

phase 3 results GUIDING PRINCIPLES



What's Inside

In phase 3 of NashvilleNext, participants reviewed seven Guiding Principles, based on community input from the first two phases of NashvilleNext. This is the draft report on the information gathered in this phase 3, running from October 2013 to January 2014. Public input was gathered at community meetings, public events, and through online surveys.

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About Phase 3

Public participation in Phase 3 of NashvilleNext was built around three parts, each of which allowed participants to provide input on how Nashville should grow in the future, including what kinds of places to preserve, and to rate and provide comment on the draft NashvilleNext Guiding Principles.

Plan, Nashville! meetings

Three intensive “Plan, Nashville!” public meetings focused on a growth and preservation mapping exercise, in which participants worked in teams of 3 to 8 people to use chips representing different kinds of places (such as urban mixed use, suburban residential, or core employment) to allocate 200,000 new residents and 300,000 new jobs. Each team also identified areas and kinds of places to preserve from development (such as floodplains or historic districts).

Growth & preservation survey

Paper and online surveys that invited respondents to rate different kinds of areas as more appropriate for new housing or employment growth or more appropriate for preservation. Respondents also reviewed and rated the seven draft Guiding Principles. People taking the online survey were also able to identify specific places for preservation or additional job or housing growth.

Dot boards

Dot maps, provided at Book-a-Planner presentations, allowed groups to jointly identify areas to grow and preserve.

Participation through Phase 3

Phase 3 of NashvilleNext continued the work of prior phases. The community’s work in the initial survey, blue-sky visioning, and vision priorities were reflected in the draft Guiding Principles.

Meanwhile, participants were able to contribute their vision for how Nashville accommodate news homes and jobs through each participation tool.

Type	Participants
Plan, Nashville! meetings	308
Online	568
Paper surveys	729
Growth & preservation total	1,605

Phase	Participants
Community survey	1,093
Blue-sky visioning (phase 1)	2,712
Vision priorities (phase 2)	4,954
Growth & preservation (phase 3)	1,605
TOTAL	10,364

See a report on community engagement in phase 3, as well as the results of the growth and preservation mapping at

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Mapping Future Growth & Preservation

Key takeaways from review of the Guiding Principles

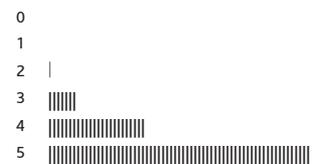
- » Generally, the public showed strong support for the Principles. The average rating for the Principles overall was 4.5 (on a scale of I Do Not Want This Future (0) to I Want This Future (5)), with individual Principles average rating ranging from 4.4 to 4.7
- » This support extended across demographic sub-groups.
- » However, based on open-ended comments and conversations with the public, staff and the Steering Committee are working on the following changes:
 - » Reframe the Principles away from “what Nashville is in 2040” and into future orientation (“Nashville will be…”).
 - » Clearer statement in Expand Accessibility that we intend to improve transportation efficiency and choices.
 - » Clearer statement that “diverse neighborhoods” means that neighborhoods will retain their identities, including their basic character as rural, suburban, urban, or core/downtown.
 - » Connect equity more clearly to Create Opportunities.
 - » Clearer statement of what we mean by Ensure Equity.

Guiding Principles overall

Average

4.5

Distribution of ratings



Distribution of ratings

0 = I do not want this future
5 = I want this future



Average **4.5**

Be Nashville

Nashville is strong because we lift one another up and help people help themselves.

We are strong because of our culture of creativity, respect for history, and optimism for the future.

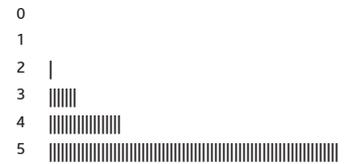
We are strong because of our welcoming culture that represents the best of Southern hospitality and celebrates Nashville’s multiculturalism.

Foster Strong Neighborhoods

Neighborhoods are the building blocks of our community: they are where we live, work, shop and gather as a community.

Our neighborhoods are healthy, safe, affordable and connected – with vibrant parks, welcoming libraries, accessible shopping and employment, valued and protected natural features and strong schools.

