



Response to Petition from Kidzu

June 13, 2018

Petition Request

- “Town staff time and expertise to assess and discuss the potential location of the new Kidzu (The Chapel Hill Children's Museum) on the Town-owned land fronting Southern Village.”

And:

- “We respectfully submit this petition to request Town assistance with exploring the Southern Village site as a potential location for a new Chapel Hill Children's Museum.”

Response

- Town Staff and Kidzu staff met
- Groups shared information and interests
- Staff reviewed existing report and site conditions
- Staff prepared petition response with possible next steps



Mary Scroggs
Elementary School

Southern
Community
Park

Southern Community
Park Playground

Sumac Rd

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Hwy 15/501 N
U.S. Hwy 15/501

501

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Future Obey Creek
pedestrian connection

Existing stormwater basin

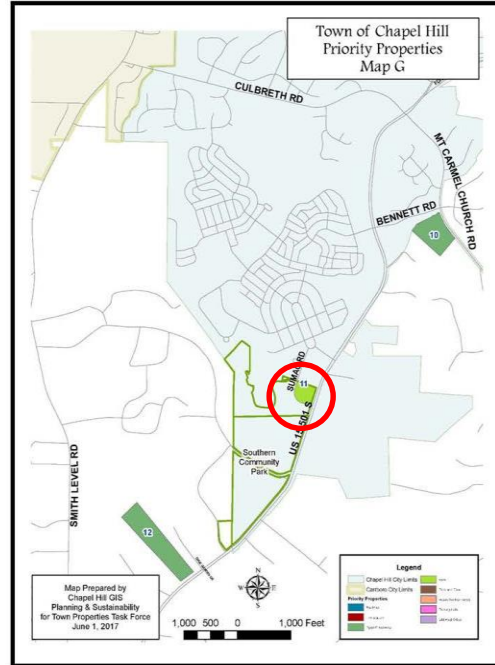


Parking
Expansion

Property Task Force

Recommendations

- G-10 Open Space – Mount Carmel Church Rd.,** near the intersection of Bennett Road and Mt. Carmel Church Road 7.37 acres
- Land-bank the property for possible future consideration unless a compelling proposal is made.
 - In the interim continue to manage the property as open space.
- G-11 Southern Community Park Parcels,** 100 Sumac Rd. area 2.7 acres (Approx.) on north side of Sumac Road 1.5 acres (Approx.) on south side of Sumac Road .6 acres (Approx.) inside of the park
- The future use of a portion of this area was addressed in the Southern Village Park and Ride Lot potential scenarios formulated in 2015.
 - There are four parcels in Southern Community Park, totaling approximately 4.8 acres that the Task Force reviewed. Three are within the Southern Village Park and Ride Development Plan adopted in 2015 (see above). No further action on these parcels should be undertaken until a determination about the implementation of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan is made. The fourth parcel, although small (about .6 acres), could be considered for an indoor recreational/cultural arts use.
 - Reserve this property for integration into potential redevelopment of the Southern Village Park and Ride Lot area and/or connectivity with the proposed Obey Creek project over US 15-501. Should these plans not come to fruition, then the parcel could be considered for a community benefit/cultural arts use.
- G-12 Open Space – 1610 US 15-501 South** 12.76 acres
- Land-bank the property until other developments, such as Obey Creek, take place, particularly in light of the fact that there is no OWASA water or sewer service.
 - Consider this parcel for relocation of the park and ride lot should redevelopment of the Southern Village Park and Ride area occur.



Property Task Force Guidance

- Southern Community Park Parcels (p 149)
- Priority Uses of Town-Owned Properties to Further Town Goals (p 149)
- Guiding Principles for Evaluating Town-Owned Properties (p 151)
- Guidance for Disposal (p 153)

Potential Next Steps

Kidzu

- Analysis to support request for the site

Town Staff

- Share Town-related goals/information with Kidzu
- Return to Council with internal system for evaluating requests, as anticipated by the Property Task Force report