-out with dog exercise/amenities, and art along the trail.
 - Lighted trail.
2. What concerns or potential issues do you foresee that you would like us to take under consideration?
- Concerned about homeless and the creation of a park that is safe at all times.
 - Include mile marker.
 - Include safe crossing points between trail segments, use pedestrian crossing lights, and controlled intersections
 - Security is the main concern.
 - Improve Keswick Trail Tunnel white to make the space lighter.
3. What funding source(s) would you support?
- Concerned about special assessments.
 - Could charge for parking
 - Gary Cornell noted that the City of Chamblee is creating a partnership with neighborhood communities which will help establish trail connectivity.
 - One of the SAG members asked MARTA representative Greg Floyd about connecting through the MARTA station to better and more conveniently connect the north and south sides off the City. At the moment, there is only one connection along Chamblee Tucker Road and it is very inconvenient.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 28, 2015 where the H&L Team will present a preliminary concept plan of the trail to obtain input from the SAG, prior to going out to the public.

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 City of Chamblee Rail Trail Extension

Project: Rail Trail Extension
 Facilitator: Heath & Lineback Engineers and
 Perez Planning + Design
 Place: Chamblee City Hall

Date: November 9, 2015
 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

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