

Mayor's Focus Group for the Southern Area.

**The purpose of this group is to provide input and recommendations related to redevelopment of the Southern Village Park & Ride lot and adjacent parcels. In crafting your recommendations, the Work Group should consider the context from and connections to the Southern Community Park as well as the Obey Creek parcel which is located on the east side of S15-501.**

Additional context for the discussion relates to a number of timely issues including:

- Community interests put forward in the Obey Creek Compass Committee report
- Christ United Methodist Church's request to acquire the Park & Ride turn-around through land swap or sale
- Integration of a future children's museum (Kidzu) in the area
- On-going design work for the North-South Bus Rapid Transit project

**Area:** The area to be discussed is to include properties on the west side of South 15-501 from the Southern Village Market Street entrance to south end of the Southern Community Park and Dog Park. The Obey Creek property on the west side of S15-501 is to be included in discussions to provide context and for the purpose of crafting recommendations related to the creation of visual and physical connections as both sides of the road develop. (***Map attached***).

**Invited participants:**

Council Liaison	Allen Buansi
Alternate Council Liaison	Rachel Schaevitz
Compass Committee representative	Alan Rimer (Chair)
Compass Committee representative	Susana Dancy (CDC mbr, SV HOA President)
Southern Village Business Representative	D.R. Bryan
Dogwood Acres representative	Dogwood Acres resident
Christ United Methodist Church Representative	To be appointed by the church (Ben Williams)
Kidzu Board & Affordable Housing	Delores Bailey
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	Patrick Abele

**Outcome:** Recommendations should be similar to the general level of the **Aspirations and Principles** provided in the [Obey Creek Compass Committee Report](#).

**Schedule:** We're suggesting three meetings, with some between-meeting work, to focus the effort and make efficient use of your time. An outline of the process is in the table below.

**End Date:** The group should aim for a completion date prior to the November 20, 2019 Council meeting, subject to scheduling and progress of the Focus Group.

*Invitation sent via email by Mayor's Office to Focus Group participants  
October 2019*