

**Vinings Vision Plan
Public Meeting #2
September 20, 2011**

The second public meeting for the Vinings Vision Plan took place on September 20, 2011 at the Vinings United Methodist Church from 7:00-9:00 p.m. There were approximately 90 people present.

Mr. Dana Johnson, Planning Division Manager for Cobb County Community Development, began the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed the community. Commissioner Bob Ott also offered a welcome.

Additional Cobb County staff present were: Ms. Mandy Elliott, Ms. Sharon Qin and Mr. Phil Westbrook all with Community Development and Mr. Jason Gaines and Mr. Scott Jordan with the Department of Transportation. Also present were Mr. James Bikoff and Mr. Carnell Brame, who are interns with Community Development.

Mr. Johnson gave a brief presentation that provided an overview of the first public meeting, covered the study themes that were created from the input at the first meeting and went over the next steps in the study process. Mr. Johnson then gave instructions on how the evening's design workshop would go.

The purpose of the design workshop was to get input from the community on their ideas and solutions for Vinings. Tables were provided to the community that covered different topics, including traffic/bicycle-pedestrian infrastructure, land use, community facilities and historic preservation, and community identity. The attendees were encouraged to visit each table to offer their ideas via either writing on comment boards or illustrating it on a map.

The following written comments were received from the community:

Transportation

- Cumberland Boulevard (improvements to help Vinings traffic)
- Paces Ferry and Paces Mill intersection – yield sign is problem in current configuration
- Paces Ferry bridge at I-285 – pedestrian friendly crosswalks
- Improve walkability and connectivity from village to school
- Traffic cameras
- Paces Ferry and Paces Mill intersection – crosswalks and sidewalks on both sides
- Roundabout at Paces Ferry and Paces Mill, but not at expense of historic properties
- Left turn from Paces Mill to Paces Ferry is a problem – protected left signal or roundabout
- Limiting traffic through GPS (London) – limit left turns at Paces Mill and Paces Ferry
- Dedicated bike lanes on all roads
- Woodland Brook – eliminate/prohibit bikes

- Don't increase capacity
- Greenways – connections to Silver Comet at Chattahoochee River
- Sidewalks on both sides with curb and gutter – New Paces Ferry to Paces Ferry to Woodland Brook and Paces Ferry to the river
- Woodland Brook – sidewalk extended, Brown Grove to Log Cabin
- Woodland Brook – reduce cut-through traffic – limiting to Vinings residents
- Safer crosswalks – mindful of hills
- Left turn lane at New Paces Ferry from Paces Ferry
- Wider sidewalks or multi-use trail on Woodland Brook
- Angle of intersection at Woodland Brook and Paces Ferry
- Traffic calming on Woodland Brook – bulbouts/mushrooms
- Roundabouts at Cumberland Boulevard and Cumberland Parkway and Paces Ferry and Cumberland Parkway
- Cut off entrances to Log Cabin to deter traffic on Woodland Brook and crime
- Create dedicated bike paths on major road
- Traffic control signs to restrict cut-throughs specifically on Woodland Brook
- No through fare
- More of a walking village
- Sidewalks on both sides of major roads
- Computerize stoplights with updated programming
- Utilization of new technology to deal with speeding and traffic
- No current need for mass transit, but this will change. Possible bus stop in Vinings.

Land Use

- Remove truck stop
- Township status for Vinings (zoning only)
- No reduction in greenspace/parks/recreation especially in lower right quadrant as shown on existing land use map
- Some cluster housing could be appropriate in Vinings considering close location to commercial areas, materials and methods of construction
- Allow local residents to own and rent out condo or townhome units rather than having a total “no rental” requirement

Community Facilities

- Dog park and park at Settlement Road
- Connect church park to property next door and building next door to vacant lot
- Teasley Elementary needs expansion, parking and land
- Need for park may not be real
- Use of foreclosed homes as greenspace
- More parks
- Create a greenway connecting Vinings Chattahoochee Rec Area and Silver Comet Trail
- Boat ramps should be planned with neighbors in mind and not impede on quality of life

- Connect Silver Comet and Chattahoochee Recreation area
- Convert all public land into greenspace/parks – make land by library a pocket park
- Community center in the heart of Vinings
- More dog friendly – dog park at Settlement Road
- Small parks are better than none, especially walking parks
- Possible vacant lots at Tanglewood and Wallace Circle and Randall Farm and Orchard Knob
- Use utility easements or railroad easement for walking and biking paths

Natural Environment

- Flat prohibition on new floodplain development
- No outboard motors on river
- Provide more access to the Chattahoochee River
- Coordinate with National Park Service to restrict outboard motors on river

Building and Street Aesthetics

- Atlanta Road aesthetics
- Video surveillance of four points (north, south, east, west)
- Post litter fine signs on Woodland Brook
- Consistent street signs
- Underground utilities
- Brick crosswalks
- Design guidelines (green roofs, rod iron, trees)
- Redesign landscape at Paces Mill and Paces Ferry
- Landscaped ease-a-bouts on Woodland Brook
- Bury utilities
- Extension of litter control efforts
- More landscaping/beautification
- Unified street lights and signage
- Uniform street signs
- No power lines

Historic Preservation

- Before development, require archaeological search before bringing in dirt or doing any development
- Paces House – foundation issues – building will be compromised without repair
- Historic trail with signage and overlaid historic maps – include cemeteries on Vinings Mountain
- Historical markers in Settlement Road area – natural and historic

Preserving a Sense of Place

- Trademark Vinings name

- Need a logo for Vinings (i.e. railroad)
- Gateway signage (i.e. rod iron arches)
- Farmer's market in conjunction with river
- Concerts
- Fundraise to purchase Settlement Road or reserve for park
- Coordinated Christmas lights for village
- Coordinate five associations for events to improve area
- All areas to approve community logo and joint control of brand
- Keep quiet, quaint, unique and clean
- "Village" atmosphere with small scale markets, concerts, parks
- Create a community logo
- Use logo (recognizable in look and feel) on street signs to build community brand
- Defined entrances and exists to community
- Use logo to defacto "trademark" Vinings
- Stickers and medallions for Vinings identification
- A quiet, quaint place to live
- Establish a brand of Vinings around the concept of a railroad train (used to be called Vinings Station), later shortened to Vinings. Picture of a railroad steam car in the center of "historic Vinings" in the small circle in front of Old Vinings Inn.

Many ideas were drawn on maps and those will be considered and incorporated onto the draft master plan. The draft master plan and recommendation and implementation items will be viewed at the next public meeting in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.