Our diverse neighborhoods give our community character and grow with us as we move into the future.



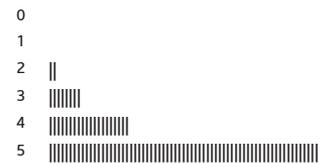
Average **4.6**

Expand Accessibility

Nashville is accessible, allowing all Nashvillians to come together to work, to play, to learn, and to create community, regardless of background or ability.

Nashville’s accessibility extends to transportation, employment and educational opportunities, online capabilities, civic representation, access to nature and recreation and government services.

In Nashville, we are all able to participate and contribute to community decision-making and the future of our community.



Average **4.6**

Create Opportunity

Nashville’s economy is diverse, dynamic and open. It benefits from our culture of arts, creativity and entrepreneurialism.

Our strong workforce and high quality of life make Nashville’s economy nationally and internationally competitive.

Nashville’s success is based on promoting opportunities for individual growth and success, for small and local businesses and entrepreneurs.

To provide a foundation for future growth and prosperity, Nashville meets its infrastructure needs in an environmentally responsible way.



Average **4.5**

Distribution of ratings

0 = I do not want this future
5 = I want this future



Average **4.7**

Advance Education

Nashville recognizes that education is a lifelong endeavor; it is how we prepare our children for tomorrow’s challenges, and how we keep our residents ready to successfully participate in the workforce and civic life.

Community investment is key to Nashville’s success in K-12 education. Neighborhoods, businesses, institutions, non-profits, families, individuals and Metro work to ensure access to opportunity for all children through child care and school choices, transportation options, and engaging Nashvillians in supporting children and families.

Life-long learning also benefits from the community’s investment in continuing education, retraining opportunities and literacy.

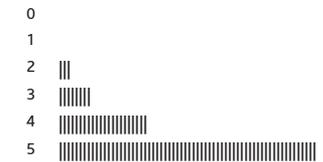
Nashville’s excellent colleges and universities are community assets that educate our youth and adults, are a tremendous resource for the community and add to the community’s prestige.

Champion the Environment

Nashville is blessed with natural environments of breath-taking beauty, exceptional parks and greenways, abundant water and agricultural land that supports local food production.

The natural landscapes of Nashville – from the Cumberland River to the steep slopes in the west and the lush tree canopy – are part of our identity. They are protected because they contribute to our health and quality of life and provide a competitive advantage to Nashville.

Nashville enables sustainable living through transportation options, housing choices, economic and social diversity and thoughtful design of sustainable buildings and infrastructure.



Average **4.5**

Ensure Equity for All

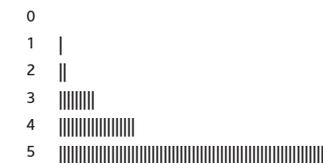
Nashville is stronger because it values diversity in all its forms.

All Nashvillians, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, ability, income, gender, sexual orientation, where you were born or where you live, are welcome and their voices are valued.

Ensuring equity has been and continues to be central to Nashville’s culture. As Nashville changes, we remain committed to equity and inclusion.

We are vigilant in protecting human rights for all to provide for inclusive civic life.

Nashville ensures that all communities are engaged in decision making and share in the city’s growth, prosperity and quality of life.

