

DIX PARK MASTER PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Workshop #2

Monday, November 7, 2016, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Five Points Center for Active Adults, 2000 Noble Road, Raleigh, NC, 27608

Meeting Notes

The second workshop meeting of the Committee primarily focused on getting to know other team members and discussing the role of the Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) during the master planning process.

The meeting commenced at 7 pm. Kate Pearce provided the following update on the consultant selection process:

- 18 firms submitted qualifications
- The Master Plan Executive Committee is in the process of reviewing submissions to determine a short-list of firms to interview
- First round interviews will take place in December

Dan Howe was in attendance in his role as Assistant Professor of the Practice in the College of Design, to facilitate the meeting. Dan asked all members to stand at the front of the room, and then the group went through an exercise of introduction. Dan then led the Committee in a discussion of their draft charter.

General outcomes of this discussion:

- The Committee feels it should be primarily there to communicate up to the Master Plan Executive Committee (MPEC) and work closely with staff and the Consultant Team in this process.
- There needs to be clear communication between the MPAC and MPEC. A member of the Executive Committee should be present at every MPAC meeting. There also should be some sort of communication protocol to the MPEC. The MPAC could form a subcommittee to be direct liaisons to the MPEC and to other decision-makers.
- The master plan process will result in a large framework document. This will include a vision, values, and overarching principles to guide the future development of the park.

- Recommendations from the MPAC should be definitive. The MPAC should recommend a clear direction and not a set of “options” for the MPEC and Council to consider.
- The Committee feels that its role should be to support the engagement process, not run it – this volunteer group does not have the capacity to do this.
- The Committee generally agrees with the “Rules of the Road” that were presented, with the following additions:
 - Nothing should be off the table – all ideas are worthy
 - We should start and end meetings on time
 - People should be responsible to read materials provided for them ahead of the meetings.
- This is a long process. We need to continue to bring our passion and purpose for why we are here, stay focused, and keep it fun!
- The Committee discussed the 5-option approach to consensus-building and will see how that works. A process should be documented about how to proceed if consensus is not possible.
- After agreeing by consensus to continue the meeting past the 8:30 scheduled end time, the discussion concluded at 8:50 pm.