

Redevelopment of Lakewood Fairgrounds to Begin Soon

At a news conference yesterday, Mayor Shirley Franklin and Atlanta City Councilmember Joyce Sheperd (District 12) announced an initiative to redevelop the Lakewood Fairgrounds located in southwest Atlanta.

On November 7, the Atlanta City Council approved legislation that would give the City operating rights to the majority of the Lakewood Fairgrounds. The City will issue request for proposals (RFP) for developers to submit bids on the project.

The Lakewood Fairgrounds is 117 acres that includes entertainment venue, Lakewood Amphitheatre. The preliminary re-development plans call for the amphitheatre to remain an entertainment space, while adding other income and job-generating businesses. The area around the Lakewood Fairgrounds is currently experiencing a growth of single and multi-family homes.

“We can ensure the vitality of our residents and their neighborhoods with projects like this one and the results will be stronger community networks and more productive public-private partnerships,” Mayor Franklin sa