

Westside Park

Equitable Development Framework

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Purpose

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update of the Westside Park Equitable Development Framework, allow staff to offer insight on current activities and key initiatives, and discuss pending next steps.

History



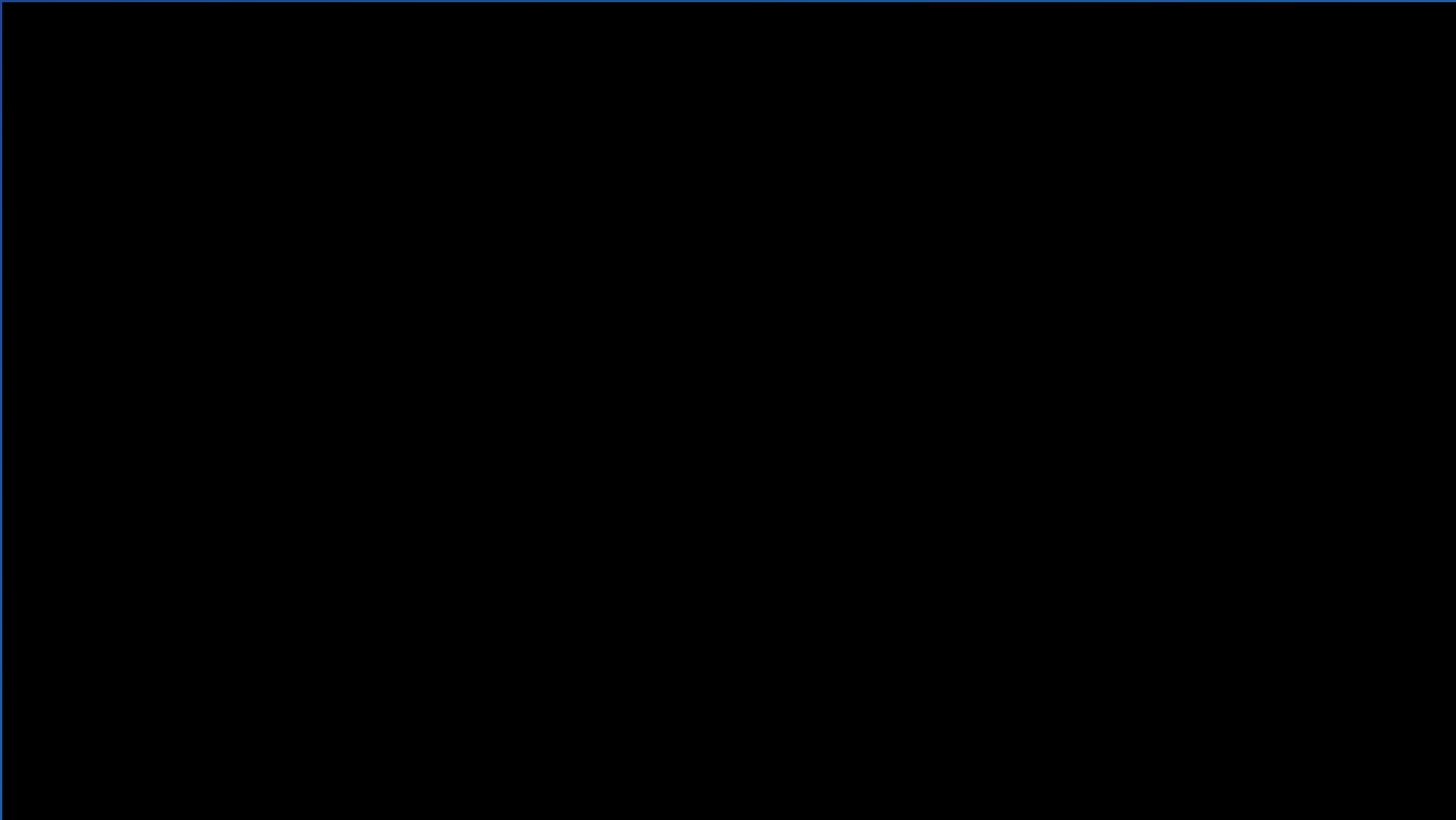
- On March 2, 2020, Atlanta City Council adopted Ordinance 20-0-1181
- On March 18, 2020, first community task force meeting held with City of Atlanta staff
- On March 27, 2020, call with City and Community to discuss specific anti-displacement strategies
- On June 26, 2020, second task force meeting with City and Community
- On July 24, 2020, Tim Keane, Dept. of City Planning Commissioner presented DCP's Equitable Development Framework
- In August 2020, Atlanta City Council Extends Ordinance 20-0-1181



Westside Park Development Status

- Development of Phase 1A, which is approximately 25 of 40 acres of developable parkland, is nearing completion. This phase of the project will include pedestrian trails, restrooms, grand lawn, and 200+ parking spaces.
- Phase 1B of the project is for a Spring/Summer 2021 completion and is planned to have additional trails, senior garden, future event hall, future restaurant, and additional open space.
- Dept. of Parks and Recreation has led the development of the project, as well as public engagement conversations Grove Park community.

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Framework Elements



The Equitable Development Framework incorporates the following: Housing, Transportation, Workforce Development, Economic Development, and infrastructure investment. Department of City Planning is the lead agency.

Housing

- Development of anti-displacement strategies
- Identify owner occupied rehab and homeowner outreach for homestead exemp.
- Adopt legislation for Affordable Zoning Overlay
- Survey of existing rental housing stock

Transportation/Development

- Public space improvement D. Lee Hollowell and Proctor Creek Greenway
- Pursue redesign of D. Lee Hollowell as an urban corridor
- Identify and design neighborhood connections to Westside Park and begin surface street and signage improvement

Framework Elements Cont.



Green Infrastructure

- Provide for stream restoration along Proctor Creek in the vicinity of Grove Park, removal of invasive species, and 7.7 acres of vegetation replanting.
- Foot bridge installation at North to access Westside Park (Part of phase 1B construction)
- Install bioretention areas such as rain gardens and bioswales in key locations throughout the park to collect and treat stormwater, improve water quality

Workforce Development

- Work Source Atlanta will provide support and preparation for interested participants to receive training or Work Experience (WEx) within the community (Mobile Unit)
- Provide one-on-one career counseling and identify opportunities to start community-based hiring events within the Grove Park community.

Next Steps



- Fall 2020, finalize and adopt legislation to establish Affordable Zoning Overlay requiring a percentage of low and moderate-income housing in all developments of 10 units or more— both rental and for-sale.
- Department of City Planning Design Studio staff completing housing related data analysis for purposes of developing anti-displacement strategies for low-moderate income properties.
- Finalize design proposal for D.L. Hollowell/Bankhead MARTA station to improve access. Proposal to be reviewed by ATLDOT upon completion.
- Finalize partnership agreement for Proctor Creek Green Infrastructure initiative.
- Moratorium expires in winter of 2020.

Questions?

