



## Draft Plan Open House Public Comments – February 28, 2017

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### Conceptual Plan

- No section 8, low income, or rental [referring to the proposed cottage housing behind new City Hall]
- Recycling Center?
- Walking and bike path
- Beltline from Clayton County park to downtown
- Boys and Girls Club
- Love this idea of public parking deck
- Beltline
- Try reverse parallel parking on S. Main Street

### Framework Plan

- Potential traffic congestion. Too much commercial development [area of detailed concept plan]
- Would be nice to see more local business –a florist would be great [downtown mixed use]
- Will stimulate tourism for businesses with available roof space [image of rooftop restaurant]
- More shops and coffee
- Small market with milk, eggs, fresh veggies, wine, beer.... Maybe a place to get sandwiches, chips, soup i.e. like Candler Park Market
- Local business yes yes
- I would prefer local restaurants over franchises
  - Yes! Yes! Yes! Fewer chains. More local
  - Yes
- Need local restaurants!!!
- I agree too!
- Nice restaurants! (Italian, German etc./ look for locals)
- Chick-fil-A please
- I really don't want to see a lot of Apts. Come to this area. I like the quaintness of the area
- Would love to see downtown residential houses
- Potential traffic concern to homeowners [placed on cottage housing image]

### Land Use & Design

- Cottages fit historic flavor
- How would traffic be impacted? It's already an issue of concern

- Love this! [N Main Street overlay district]
  - Me too!
- Yuk!! [photo of existing N Main Street]
- North Main Street from North Ave has nothing! No sidewalks, no crosswalks, no caution light
- Put multifamily residential on same block as City Hall. Put single family housing facing Smith Street and Mill St.
- Outdoor area for eating... Yes please! [rooftop restaurant photo]
- Like the idea of City Hall close to Lee Street Park
- Love rooftop restaurant idea
- Love this! [pointing at proposed City Hall]
- Rooftop restaurant... Love it
- Love this idea! [flowering basket and district sign example photo]
- Love [flowering basket and district sign example photo]
- Love [wall art photo]
- Dog park walking trails [general comment]
- In this area add bistro & dry cleaner [Pecan Orchard development]
- Would like for Pecan orchard property to be low density and fewer houses than original plan
- Agree! [public housing photos]
- Looks good! [public housing photos]
- Share your thoughts area:
  - Like cottages
  - Dog Park
    - Please!
    - Yes Dog Park PLEASE!!! Was told on a town hall meeting 2012 it was in the works 5 yrs later still no dog park in Clayton
  - Neighborhood meeting places, coffee shops, small rec area Beltline
  - Get food and restaurants on main st.
  - Cottages
  - Hwy 54 N. Main St the “V” at traffic light needs landscaping
  - Food/ restaurants on Main St.
  - Bike path dog park
  - Add food & restaurants on Main St. Needs Boys & Girls Club
  - Group tours – Coffee shop, restaurants near Road to Tara Museum so groups can walk to and enjoy group tours come weekly
  - Dog Park
  - Tourism is Big business in Jonesboro. Need to work with Clayton County CVB.
  - Murals Yes!
  - Bike path

### **Character and Historic Preservation**

- Definitely keep the old architectural gems preserved!
- Yes to Directory for Historic Attractions
- Please keep historic architecture
- Encourage visitors/ residence to go to welcome center for tours and more info

- Love the historic markers and plaques preservation
- Super Idea [historic markers]
- Like this idea A lot of history is here [historic markers/ plaques]
- Maintain markers once installed
- Encourage preservation and emphasis on history!
- Good [historic plaque]
- Rehabilitate News Daily Building comments:
  - Love this
  - Great idea! Collaborative work space? Tech hub? Excellent idea!
  - Good Idea
  - Use warehouse space for restaurants and retail
- Refurbish rear of Main Street Buildings
  - Preserve the old brick buildings great restaurants!
  - Restaurants
  - Need coffee café open to public
- Façade Improvement Grant Program
  - Restore original facades even if they are vacant please
  - Do away with parallel parking in front of stores
  - Like this idea but keep it quant
  - A touch village like Atlanta village
- Share your thoughts...
  - Not sure where to put this... new street lights are lovely! Will the utilities be buried? Sure would look cleaner 😊
  - Good
  - Employ local tradesmen/ companies to influence intercommerce relations within the city/ county
  - Add loft apartments
  - Open this for daily business! [photo of My Place Coffee Café]

