



**Nashville Civic Design Center
Fairgrounds Public Meeting One results
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About this document:

*The following information is compiled from the comments posted on the walls during the first public meeting to provide input on the Re-use of the State Fairgrounds Site. All the comments were organized into larger categories (in **BOLD**) and listed under each of the large categories.*

Beside each item is the number of dots each item received from the group. The first number beside the broad categories indicate the number of total dots received, the second number adds the items without dots, but were considered important enough to be listed on the large sheets.

The broad categories are listed in order of most votes to least votes.

Question ONE: From a national, regional and citywide perspective, what opportunities exist for the future use of the State Fairgrounds?

Sports/ Active Use/ Entertainment Venues – 76/82

- Baseball stadium in addition to present uses
- Racetrack
- Ice rink
- Blend racetrack with other special events/businesses
- Sports venue – 3
- Outdoor recreation facilities (cycling, Paralympics training, pedestrian)
- Utilize facility as is for bike races, Special Olympics, concerts, and gathering. Fellowships and more walkable for communities. SNAP/Woodbine/Radnor/Tusculum/TAG (Trimble Action)/Waverly – 10
- Support Nashville's music industry with indoor/outdoor venues and facilities – 15
- Racetrack/outdoor entertainment/concerts – 31
- Update venues and keep trade shows – 9
- Theme park/recreation center – 2
- Amphitheater + flea market – 6

Job Creation/Revenue Retention – 56/67

- Job creation – 4
- Tourism/tourist tax revenue – 1
- Unskilled jobs
- Revenue producing land + space for business/job development – 2
- Local expo center (i.e. flea market, Christmas village) – 5
- Start career from racing to gardening, etc.
- Economic development - 1
- Commercialization
- Revenue producing land + space for business/job development
- 'Green' industrial and business development model – 3
- Corporate campus & green space – 16
- Corporate campus /park for city (inner) – 3
- Local Merchant shops – 1
- Marketplace - civic center, "Athens of the South." improve the buildings, make the spaces more permanent. Similar to the Centennial expo
- Invest in upgrading for "green" usages such as "sustainability"

- Upgrade building or replace for cont. [continuing] business as now -10
- Mixed Use Development
 - Create new development to accommodate some/best current uses
 - Residential/commercial development – 4
 - Community, res, etc [commercial, residential] – 1
 - Business, job creation, connection with comm.
 - Town center
 - Large mixed use development with park component, keeping the history of racing
 - Transit hub
 - 7 day a week activity - 5

Public Parks/Recreation/Greenways – 29/31

- Public Park
- Green space/ parks – 3
- Corporate campus & green space – 16
- Corporate campus /park for city (inner) – 3
- Green spaces in flood plains – 1
- Recovering natural features – 3
- Brown's Creek a focal point
- Beautification – 3

Other – 25/26

- Use for community functions/events
- Redevelop/restore fairgrounds – 6
- Leave as is – 12
- Elect a fair board – 7

Public Transportation / Connections – 8/12

- Connectivity to surrounding
- Affordable parking
- Reconnect neighborhoods – 3
- Commuter rail/bus hub – 2
- Transportation
- Connector to local/regional transport – 1
- Unified transportation plan – 2
- Effective traffic management

Education – 6/13

- University annex
- Educational event
- Special interest group education
- National automotive/technology & engineering campus that enhances the track and provides education and business opportunities – 3
- Venue for many interest groups to promote their interest[s]. Education, perpetuate, the mission – 1
- Nashville School of the Arts - ancillary music, amphitheater space, like 821 Entertainment – 2
- TN museum showcasing the three regions, 1 per pavilion
- Large-scale regional museum
- Library branch
- Racing school

Question TWO: From a neighborhood/local consideration, what opportunities exist for the future use of the State Fairgrounds?

