

# NASHVILLE CIVIC DESIGN CENTER

2001

Nashville Civic Design Center begins offering Urban Design 101 Course.

In its first two years, Nashville Civic Design Center hosts public meetings and produces urban design studies for Rolling Mill Hill, Bridges over the Cumberland River, the Public Square, Convention Center Site Reuse, Church Street and Capitol Boulevard, Lower Broadway, Germantown, Salemtown, Buena Vista, Cameron Trimble, and the East Bank of the Cumberland River.

Nashville Civic Design Center staff begins work of compiling and translating the results of The Plan of Nashville vision workshops into a unified vision.

Reconstruction of Church Street and Capitol Boulevard underway to convert the streets back to two-way traffic. Designs are influenced by Nashville Civic Design Center's meetings and report.

Nashville Civic Design Center begins meetings with TDOT and Public Works over the reconstruction of the Demonbreun Street Viaduct, stressing the importance of creating a "signature" design.

Nashville Civic Design Center meets with Metropolitan Development & Housing Agency to refine plans for Henry Hale Hope VI Housing redevelopment. This project becomes the first in Nashville to apply the Plan's Ten Principles.

Alice Aycock's Ghost Ballet for the East Bank Machine Works is unveiled at the Urban Design Forum. Sites for public art were identified during a series of Plan of Nashville workshops.

**Living the Plan of Nashville, Keynote speaker: Christopher Leinberger.**

Mayor Purcell announces Nashville Civic Design Center will lead steering committee tasked with developing a Waterfront Redevelopment Plan. Center hosts three public meetings (more than 300 people attend) and produces a report of findings. Steering committee selects Hargreaves Associates to create the Master Plan.

Nashville Civic Design Center is asked by Mayor Purcell to conduct a study analyzing potential sites for the proposed Music City Center. Center conducts public meetings and publishes report of findings.

**Living the Plan of Nashville, Keynote speaker: Carol Coletta.**

Nashville Civic Design Center partners with the AIA Middle Tennessee's AIA-150 Blueprint to facilitate visioning meetings in Robertson County, Lebanon and Kingston Springs.

Nashville Civic Design Center holds a series of community visioning meetings in Madison and produces report of findings.

Nashville Civic Design Center creates the Urban Design Walking Tour of Downtown Nashville, showcasing the ways in which public spaces, architecture, streetscaping, public art, views and vistas of downtown Nashville combine to create an energetic and successful urban environment. The Tour is funded in part by a grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission.

Mayor Dean creates the Green Ribbon Committee for Environmental Sustainability with the goal of making Nashville the "greenest city in the southeast." Nashville Civic Design Center facilitates five public meetings throughout the county to elicit community input. Almost 300 people attend.

**The Plan of Nashville Fifth-Year Anniversary, Keynote speaker: Suzanne Malec-McKenna.**

*Celebrating*

Nashville Civic Design Center opens in June at 700 Church Street. The Mission: to elevate the quality of Nashville's built environment and to promote public participation in the creation of a more beautiful and functional city for all. The Center's first Urban Design Forum is Rolling Mill Hill.

2002

Nashville Civic Design Center kicks off The Plan of Nashville at the Downtown Library. The Plan has three goals: 1. Establish a long-term vision and core set of principles to guide current and future development; 2. Increase public awareness and understanding of the physical environment; 3. Produce a book that serves to record and illustrate the vision, principles and process that established them.

2003

Public meetings for The Plan of Nashville are held over an eight month period, from September 2002 until April 2004, in a series of approximately 50 lectures and workshops - more than 800 people participate.

Nashville Civic Design Center completes urban design study for the Edgehill Neighborhood, and sponsors a design competition to create a new plaza for Edgehill Polar Bears. Winning entry for plaza is built on corner of 12th Ave South & Edgehill.

2004

Nashville Civic Design Center co-hosts the "Live it Up! Downtown Home Tour" to showcase urban living. In its first six years, tour has over 6,500 attendees, resulting in \$46 million in sales and leases.

**The Plan of Nashville is released in October - more than 500 people attend.**

*Tennessean* headlines following The Plan of Nashville debut proclaim "Long-term vision for Nashville: downtown without interstates."

Over a one year period, The Plan of Nashville is presented to approximately 4,000 people through a series of meetings with business, civic and neighborhood groups.

2005

*The Plan of Nashville: Avenues to a Great City* - published by Vanderbilt University Press; written and edited by Christine Kreyling-debuts at book signing event at Downtown Public Library.

Based on The Plan of Nashville's emphasis on the Cumberland River, Nashville Civic Design Center begins working with US Army Corps of Engineers and Metro Parks Department on crafting a plan to implement riverfront's revival.

2006

Nashville Civic Design Center completes urban design studies for Chestnut Hill, Northeast Nashville and Lafayette Neighborhoods.

CityVisions television show premieres, underwritten by a grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission. It is the only regularly scheduled show on the topic of civic design in the nation. 15 total episodes were created and continue to air on channel 10.

2007

Nashville Civic Design Center hosts Mayoral Forum in February on topics related to civic design; all candidates attend.

**Living the Plan of Nashville, Keynote speaker: Otis White.**

2008

Nashville Civic Design Center completes urban design study for the Wedgewood Houston Neighborhood.

**Living the Plan of Nashville, Keynote speaker: Mayor Karl Dean.**

2009

Nashville Civic Design Center launches redesigned website and CityThink program. Completes 15 case-study reports on various civic design related topics.

Nashville Civic Design Center designs Green Ribbon Report, released in June.

The Plan of Nashville: Avenues to a Great City Celebrating Five Years" exhibition opens at the Downtown Library's Courtyard Gallery. The first time this work appears in Nashville.

**THE PLAN OF NASHVILLE**

Innovative Visionary Award presented to past Nashville Civic Design Center Board Presidents:

Kim Hawkins • Seab Tuck • Jeff Ockerman • David Minnigan • Clay Petrey • Loretta Owens • Steve Campbell • Jim Douglas • Mercedes Jones