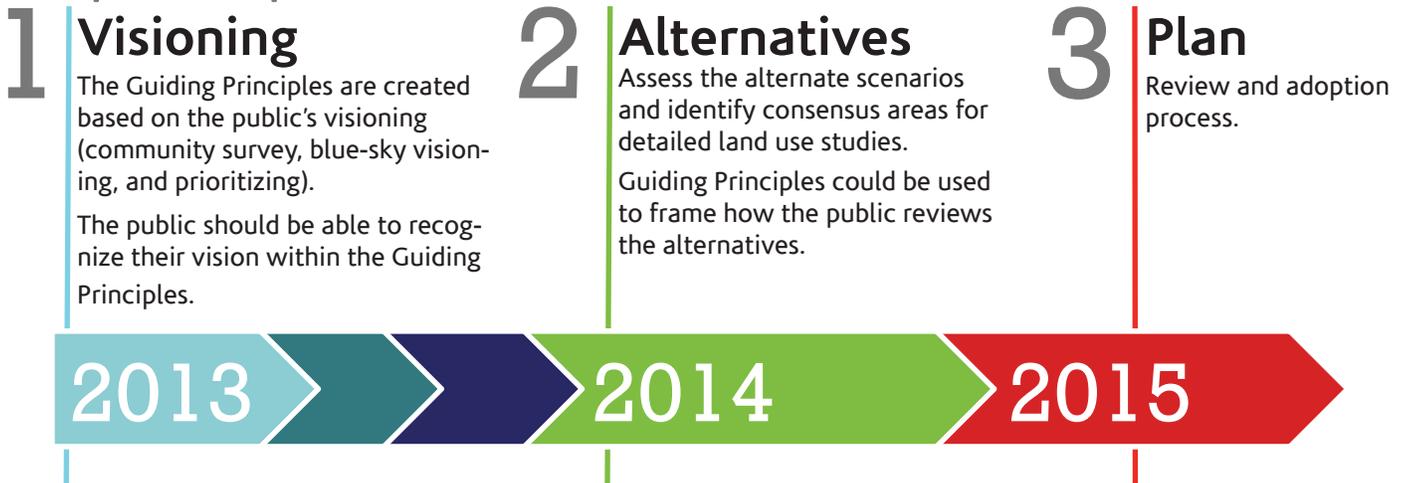


Average **4.4**

The Role of the Guiding Principles

The diagram below illustrates NashvilleNext’s two-and-a-half-year process. In particular, it shows the relationship between the public process (top) and the supporting processes involving Resource Teams for each plan element and Metro Departments and related agencies.

The public process



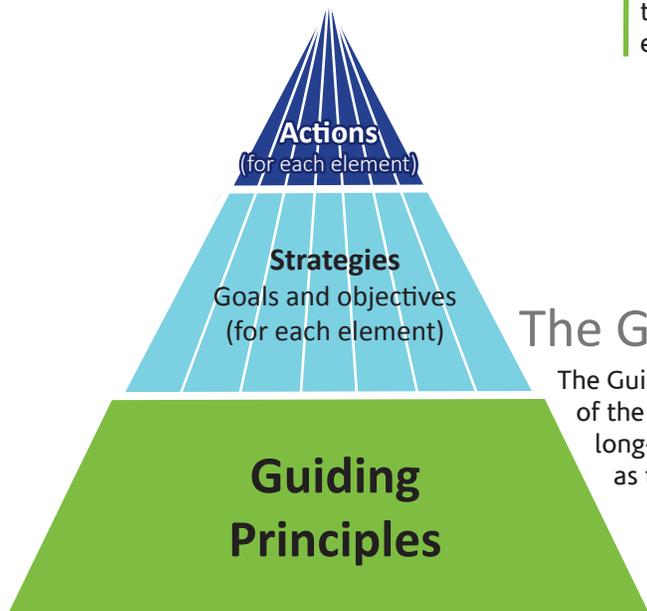
Supporting the public process

Resource teams

Driving Forces
 Identify key external and internal forces shaping Nashville’s future for each plan element.

Alternate scenarios
 Develop alternative scenarios based on the public’s vision for Nashville’s future.
 The Principles guide the Resource Teams by providing a common set of values for the future.
 Resource Teams will need to show how their alternate scenarios incorporate each Principle.

Draft plan
 The Guiding Principles will be included in the strategy section of the draft plan, providing a cross-element view of the future that Nashvillians want.
 The Principles could provide guidance on indicators used to assess progress in implementing the plan.



The Guiding Principles’ role in the plan

The Guiding Principles provide the foundation of the plan — a cross-cutting vision that unites the long-term strategies for each plan element, as well as the short-term actions to pursue each strategy.

Participation Demographics

Whenever possible, NashvilleNext participants are asked demographic information, to monitor who is participating, so that gaps in participation can be addressed. In phase 3, 80% of respondents provided demographic information.

