

NASHVILLE CIVIC DESIGN CENTER

Notes compiled from the Music City Center Community Meeting 14 August 2008

Combined Results

Table results are combined when relevant, and grouped according to categories outlined in the design team's presentation. Additional notes or clarifications are noted in brackets [].

What observations presented by the design team do you find most significant? (Number of Priority Dots)

Natural Influences – slope/topography, flooding, sun and wind (5)

- Concern about slope / topography (5)

Access and Connectivity (19)

- 2000' radius access to food/shops/entertainment (5)
- Views (4)
- Access. Pitfalls: Traffic – Demonbreun, 8th/Lafayette/Gateway [Korean Veterans Boulevard] (3)
- Vehicular and pedestrian connectivity [to] site (3)
- Street connections are important/vital – 6th and 7th [Avenues] should also have good daylighting (1)
- Public connections through buildings (1)
- [maintain] Grid (1)
- Proximity (1)

Transportation (7)

- Transportation link [trolley, shuttle, buses] (4)
- Like the consideration of mass transit (2)
- Do adequate traffic studies for 6th and 7th (1)

Neighborhood and Districts – proximity (5)

- Location (connecting SoBro, Gulch, etc.) (4)
- Think beyond to the future needs of the city (not just convention center) (1)

Organization/Orientation/Design (12)

- Activate streetscape and break down scale with liner retail, etc. No blank walls (7)
- No backside of building. (Too much value on all sides of block) (4)
- Mix of uses – pedestrian activity (1)
- Building expansion
- Enhance southern side

What observations could you contribute which the design team perhaps has not considered?

Access and Connectivity (17)

- Pedestrian connection to lower broad is critical (3)
- Drop off locations should be adequate for queuing and not impede pedestrian realm or traffic flow (3)
- Walkability/ Landscaping (3)
- 6th and 7th [Avenues] STAY Open (2)
- Loading/unloading (Sommet and convention center) (2)
- Ample parking (large events) (2)
- Loading docks on two sides of the building (1)
- Connectivity for 6th Avenue and 7th Avenue. Will current grid stay open? (1)
- Underground access could be centralized

Transportation (6)

- Mass transit loop is critical (2)
- Transportation integral to success (2)
- Details on traffic not discussed. Could it become a security concern? (1)
- Existing traffic issues along Demonbreun and along 8th Avenue (1)

Neighborhood and Districts – proximity (14)

- Residential/ neighborhood. Mixed use (6)
- Functionality: Green Space, local uses and destinations (3)
- How to integrate building services and neighborhood (2)
- Interaction to Sommet Center not covered in depth (1)
- Integrate: Downtown and Nashville as whole (1)
- Connectivity to Sommet (1)

Organization/Orientation/Design (18)

- Expandability/ No mention of possible expansion area (4)
- Design must be unique to Nashville's culture and heritage (3)
- The "greenest building ever built" (2)
- Mix of uses (liner) activating Gateway [Korean Veterans Boulevard] and Demonbreun (2)
- Traffic oval at 8th and Gateway [Korean Veterans Boulevard] with public art terminating views (2)
- Height of ceilings in exhibit/convention space (1)
- Alternatives for expansion to KVB [Korean Veterans Boulevard] (1)
- Screening loading docks is vital (1)
- Attractiveness of building itself as tourist magnet (1)
- Attracts Nashvillians and tourists alike (1)
- Role and value of retail stores on the perimeter

Individual Table Results

Table results recorded as accurately as possible from the original notes. . Additional notes or clarifications are noted in brackets [].

Table Three

(provided a numbered list of items discussed)

What observations presented by the design team do you find most significant?

What observations could you contribute which the design team perhaps has not considered?

- Concern about slope
- Height of ceilings in exhibit/convention space (1)
- Underground access could be centralized
- Interaction to Sommet Center not covered in depth (1)
- Loading docks on two sides of the building (1)
- Role and value of retail stores on the perimeter
- Connectivity for 6th Avenue and 7th Avenue. Will current grid stay open? (1)
- Details on traffic not discussed. Could it become a security concern? (1)
- No mention of possible expansion area (2)
- Alternatives for expansion to KVB [CVB?] (1)
- Existing traffic issues along Demonbreun and along 8th Avenue (1)
- Attractiveness of building itself as tourist magnet (1)

Table Four:

What observations presented by the design team do you find most significant?

- No backside of building (There is too much value on all sides of block) (4)
- Street connections are important/vital – 6th and 7th should also have good daylighting (1)
- Activate streetscape and break down scale with liner retail, etc. No blank walls (7)
- Mix of uses – pedestrian activity (1)
- Like the consideration of mass transit (2)
- Public connections through buildings (1)
- Do adequate traffic studies for 6th and 7th (1)
- Think beyond to the future needs of the city (not just convention center) (1)
- Building expansion

What observations could you contribute which the design team perhaps has not considered?

- Screening loading docks is vital (1)
- Pedestrian connection to lower broad is critical (3)
- Design must be unique to Nashville's culture and heritage (3)
- The "greenest building ever built" (2)
- Mass transit loop is critical (2)
- Mix of uses (liner) activating Gateway and Demonbreun (2)
- Drop off locations should be adequate for queuing and not impede pedestrian realm or traffic flow (3)
- Traffic oval at 8th and Gateway with public art terminating views (2)

Table Seven

What observations presented by the design team do you find most significant?

- 2000' radius access to food/shops/entertainment (5)
- enhance southside
- vehicular and pedestrian connectivity – site (3)

What observations could you contribute which the design team perhaps has not considered?

- Ample parking (large events) (2)
- Loading/unloading (Sommet and convention center) (2)
- Connectivity to Sommet (1)

Table Eight

What observations presented by the design team do you find most significant?

- Views (2)
- Topography (2)
- Transportation link (4)
- Location (connecting SoBro, Gulch, etc.) (4)
- Grid (1)
- Proximity (1)

What observations could you contribute which the design team perhaps has not considered?

- Integrate: Downtown and Nashville as whole (1)
- Functionality: Green Space, local uses and destinations (3)
- Growth/Expansion
- Residential/ neighborhood. Mixed use (6)
- How to integrate building services and neighborhood (2)
- Transportation integral to success (2)

Table Nine

What observations presented by the design team do you find most significant?

- Access. Pitfalls: Traffic – Demonbreun, 8th/Lafayette/gateway (3)
- Views. South (2)

What observations could you contribute which the design team perhaps has not considered?

- Walkability/ Landscaping (3)
- 6th and 7th [Avenues] STAY Open (2)
- Expandability (2)
- Attracts Nashvillians and tourists alike (1)