

**Vinings Vision Plan
Public Meeting #3
November 17, 2011**

The third public meeting for the Vinings Vision Plan took place on November 17, 2011 at the Vinings United Methodist Church from 7:00-9:00 p.m. There were approximately 80 people present.

Mr. Dana Johnson, Planning Division Manager for Cobb County Community Development, began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the community. Commissioner Bob Ott also offered a welcome. Mr. Mason Zimmerman from the Cumberland Community Improvement District (CID) also spoke about how the CID viewed Vinings.

Additional Cobb County staff present were: Ms. Mandy Elliott, Mr. Brad Gordon, Ms. Sharon Qin and Mr. Phil Westbrook, all with Community Development, and Ms. Jane Stricklin with the Cobb County Department of Transportation.

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Elliott gave an overview presentation on the draft master plan and recommendation items. Once the presentation was complete, the attendees were invited to take a survey to let staff know their opinions on the various proposed items. The attendees were also given green and red dots to place on the provided maps and charts to let staff know what were their favorite and least favorite projects. Comment boards were also provided to capture additional comments and suggestions from the community.

The following is a summary of the survey, dots exercise and comment boards.

Staff received 55 completed surveys. Not every survey was completely filled out. Based on the total number of responses for each item, the following proposed projects had the highest percentages of positive ratings:

1. Signage on Cobb Parkway and Cumberland Parkway to direct traffic around Vinings – 94.55%.
2. Create design guidelines for commercial buildings in Vinings – 89.13%.
3. Continue to allow no new development in floodplain not otherwise permitted under special circumstances – 89.13%

Based on the total number of responses for each item, the following proposed projects had the highest percentages of negative ratings:

1. One-way pairs on Paces Ferry Road and New Paces Ferry Road – 59.62%
2. Pedestrian access to Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area via National Park Service-owned property on Cochise Drive – 58.70%
3. Tie - Consider creating a traffic camera policy for unincorporated Cobb County – 50.00%.
Construct boat ramp to Chattahoochee River on county property – 50.00%

The following comments were written on the comment boards:

- I like the idea of a pedestrian walkway from Cochise to the river – concerns about excess parking there are unfounded
- I agree . . . river access would be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood
- Create “traffic ovals” (like on East Wesley) on Paces Mill, especially if traffic is encouraged to go around Vinings and to slow traffic. Also, consider “ribs” to slow traffic like the one on East Wesley and Sharondale.
- To help with Paces Mill/Paces Ferry logjam – put a combined green/left turn signal for traffic coming from Kroger (and red hold for opposite traffic) for about 1 minute. This will help some because one vehicle is trying to turn left and blocks 20 cars.
- Move Stillhouse line up to the condo development
- Utility companies must camouflage their utility boxes with shrubs
- Utility companies must get authorized permission to cut or trim trees
- Want Robinson Park by river and was omitted from list
- Put Vinings United Methodist Church playground in dark green on “park” map
- Put noise barriers on I-285 from Atlanta Road to Paces Ferry Road
- Make parking lot between Pavilion and Methodist church
- No roundabouts anywhere
- Continue bike path that deadends near Parkway Point – extend to end of Calloway Trail
- Signage on Woodland Brook for single land bicycle
- Look at speed control on Paces Mill
- Paces Mill property – not park but parking lot
- Add more green space to all current and future developments
- Preserve our history and don’t allow developers to rush and bulldoze through plans

Meeting attendees were given green dots for their top two favorite proposed projects and red dots for their least favorite proposed project. Dots were noted on 32 different proposed projects. Staff received the most feedback on the Traffic items and the least feedback on the Natural Environment items. The recommendation item with the most green dots was the creation of the Vinings Common at the intersection of Paces Mill Road and Paces Ferry Road. The recommendation item with the most red dots was the one-way pairs concept for the Paces Mill Road and Paces Ferry intersection.

Staff Note: While the dots will assist in possibly eliminating or retaining certain projects, the results of the dots exercise is skewed due to the observance of some individuals who removed other’s dots or put multiple dots on the same item. The dots exercise results will be used in conjunction with the survey results.