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TO: Marietta Road Community Initiative Team  
CC: Billy Peppers, City Manager

FROM: Brittany Anderson, Planner

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SUBJECT: Marietta Road Community Initiative Meeting Discussion

DATE: January 23, 2020

Present: Mayor Bill Grant, Councilor Sandy McGrew, Billy Peppers, Scott Hooper, Merrick McClure, Sherri Cloud, and Brittany Anderson

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The Marietta Road Community Initiative team met on January 22, 2020 at 2:30pm to refocus and consolidate the initiatives of the original project as assigned by Mayor and City Council with the aspirations of the Georgia Placemaking Collaborative. It was decided that we would merge as one team going forward to reach the goals of both programs.

The group discussed the overall mission is to improve the area by resolving code enforcement issues and rehabilitating blighted properties, updating city codes and master plans as needed, applying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for streetscape and infrastructure projects, and meeting with residents and property owners to determine their vision for the area.

Since the start of this Initiative, the City has applied for CDBG funding to install sidewalks along Harmon Circle and a pedestrian bridge along Canton Creek. The City has also started a paint initiative through Code Enforcement where more than 50 percent of the property owners brought their buildings into compliance.



There was a consensus to consider revitalizing Harmon Field by cleaning up the park area, bringing the park into compliance as needed, and redesigning the area to create a soccer field for the recreational use for neighborhood residents as well as those who do not reside in the area.

Legion Field is also in the vicinity and is underutilized. The group suggested that the City have conversations with contact persons for Legion Field on how to better utilize the green space.

The group also discussed asking property owners in the area about the projects they are currently working on and obtaining input on what it is that they would like to see in the area. The group proposed having a public meeting with property owners to discuss what the City is working on, what has been done, and how all parties can all work together to enhance the area. This meeting will be opened to the public. It was agreed upon to hold this meeting the second week in February, preferably February 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm, at Reformation Brewery, if permissible. Brittany will coordinate logistics of the meeting with Reformation Brewery, compile a list of property owners, and email/call each property owner to invite to the meeting.

Once a date has been set for the meeting with the property owners, the group will reconvene to discuss and prepare for the meeting. The group will also begin determining the best avenues to reach out the community to seek input and collaboration going forward.

Members from the Georgia Placemaking Collaborative will meet with the group on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 2pm in the Administrative Conference Room to hear all about what we have been working on.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.