



CONCERNS AND RESPONSES: PART I

AGING AND YOUTH

- **Request more community involvement and support to supplement County programs targeted towards children and youth. More coordination needs to occur between Fulton County Government and Schools.**

The Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on May 18, 2016 to establish a partnership between Fulton County Government and Fulton County Schools as well as Atlanta Public Schools. As a part of this goal to enhance services for students, AYSD identified innovative school initiatives that will serve approximately 1500 students for the 2016-2017 school year.

The following table outlines the initiative titles and locations:

Initiative	Organization/School
3 rd Grade Literacy	Hope Hill Elementary 112 Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30312
Absenteeism Reduction	Woodland Middle 2745 Stone Rd, East Point, GA 30344
7 th Grade Technology Integration	Webb Bridge Middle 4455 Webb Bridge Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30005
Afterschool Stem Programming	Woodland Elementary 1130 Spalding Dr, Atlanta, GA 30350
Launch Pad Before-School Program	Holcomb Bridge Middle 2700 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30022
Peacemaker- Emotional De-escalation	Hilliard Elementary 3353 Mount Olive Road East Point, GA 30344
	Heritage Elementary 2600 Jolly Rd, Atlanta, GA 30349
Jumpstart	Cleveland Elementary 2672 Old Hapeville Rd SW, Atlanta, GA 30315
	Hutchinson Elementary 650 Cleveland Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30315
Drop-out prevention program	Truancy Intervention Project 395 Pryor St SW # 4122, Atlanta, GA 30312

- **What is the County doing to partner with churches to offer alternatives to youth to combat gangs and drugs?**

The County currently does not have any programs that work directly with churches, however, the Fulton County Youth Commission facilitates in school workshops in conjunction with a certified drug prevention and intervention specialist. Students are engaged utilizing a professional drug kit which offers real life visuals of various drugs. Workshops also include multi-media simulations and other hands on activities ensuring information retention through peer learning and other evidence based methods. Student participants also learn about the health effects drug use has on the human body, through visual animation of the brains limbic system. In addition, training includes Georgia laws for drug possession and trafficking. This overall initiative emphasis on the challenges of peer pressure for ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs).

The Youth Commission is committed to offering the following in 2017:

- Visit a minimum of 15 schools (2 schools in each commission district) to facilitate drug prevention/intervention workshops on ATOD
- Train a minimum of 1,500 youth ambassadors on ATOD prevention and Georgia laws
- Disseminate over 5,000 of the Youth Commission's Drug Prevention manuals entitled "N.E.O. – Not Even Once". Manuals are hand delivered to students during in school workshops and/or via electronic download.

PUBLIC WORKS

- **Request assistance with trash and litter pick up along Roosevelt Highway. Whose responsibility is to maintain Roosevelt Highway? Request sidewalks and bike lanes along Roosevelt Highway.**

The Georgia State Department of Transportation (GDOT) is responsible for the maintenance and construction of sidewalks and bike lanes along Roosevelt Highway (US29 and SR14). GDOT has informed Public Works staff that a contractor has been hired to resurface Roosevelt Highway between Beverly Engram Highway (SR138) and Delano Road and is expected to begin work after May 1st, 2017.

- **Need additional street lighting and trash pick-up on Camp Valley Road.**

Staff clarified the request for trash pick-up was actually on Hillside Road between Old National Highway and Camp Valley Road. This work is scheduled to be completed by February 17th. Staff will also inspect Camp Valley Road while onsite. An initial field review of the corridor revealed sufficient street lights; however, staff will review the area at night in the coming week.

- **Request a traffic light at the intersection of Roosevelt Highway and South Fulton Parkway.**

This intersection is under the jurisdiction of GDOT and the City of College Park. GDOT had already contracted with a consultant to provide a Traffic Signal Warrant Study for the North Bound lanes, completion scheduled for April 2017. GDOT will discuss internally to add the South Bound ramp.

- **Concerns expressed regarding the intersection of Enon Road and Camp Creek Parkway. It is difficult to turn right on to Camp Creek Parkway.**

GDOT is also aware of the situation and how the gravel that has been placed is constantly being washed away and filled with potholes. GDOT has plans to hire a quick response contractor to pave this turn lane in either late spring or early summer 2017 depending on the contractor's workload.

OTHER COMMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE MEETING BY CITIZENS:

- **Please remove the vegetation in the right of way of Stonewall Tell between the driveways that serve 4635 and 4665 Stonewall Tell.**

Public Works staff cut back and removed the vegetation on 2/14/17.

- **Does Fulton County maintain Old White Mill Road and are the streetlights within the right-of-way?**

Fulton County is responsible for the maintenance of the gravel road and right-of-way of Old White Mill Road. There are no street lights within the right-of-way. The existing two lights on Old White Mill Road are security lights and are located on private property.

- **Please schedule stormwater maintenance work at the creek crossing at Brittany Trail between Orly Terrace and Louis XIV Lane. The culvert and catch basins are reported to be stopped up.**

Stormwater maintenance (unstop culvert/ catch basins) at the creek crossing at Brittany Trail is scheduled for the week of 2/20/17. It should be noted that Fulton County doesn't have any maintenance responsibility along the creek north of Brittany Trail. The individual property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the creek portion located on their property.