Household type



Legend

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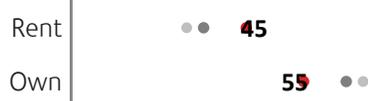
Gender



How to interpret these charts

- 50 → ● Shows over-representation
- ← 50 Shows under-representation

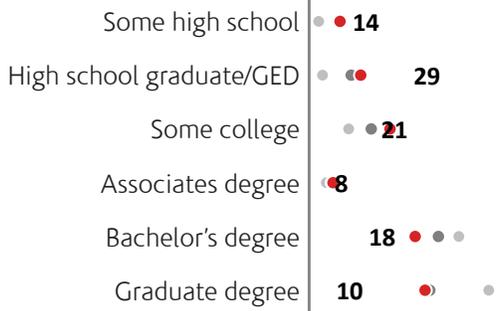
Tenure



Key gaps

People who live alone. People whose highest level of educational attainment was some high school or high school graduate/GED.

Educational attainment (Census: over 25 years old only)



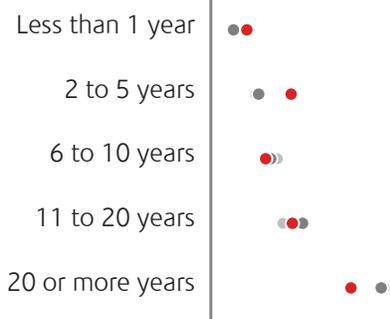
Age



Participation Demographics (continued)

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Time in Nashville (no Census data available)



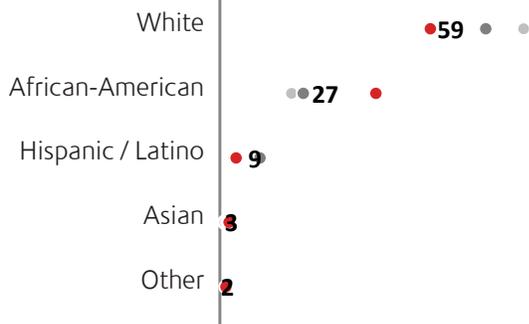
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Race/ethnicity (mark all that apply)



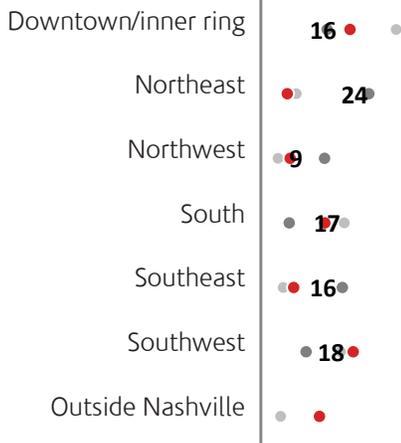
Key gaps

People who are Hispanic/Latino or not born in the U.S. Residents of northeast and southeast Davidson County.

Born in the U.S.?



Geography



Average rating by demographic group

Category	Demographic	Count	Overall	Be Nashville	Strong Neighborhoods	Expand Access	Create Opportunities	Advance Education	Champion the Environment	Ensure Equity
Age	16 or under	68	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.4
	17 to 18	153	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5
	19 to 24 years	282	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5
	25 to 29 years	127	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.5
	30 to 39 years	184	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5
	40 to 59 years	281	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5
	60 or older	164	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.3
Born in US	No	67	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.6
	Yes	1199	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.5
Educational attainment	Associates degree	73	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.5
	Bachelors degree	329	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.4
	Elementary/some high school	95	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.3
	Graduate / professional degree	360	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5
	High school graduate/GED	160	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.5
	Some college	251	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5
Gender	Female	658	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6
	Male	609	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.3
Household type	Live alone	198	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.5
	Roommates, etc.	243	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.6
	With family (no children under 18)	444	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.5
	With family (with children under 18)	385	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4

Category	Demographic	Count	Overall	Be Nashville	Strong Neighborhoods	Expand Access	Create Opportunities	Advance Education	Champion the Environment	Ensure Equity
Time in Nashville	Less than 1 year	97	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.5
	2 to 5 years	217	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5
	6 to 10 years	148	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.6
	11 to 20 years	221	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.5
	More than 20 years	380	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.4
Race/Ethnicity	American-Indian	13	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5
	Asian	29	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5
	Black	495	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5
	Hispanic	51	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5
	Pacific Islander	6	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.3	3.8	4.5	3.8	4.3
	White	668	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.4
Tenure	Own	483	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3
	Rent	364	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.3	4.5
Geography	Downtown/Inner ring	272	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.5
	Northeast	80	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.4	4.5
	Northwest	89	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.6
	South	195	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.5
	Southeast	100	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.3
	Southwest	282	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.5
Survey Type	Meeting report	218	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.3
	Online	568	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.5
	Paper Survey	729	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.4

