



# City of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County Joint Retreat Final Summary

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Union County Community House, Blairsville, GA



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## **DRAFT AGENDA**

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| 8:30 AM  | Arrive and Continental Breakfast   |
| 9:00 AM  | Welcome and Opening Comments<br><i>(Chair and Mayor)</i>   |
| 9:10 AM  | Overview and Getting Started <i>(Icebreaker)</i><br><i>(Facilitator)</i>   |
| 9:30 AM  | County and City Financial Briefings <i>(and Film Promotion position)</i><br><i>(City Manager and County Manager)</i> |
| 10:10 AM | Brief descriptions of Possible Collaboration Initiatives<br><i>(County Manager and City Manager)</i>                 |
| 10:30 AM | Break  |
| 10:45 AM | Polling and Prioritizing the Possibilities<br><i>(Facilitator)</i>   |
| 11:00 AM | Discussion of the Possibilities and Identifying Agreements<br><i>(Attendees and Facilitator)</i>                     |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch  |
| 1:00 PM  | Discussion of the Possibilities and Identifying Agreements   |
| 3:00 PM  | Break  |
| 3:15 PM  | Discussion of the Possibilities and Identifying Agreements   |
| 4:00 PM  | Summarize Agreements, Wrap-up and Evaluation<br><i>(Facilitator)</i>   |
| 4:30 PM  | Adjourn  |

## **Consensus Items to Move Forward with Jointly**

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### **Short Term Consensus items:**

- Move the Miner and the Indian to the square – patio in front of the Gold Museum (Roman, Mitchell, Steve, Rhett – joint committee)
- Flagpole at the Reservoir (Roman, Mitchell, Steve, Rhett – joint committee)
- Meet with Athens-Clarke and UGA to discuss college-city relations and partnerships (Bill)
- Sidewalk Walmart to reservoir intersection
- Joint press release from joint meeting
- Follow-up Joint Retreat January/February 2017

### **Mid-Term Consensus Items:**

#### **1. Joint agreement on the Reservoir Management Plan**

Manage the timeline (Bill)

Look at current reservoir master plan and the county's concept plan list and see what needs to be addressed (Bill and Stan)(July 1)

Form a committee to make recommendations to both bodies including capital and operating costs

(Committee: Steve, Rhett, Mitchell, Roman) (Meet with managers the first meeting and identify chair) (develop phased plan) (August 15)

Possible amenities to consider:

- Swimming area / Beach
- Fees for parking and beach use
- Restroom
- Pavilion
- Splash park
- Bike trail
- Walking trail
- Parking area expansion
- Rowing

- Dock
- Trail around Yahoola Creek
- Park on drying beds
- Safer walkway across bridge
- Part of County park
- Bridge across Yahoola
- Boat trailer parking
- Permitting process for events
- ADA ramp at the dam

Submit Management Plan to DNR (September 1)

Committee make recommendations to joint meeting (October 2016)

**2. Participation in joint RFP's and Joint fueling station, asphalt, salt purchase, insurance, public health partnership, grants** *(Consensus)*

- Proceed as managers deem appropriate (provide status update to bodies)(GMRC as source of grants)(status update January 2017)

**3. Impact of the University on the community (creating win-win possibilities)** *(Consensus)*

- Ron will lead to get together a group of city and county group meeting with 2 or 3 key college/foundation players (Ron, Chris, Gary, Bob, Bill, Stan)(June 30)

**4. Joint Community SPLOST Committee (Rome-Floyd model)** *(Consensus)*

- At appropriate time prior to the next SPLOST form a committee of citizens to identify projects with education by managers as to the need and costs vs anticipated revenue (mid to late 2017)

## **Items Discussed but No Consensus at This Time**

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### **Undertaking joint projects for economic development** (*Discussion only; no consensus action*)

Where is ED most likely to grow?

- 400 Corridor
- Morrison Moore PKWY
- Auraria Road

Future possibilities: (*no consensus*)

- Meet with the major developers to determine their needs
- Expansion of existing fiber optics
- Promote getting another provider or Windstream step up to expand optics
- Affordable housing
- Run sewer to 60/400 at some point in time
- Formation of a Joint Water and Sewer Authority

### **Consideration of public owned properties and future needs** (*discussion only; no consensus*)

- ADA upgrades forcing County to assess future use of those facilities – are there non-profit groups who can take over those facilities? Possibility of DDA taking over. For future consideration.

### **Library funding and construction** (*discussion only; no consensus*)

- Sponsored rooms for library i.e. Dahlonga Room. Library taskforce in place to propose options with city and county input.

### **Joint Aquatic Center (City County University)**

### **City-County Consolidation**

## ABOUT YOUR FACILITATOR

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