- **Please review the entire section of Buffington Road to ensure that there are sufficient speed limit signs – especially after the major intersections.**

A field review was performed and indicated that the road has sufficient speed limit signs with the Fulton County maintained section. A number of speed limit signs were noticed to be missing between Naturally Fresh Boulevard and Roosevelt Highway in the College Park section. Staff has contacted College Park for their action.

FIRE

- **Response times from Rural Metro Ambulance Service are too long.**

Rural Metro Ambulance Services response times are too long. The Area Fire Chiefs in South Fulton all agree the response times are indeed too long and need to improve. All of the area Fire Chiefs have agreed to maintained data on response times and begin to prepare reports to present to the Region III Council.

- **The County needs to investigate the State process which assigns ambulance providers and seek to change the process if ambulance providers are not responsive.**

Fire Chief Larry Few will take the lead on this issue and update the Area Chiefs at their March 6, 2017 meeting.

PLANNING/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **There are too many car lots and undesirable businesses along Roosevelt Highway. Request better coordination between all cities along Roosevelt Highway to bring quality restaurants and development.**

Very little of the Roosevelt Highway frontage is within unincorporated Fulton County. At this time the County essentially controls the zoning and development of the north side of Roosevelt Highway starting at Janice Drive to the East and ending at Hunter Road to the West. While this area does have some car lots that have been there for a number of years no new lots have been approved. The recent development of car lots has occurred within the municipal boundaries of Union City, College Park, Fairburn and Palmetto which control the majority of frontage along Roosevelt Highway.

- **The Chippewa Forest Community is opposed to plans for a new gas station at the corner of Creel Road and Old National Highway.**

As of February 17, 2017, staff advises that the applicant for this project has voluntarily withdrawn his application for consideration at this time.

- **Request better notification and communication with communities that are affected by pending rezoning applications.**

On November 1, 2014, the Board of Commissioners approved an increase in the mailing notification distance from all properties within 300 feet of a subject zoning to all properties within one quarter (1/4) mile of the subject zoning. The Department of Planning and Community Services also posts all pending zoning petition information on their website and sends notification via email to all known impacted overlay district organizations and HOA's.

Article 28.3 of the Fulton County Zoning Resolution requires the following notifications for all zoning actions in the unincorporated areas of Fulton County.

- Notice of the Community Zoning Board and Board of Commissioners hearings shall be given simultaneously at least 15 days but not more than 45 days prior to the date of the Board of Commissioners' public hearing and shall be published in the official legal organ of Fulton County
- The applicant or agent shall post a sign as issued by the Department in a conspicuous location on each public street frontage of the subject property not later than 8:30 a.m. on the 20th day prior to the Community Zoning Board Hearing.
- The Department shall give notice by regular mail to all property owners within a quarter mile of the boundaries of the subject property who appear on the tax records of Fulton County as retrieved by the County's Geographic Information System. The notices shall be mailed a minimum of 15 days prior to the hearing date.
- The published and mailed notices shall contain the time, place, and purpose of the hearing, the location of the property, and the present and proposed zoning classifications and/or requested use permit. The posted sign shall include all of the items required in the published notice except the location of the property.

- **There needs to be balance between warehouses and residential properties. Currently there are too many warehouses being built and not enough quality restaurants and shopping areas.**

The County's current Comprehensive Plan only supports warehouse development in two areas of the County's jurisdiction; the Fulton Industrial Boulevard District and limited areas in the Oakley Industrial District. The current Comprehensive Plan provides a balance within the area of jurisdiction.

While a number of warehouse developments have occurred in South Fulton in the recent past, most have been outside the area of County control.

The type business and when it develops is not within the County's control other than as guided by the Comprehensive Plan. These choices are made by the property owner/developer and are based on market conditions. Economic Development activities can work to promote an area but the ultimate choice is a private decision made by a property owner/developer.

HEALTH/ANIMAL CONTROL

- **Request more animal control officers.**

The County is engaged with the City of Atlanta and proposed three additional officers at a cost of an additional \$150,000. These would be dedicated to the City of Atlanta area only. The City of Atlanta is reviewing the proposal.

- **Request the establishment of a Dangerous Dog Registry to track dogs and their owners.**

This issue is being discussed in the General Assembly.

PARKS AND RECREATION

- **Maintenance and services to Delano Park needs to be addressed.**

Delano Park is regularly maintained with the basic landscaping services utilized at all parks to include grass cutting, trash removal, and other services. During the fourth quarter of 2016 basketball goals were installed at the park after the previous ones had been subject to vandalism. The park currently is utilized primarily as a passive park available for residents and citizen to use at their discretion. The park is currently under consideration as a perspective site for a new fire station working with the Fulton County Fire Department.

POLICE

- **Request AED (defibrillator) units be placed in all Fulton County Police and Sheriff Patrol vehicles.**

Police will conduct research into the efficacy of procuring AEDs.

- **Request Police Department provides more visibility and presence in and around Fulton County Housing Authority properties.**

Police will increase patrols in the area

- **Request assistance with excessive truck traffic on Buffington Road.**

Police will provide enforcement activity and increased patrol within our jurisdiction (many portions of this area are within the city limits of College Park).

- **Focus needs to be centered on youth gangs in the Bethsaida Road area. Need more police presence in this area.**

The Bethsaida Road area will receive increased patrolling. Police staff will also gather additional information from their gang “expert” to develop a more nuanced strategy, if necessary.

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