Open-ended comments

Guiding Principles Overall

4.5

Paper survey | 2312

Overall--But I want to know how these guiding principles--i.e. they are good on paper but how about reality/

Paper survey | 2330

Education

Job opportunities

Housing

More space areas for any incoming people

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2577

These are all wonderful guiding principles. So, the survey makes it difficult to effectively gauge because one of these without others of these, reduces the livability of a community.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2193

I realize that these principles are necessarily vague, but unfortunately I feel like there are many internal conflicts within individual principles that make it difficult to express support for the overall language. Here's my guiding principle: Nashville will grow, but its growth needs to be guided by appropriate planning, not by where developers want it to grow. The developers obviously want to intensify in the areas with high property values because they see greater return on their investment. Often, however, those areas are the least suitable for such intensification because they were founded as single-family, large parcel neighborhoods and lack the infrastructure to support large scale development. Green Hills is the best example.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2951

This is nuts. Who wouldn't want better schools, nicer neighborhoods, a city where all are valued/diverse, etc. etc?

Legend : **R** = Highlighted for Steering Committee review
A = Possible action item

Guiding Principles Overall

4.5

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2639

Every one of these "principles" has components that are good and components that completely negate the good parts. These principles read as if they have been drafted by people with a particular agenda, not as if they have been compiled from residents. Also, this process has excluded great quantities of people from participating, which is unfortunate.

Paper survey | 2329

My thoughts are that a lot of these plans are great ideas. They'll just take a lot of time ot actually put in to act.

Paper survey | 2328

I like what NashvilleNext is doing and their goals to better the Nashville community. The powerpoint presentation taught me new things about Nashville that I never knew. I want Nashville to improve and develop to become a better city and support its residents. I believe that the economic, environmental, and protective aspects of Nashville should be improved.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2953

This describes an idealized and perfectly homogenous society that does not exist. Never existed. Could never exist. We are a melting pot at best, which ain't bad.

Paper survey | 2919

Be Nashville--No I do not want this. Foster--Yes, I want this future. Expand--No, I do not want this. Create--Yes, I want this future. Advance--Yes, I want this future. Champion--Yes, I want this future. Ensure--Yes, I want this future.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2953

If we all hold hands and sing Kumbaya, then these guiding principles are sufficient. However, the devil still lives in the details, which are hashed out in the zoning (and other)board of appeals, the courts, and polite society. These entities define the difference between insiders and outsiders.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2580

Yes, absolutely!

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Be Nashville

4.5

- Nashville is strong because we lift one another up and help people help themselves.
- We are strong because of our culture of creativity and optimism for the future.

We are strong because of our welcoming culture that represents the best of Southern hospitality and celebrates Nashville's multiculturalism.

Meeting | 527

[circled "We lift one another up..."]

Meeting | 652

[Circled "We are strong because of our culture..."]

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Patricia C

R I want to see the rate of public building projects "slowed." | The dramatic increase in spending under this mayor's leadership has resulted in a dramatic increase in property taxes. We have neighbors who have moved and others selling their homes, primarily because property taxes have risen dramatically and they see no end in sight in this trend. This problem is causing an exodus of people from the county...and it has reached the tipping point that for property owners, it looks much more attractive to move to an outlying county. If attention is not given to this situation, we will end up looking like a metropolitan Memphis... with residents continuing to flee. The county can only hope that the growth of people moving in from other states continues!

Meeting | 540

Circled third element

Meeting | 613

circled "We are strong...future"

Meeting | 605

circled "We are strong because...future"

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Be Nashville

4.5

Paper survey | 2820

There should be a stronger jazz scene in Nashville. Musicians don't really help each other grow. It's every man for himself. How is this music city.

