



MEMO

TO: Billy Peppers, City Manager

FROM: Brittany Anderson, Planner

SUBJECT: Marietta Road Community Initiative Meeting Discussion

DATE: February 22, 2019

The Marietta Road Community Initiative committee met on February 22, 2019 to continue discussion and tackle the second item of the main tasks associated with the project. The task item discussed is:

1. List of current City assets available within the boundary of the district:
 - a. Scott Hooper will conduct a field survey of sidewalks, road conditions, signage, parks, and lighting, etc. within the boundary.
 - b. Merrick McClure will provide information on abandoned and blighted properties within the boundary.

The committee decided on the following items:

- Focus on the corridor then work out outer boundary areas, if possible.
- Ensure that conversations are held with property and business owners along the corridor to receive full support.
- Consider beautification projects to improve the condition of sidewalks, benches, signage, and the arts.
- Extend Hickory Flat Highway to connect to the riverfront side of the Canton Mill redevelopment project area. In doing this, add parkland to the current private lot that would be used to connect the highway and Mill.
- Begin the code enforcement process of vacant and blighted properties.
- Upgrade the lighting within the corridor to improve safety.
- Work with Canton Baseball to enhance Harmon Field and park area.

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- Incorporate a fishing dock/pier at Harmon Field.
- Designate a parking area for Harmon Field.
- Expand Harmon Field.
- Connect Harmon Field and the adjacent sod field to create a unique space.
- Locate gaps in sidewalks and repair them to ensure connectivity.
- Install a pedestrian bridge and sidewalk at Canton Creek Bridge on Marietta Road.
- Install pedestrian crossing at the train tracks on Marietta Road.

The committee briefly discussed the next steps which are focused on obtaining community input, but agreed the team should wait until we have more information before proceeding.

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