## Transportation

- Smart ideas 😊
- More greenway for biking
- Need motorcoach parking at depot and confederate cemetery for group tour
- Mill Street to narrow
- Speedbumps for crosswalks with marked crossings
- Enforce [don't block the box]
- Have this idea [public parking deck]
- Need this [public parking deck]
- Great concept for future growth [roundabout]
- Yes! [back-in angled parking]
- Yes traffic circle
- If lined and marked properly this will be so nice! [roundabout]
- No roundabout please 😊
- You will be surprised how good these can be! [roundabout]
- Can they be front angled parking [back- in angled parking]

- Walking trails would be great
- Walking/ bike trails would encourage exploration of the city (on foot)
- Super! [Multi-use trail]
- Trails would be great to connect to other cities – bike program?
- A must live, work, play [multi- use trail]
- Need ramps or speed bumps at crossings and signage esp. Downtown Main
- Need mid- block crossing on main btw Mill & Smith
- Good idea [accessible ramps]
- Railroad enhancements with the gates very good.
- No ramps (bridge) over crossings needed

### **Economic Development**

- Love outdoor seating cafes
- Microbrewery, coffee shops, dog friendly- outdoor eating areas, antique store, full restaurants live music, historic markers & art center
- Like signage
- Good [place based marketing]
- Signage with personality instead of boring DOT directorial signage
- Love idea of helping small business start and succeed
- Entrepreneurial development program
  - Love!
  - Excellent!
  - Love this!
- Great idea with love to see a community type center with computers etc.
- Insure that some of the housing is affordable for working class
- Identify destination business for downtown:
  - Love this idea!
  - Needed in downtown Jonesboro
  - Like this idea... no Starbucks though
  - Local Coffee
  - Restaurant most appealing idea if both family friendly and multi- leveled to encourage tourist interest
  - Wine and coffee shop
  - Add visitor friendly places – restaurants, shopping
  - Anchor restaurant please
  - Local church owns an operating coffee shop. Work with this group, maybe?
- Communicate with residents & businesses when roads are going to be closed
- More communication of community events
- Work with CVB [Clayton Film Office image]
- One of the best growth projects; stimulate business interest via multimedia [Clayton Film Office image]
- Needs to be first class businesses- not a junk store [retail image]
- Would love to have more art studios here with local artist's work

## Comment Cards

- Very good presentation. Praying for the end results. Thank you all!
- Excellent job. Maintains small town charm. Flows to quality of life issues
- I'd like to see the options for a potential Boys and Girls Club.
- From one card:
  - Love the new Lee Street Park. Love it!
  - Housing: excellent idea with mixing new residential/ single family home, townhome & apartment complex
  - Keep historical houses & adapt style of new housing to match
  - Apartments/ condos for rent should remain free market/ not be section H project should the concept take off
    - Limit to 2-3 stories to keep small town character
  - Parking deck should remain in "rear", covered by business fronts & condos and not too big
  - Excellent idea new City Hall & housing area
  - Green space, walking trails, outdoor eating areas, dog park
- From one card:
  - Been homeowner 10+ years
  - I'd support a reasonable increase in property taxes to aid in funding city improvements
- Where high density?
  - Go with compact mill development
  - 4-5 story apartments next to downtown especially with MARTA
- On target with microbrewery and significant facelifts for tired commercial shops
- 1 hr parking on Main Street reinforce with warnings for 1 month w/ all businesses & atty offices 2 hr on opposite?