Paper survey | 3011

Preserve:

The small, friendly, and accessible feel of our city.

The vibrancy and uniqueness of our region.

Grow:

Transit system to accommodate growing # of cars, as a result of increased job creation.

Education initiatives to aid in filling open positions w/ existing talent.

Meeting | 658

[Circled and checked "We are strong because..."]

Meeting | 2248

[Circled "We are strong because of our culture..."]

Paper survey | 2804

Nashville sucks

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2447

Our multiculturalism is lacking (particularly in the accepting of other cultural differences or individual preferences) and thus makes continuance problematic - I did not answer this one

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Deanna W

The government needs to be doing a better of funding schools | The schools are not getting enough money to pay for sports,books,and clubs. In some cases with the sports and clubs the parents have to pay for everything when really the school should cover most of the expences. The schools also do not have enough books for everyone to take and learn more.Sure yeah they have the internet,but not everyone has that.

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Be Nashville

4.5

Paper survey | 3101

How are these questions helpful? Who is going to say that they want a unaccessible, terrible neighborhood that is not creative or diverse with no equality? The questions should ask which ones are more important for consideration & HOW it can be attained. / Underlined "culture of creativity" and wrote "More support to refugees"; underlined "respect for history" and wrote "major sites not just 'old homes'"

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Michael P

Don't Be the Nashville the Government Wants You to Be | Nashville is strong because we have a strong business base. It is weak because of all of the utopian planning that drives people into the surrounding counties. Williamson County is stronger than Davidson County. Is that because they are "diverse". We are not strong because of our culture of creativity, respect for history, and optimism for the future. None of those attributes describe Nashville. Nashville is ruled by the standard mundane and disproven utopian philosophies that have failed throughout history. We are weak because of our utopian government culture twists what is meant by Southern hospitality and exploits Nashville's multiculturalism to centralism power among the governmental elites.

Meeting | 2254

[Circled "We are strong because of our culture..."]

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2524

R I think people should not feel or treat people like strangers when we live in the same city. We are all one people and want the same things out of life no matter the age, race or sex. I don't think we should live like the problems in Nashville are not ours. Homelessness, addiction, elderly and disabled people and prisoners are the problems of in our societies. They are our problems and we need to take responsibility. It is wonderful to live in nice neighborhoods but majority of people don't and that's reality. A community is defined by it's weakest link.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2580

I personally do not care if we are "the best". What does that mean? We just need to take care of each other. It isn't rocket science, but it can mean policies that address injustices, which unfortunately can be political.

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Be Nashville

4.5

Meeting | 635

[circled "Our welcoming culture..."]

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Betty T

- A** Absolutely | "Be Nashville" means being involved in your Community and your City. I love that many areas of Nashville have Facebook Groups that bring people together. This not only brings new friends into our lives, but it brings thinking. These are places to discuss what needs to be done and what we can do to take care of it. These groups become "Think Tanks" where concerned citizens try to come up with solutions and community unity. So while we can "Be My Community" we can also "Be Nashville" as a whole.
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Meeting | 659

[Circled "We are strong because of our culture..."]

Meeting | 2246

[Circled "We are strong..."]

Foster Strong Neighborhoods

4.6

- Neighborhoods are the building blocks of our community: they are where we live, work, shop and gather as a community.
 - Our neighborhoods are healthy, safe, affordable and connected with attractive parks, welcoming libraries, accessible shopping and employment, and are anchored by strong schools.
 - Our diverse neighborhoods give our community character and grow with us as we move into the future.
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Online survey (MetroQuest) | 1509

This is very manipulative, equating strong neighborhoods with unfettered growth - the great lie of false equivalency.

Meeting | 527

[circled "Our neighborhoods grow with us..."]

