

Barber Street Park Project

Early Feedback Questionnaire

Dear Neighbor:

We're getting close to beginning a preliminary plan for a park at the Barber St. site, but the "design team" that will be putting that first plan on paper needs your help.

As you may know already, the site for the potential park—located at 298 Barber St., on the East side of the intersection of Barber St. and Boulevard—is currently an unused lot owned by Athens-Clarke Co.

We want to know what kind of park uses you think are appropriate for this 1.8-acre site. Use the attached early feedback questionnaire—or use the online version at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/barberstreet>—to let us know what you're thinking.

Right now we're working with the Boulevard Neighborhood Association, which—under the county's Keep Athens-Clarke Co. Beautiful program—has “adopted” the site for purposes of limited clearing, site documentation and trash pick-ups. We're hoping eventually get the county's approval for a park at this site, but doing so will take many steps, including this early step of giving our “design team” some site-specific ideas and preferences to work with.

Our survey last year gave us lots of ideas but these weren't tied to a particular location. Now, that we have a potential site—a site you can walk around in and explore—we need you to imagine your park desires in a real place.

Please visit the site. Repeated visits at different times (week days, weekends, morning, afternoon, early evening) are encouraged. During your visits, we'd like you to do respond to the questions in the attached questionnaire. Simple lists are all that's expected. Please feel free to share thoughts or comments that aren't captured by the questions. Diagrams, sketches, doodles are welcome, too.

When you go to the site, please be very careful. There are lots of vines, stumps and fallen branches to trip on. Some of slopes are quite steep. Try to stay in the areas where we trimmed back the vegetation. **Watch your step!**

We'll need your responses **no later than Wednesday, April 14.**

This will not be your only opportunity to provide input. You and the whole neighborhood will be invited to contribute to future plans. But your contribution at this early stage will be very important to the design team. The input you provide will be the first detailed input based on this specific site. It will be very helpful in generating the preliminary plan to be presented later for review and modification. This is an early but important step. Please help.

Learn more about the Barber St. site and the park project at www.barberstreetparkproject.net.

Thanks for your help on this.

Sincerely,
Dan Lorentz & Marci White
www.barbertstreetparkproject.net

Barber Street Park Project Design Team

Allen Stovall, a landscape architect and professor emeritus of UGA's College of Environment and Design, is leading the team.

Greg Denzin, a professional landscape designer

Kryisia Haag, an Athens-based mosaicist, with experience in public art projects

Katherine Melcher, an assistant professor at UGA's College of Environment and Design

Henry Parker, an architect, landscape architect and planner

Kevan Williams, a UGA landscape architecture student in his last semester and a columnist for Flagpole Magazine.

Dan Lorentz and **Marci White**, two lead organizers for the overall park project, also work closely with the design team.

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1. What are your favorite things about the site? What existing qualities of the site do you value and want to be retained?
2. What conditions at the site do think need to be addressed? What concerns you?
3. What activities would you like to see or encourage at the site?
4. What uses should not be permitted at the site?
5. Do you know of an existing park that you think would serve as a good model for this site?
6. Do you have any additional ideas, comments, suggestions or questions about the site?

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And, Finally, A Few Demographic Questions

Because the design team will find it helpful to know something about the people who will be using the park, please tell us:

Your name _____

Your address _____

About how old are you (Teen? College age? Thirtysomething? Senior?) _____

Want to become a park volunteer? ___ Yes

Email _____ Phone _____

Return Early Feedback Questionnaires *no later than April 14, 2010...*

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