

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."

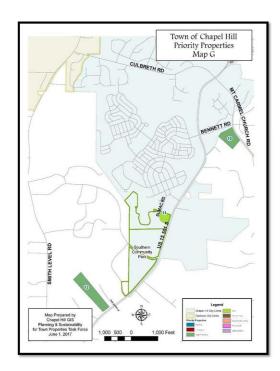
And:

 "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."

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, aithough 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
- 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.



Guidance

- Southern Community Park Parcels (pgX)
- Priority Uses of Town-Owned Properties to Further Town Goals (pgX)
- Guiding Principles for Evaluating Town-Owned Properties (pgX)

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Next Steps

Kidzu

 Consider analysis supporting request per analysis and Task Force report

Town Staff

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

Recommendation

 Receive this report and provide feedback for a framework

- Are Council concerns addressed?
- Did we miss anything?