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Foster Strong Neighborhoods

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Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2445

Every one of these that I've seen over the past months has read as if it were written by a group of people who are from somewhere else, who do not understand Nashville, who do not understand Southern culture. If I wanted to live in a bastion of left-wing liberalness, in a neighborhood where I can hear my neighbors talking because our houses are so close together, then I would live in my San Francisco house. I choose to live in Nashville because of what the city is now, not because of what the people pushing this Nashville Next project clearly want.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2639

R The Planning Department staff in Nashville has been shoving particular ideas down our throats in the past several years, while they have failed to listen to residents. We do not want every neighborhood to be alike, and we do not want every neighborhood to be "walkable". Our differences in housing stock should be between neighborhoods, too, not within every neighborhood. Not every neighborhood should include high density (relatively) development. Higher densities should remain within the 440 boundaries on the southern side of the city. The planning staff's preference in more urban areas having buildings built right at the edge of the street is short-sighted, and again, is not what many residents prefer. Whose idea was it to push the development model of buildings? If I wanted to walk down a sidewalk squeezed between a building and the street, I'd move back to California. There is no protection for the tree canopy in Nashville; developers are not even asked politely to spare the mature trees in Nashville, much less required to do so in any case.

Paper survey | 7

[underline "strong schools"]

Paper survey | 713

R Education
Affordable Housing

Meeting | 540

Circled second element

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Foster Strong Neighborhoods

4.6

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2580

- R** Mostly, its the people in the neighborhoods. Not just "neighborhoods" as some abstract thing.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Joshua W

- A** Public Transit "LOOPS" between Neighborhood hotspots | Public Transportation that helps tourists and locals alike navigate between trendy parts of town and neighborhood hotspots. (i.e. direct loops between 12South, Gulch, East Nashville, Germantown, Green Hills, etc.) This "Loop" could allow more people to easily access these neighborhoods directly. Each neighborhood could have a "drop-off/pick-up" hub since most of these bustling areas are themselves walkable. But traffic getting from one area to the next could be streamlined with the launch of a "Neighborhood Loop" (Not strictly MTA related, this LOOP could be a subagent of MTA).

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2518

I agree with development but not in destroying the existing neighborhoods that make Nashville attractive in the first place. We are NASHVILLE and need to keep our quaint houses with nice sized yards because that is NASHVILLE.

Meeting | 2246

[Circled "Our neighborhoods grow..."]

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Jeff S

- A** Add a pragmatic approach of "complete streets" to neighborhoods | It's understandable that we need to implement the "complete streets" concept in certain areas over others first knowing what resources we have available. However, neighborhoods that were built without any walkability need to be addressed. Some streets don't even have complete paving and the mail carriers have to leave tracks in the shoulder to get to mailboxes. We need a sensible approach to the "complete streets" concept for neighborhoods that allows citizens some walkability and enhances the aesthetic quality and character of neighborhood streets.

Legend : **R** = Highlighted for Steering Committee review
A = Possible action item

Foster Strong Neighborhoods

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Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Stephen M

strengthen retail nodes within neighborhoods | we need more commercial space in Nashville neighborhoods that is easily walkable from where people live. I think that rezoning is a good way to achieve this. Is there a way to encourage or subsidize some incubator space in key areas?

COMMENTS

The project I have planned provides the commercial space in one of Nashville's communities with walkable space and activities that would set a standard for other areas. Seeking support and participation to get this going.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Michael P

Leave Our Neighborhoods Alone | Neighborhoods are where we live not where we work, shop and gather as a community. It's not a function of the government to make our neighborhoods healthy, affordable and connected – with accessible shopping and employment and valued and protected natural features. Find anything in the Nashville Charter that allows the Metro government to do anything else. Diverse neighborhoods have nothing to do with community character. We should be free to live where we want, with whomever we want and pay as much as we want to live there.

Paper survey | 2753

No, I don't want this

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2953

R if 'neighborhood growth' means increased density, kindly count us out. If it means redevelopment by people who only answer to the signals of profit and higher taxes, again count us out.

Paper survey | 3111

Neighborhoods and communities

Paper survey | 2290

Madison, TN--I think we could use more street lights and sidewalks on Neelys Bend Rd.

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Foster Strong Neighborhoods

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Paper survey | 3101

How are these questions helpful? Who is going to say that they want a unaccessible, terrible neighborhood that is not creative or diverse with no equality? The questions should ask which ones are more important for consideration & HOW it can be attained. / "Quality over quantity"; circled "vibrant parks", "welcoming libraries", and "strong schools" and wrote "Affordable housing that is also safe."