Job Generation/ Revenue Retention – 76/78

- Offices, creating activity during day – 6
- Corporate HQ/ anchor – 2
- Small businesses including incubators – 1
- Film production facility – 1
- Jobs
- Destination for tourists (1)
- Venue for visual artists ala downtown arcade. Small space for studios/work space/galleries/retail (1) – 6
- Employment center – 1
- Affordable exhibition space – 19
- Increase space, add building for additional affordable exhibitions (1) – 1
- Updated/enhanced facility for low cost events, entertainment, trade shows, etc. – 15
- Flea market – 13
- Residential development can be pro or con in mixed use for community – 1
- Farmers Market – 3
- Local retail: 12South, mom & pop shops – 7

Sports/ Active Use/ Entertainment – 63/65

- Retrofit as multi use racing & entertainment venue/amphitheater – 11
- Community cultural facility - amphitheatre, smaller scale – 1
- Keep racetrack/ build theme park/ utilize buildings for community usage – 5
- RACETRACK! Use grandstands for amphitheater – 10
- Family oriented theme use - i.e. Bible Park
- Outdoor music amphitheater – 2
- Continue racing – 7
- Retain state fair/space for amusement park (2) – 2
- Continuation of the track for cycling & adaptive athletes (1) – 3
- Greenway with cycling track/veledrome (2) – 6
- Community athletic facility & event facility
- Keep the racetrack – 10
- Cycling/multiuse athletic center – 6

Mixed Use – 40/41

- Town Square, walkable space/pedestrian friendly – 1
- Mixed use development – 1
- Better management to vastly improve historic recreational & educational uses & small business opportunities (keep the fairgrounds) – 13
- Mixed use development including affordable housing – 3
- Mixed use development with full range of development options - affordable housing all the way to corporate headquarters
- Multi use development - parks, retail shopping center, trails greenways (1) – 5
- Mixed use with affordable civic & exhibition space, green space, affordable housing, & private development – 15
- Safe place to live and work – 1
- Perimeter scale - residential and neighborhood retail – 1

Parks – 33/35

- Park component for local community – 5
- Whole thing a major park - "Warner Park" – 1
- Green space – 2
- Dog Park – 3
- Connect to existing greenways – 1
- Park at Bransford entrance

- Green space/public use (floodplain area) – 4
- Park space: playground, trails, bikes – 3
- Greenways, parks, rollerblading, etc. – 2
- Complete greenways and streets – 2
- Bike trail with greenways (2) – 1
- Community garden – 2
- Park or entertainment that reflects racing & fair history – 1
- Bike/skate park
- Children play area (theme areas on Bransford) – 2
- Rehabilitation of creek/ Brown's Creek Restoration – 2
- Buffer flood plains - keep away from creek (100 yards) - focal water feature (creek) – 2

Diversity – 16/16

- Bridge gap in diversity within existing district – 2
- Enhance neighborhood – 3
- Emporium of international cafes to represent the different cultures down Nolensville (2) – 5
- Mixed income housing – 6

Education – 15/16

- Handicap school/camp for child[ren] and adults – 1
- Education
- Lawn & gardening education – 1
- COMMUNITY CENTER - library/education/park, amusement park, farmers market – 13

Infrastructure/ Connections/ Transportation – 13/16

- Enhancement of major arteries (roads) surrounding the site – 3
- Reconnection of residential streets to the site
- Incorporate Nolensville Road without taking from some other area – CATALYST – 1
- Think about the impact on Wedgewood traffic, watch the uses (not commercial) improvements to Wedgewood - boulevard, trees
- Good access
- Close part of Wedgewood (Nolensville to Senior Citizen Center) – 1
- Feature Wedgewood – Revitalization – 1
- Development should pull the neighborhoods together – 4
- Cohesiveness with/ neighborhoods, enhance the connectivity – 2
- Maintain (improve) multiple entrances/exits. Logistics (2) – 1

Other – 8/12

- If we take the fairgrounds, need to give the community something back - affordable exhibition space compatible with other uses. – 2
- Stay a public amenity – 1
- Incorporate public art
- Should belong to "Nashville"
- Protect the surrounding neighborhoods as housing – 1
- Noise reduction (2) – 2
- Civic uses (YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, etc.) – 2
- Community programs – 1
- Children programs
- "Keep it simple" – 1
- Enhance the aesthetic appeal - make it attractive