Paper survey | 3082

Need more sidewalks.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Betty T

Yes Strong Neighborhoods are needed. | Again, I fall back to Community Groups on Facebook. People with a common interest in making their Communities strong. As time goes by more and more interest in these groups bring new people into them. While the Internet and Facebook is great at bringing Community Interest together we still need to find a way to bring others that are not into technology into the information network.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Alan S

Connect Neighborhoods for Human Transit | Being able to walk, bike, skate, or otherwise move with human-powered transit between neighborhoods would help build stronger neighborhoods and healthier neighbors...

Paper survey | 746

I cannot emphasize how strongly I think that public transit and walkability should be a top priority for planning Nashville's future.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Cathy S

R Effective infrastructure is essential to the future I hope for | without effective infrastructure (sidewalks) to connect neighbors to each other, to vibrant parks, for safe access to shopping, strong neighborhoods will not evolve. Sidewalks!! for EVERY neighborhood. For every child to feel safe on and explore.<http://spacing.ca/archive/ped-dylan01.htm>

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Foster Strong Neighborhoods

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Paper survey | 3073

We should make more parks and places for people to play sports. The more people are playing sports the less they are doing trouble in our community.

Expand Access

4.5

- Nashville is accessible, allowing *a*ll Nashvillians to come together to work, to play, to learn, and to create community, regardless of background or ability.
- Nashville's accessibility extends to transportation, employment and educational opportunities, online capabilities, civic representation and government services.

In Nashville, we are all able to participate and contribute to community decision-making and the future of our community.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Joshua W

Neighborhood "LOOPS" --linking Nashville via continuous bus LOOP. | Public Transportation that helps tourists and locals alike navigate between trendy parts of town and neighborhood hotspots. (i.e. direct loops between 12South, Gulch, East Nashville, Germantown, Green Hills, etc.) This "Loop" could allow more people to easily access these neighborhoods directly. Each neighborhood could have a "drop-off/pick-up" hub since most of these bustling areas are themselves walkable. But traffic getting from one area to the next could be streamlined with the launch of a "Neighborhood Loop" (Not necessarily MTA related, this LOOP could be a private entity and charge a nominal fee for service...and provide "park and ride" opportunities).

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Michael P

Nashville Government is Not Accessible to Opposition Ideas | Nashville is accessible, to Nashvillians to those who want to stop the utopian masterminds from eroding our liberties. Nashville's inaccessibility extends to transportation, employment and educational opportunities, online capabilities, civic representation, access to nature and recreation and government services. In Nashville, only the government and planning elites and their enslaved underclasses are able to participate and contribute to community decision-making and the future of our community.

Legend : **R** = Highlighted for Steering Committee review
A = Possible action item

Expand Access

4.5**Paper survey | 1533**

Affordability of housing!

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2191

I would REALLY like to see a push of rapid transit for sub-urban commuters in to Nashville (downtown, Vanderbilt, medical area of Baptist/Centennial). I commute in and the traffic is getting worse. More lanes is not the solution unless we want to become the next Atlanta. High speed transit along the interstate corridors? Few stops so the train would be fast. Commuter lots? Ride share programs? I LOVED the biking access in Boston along the Charles River to downtown. Or along the Emerald Necklace in Boston. I used to be a bike commuter but have found it difficult in Nashville. I live in West Meade.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Betty T

Accessibility Describes Many Things | I would like more Accessibility to Neighborhood Parks. More Accessibility to Neighborhood Community Centers. This list is unlimited.

Paper survey | 2684

Rail system of citizens. Nashville as the technological hits of the southeast (best music and).
Mass transit rail system

Legend : **R** = Highlighted for Steering Committee review
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Expand Access

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Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Joshua W

RIVERFRONT DINING...and SHOPPING! ON THE Cumberland River! | Although there is talk of expanding "Parks and Greenways" along the banks of the Cumberland Riverfront, what Nashville REALLY NEEDS is a DINING and SHOPPING development concept ON THE RIVER. People are DRAWN to water, the masses CRAVE being near it...it has both calming affects and aesthetic value in our region. Nashville's weather boasts of beautiful evenings in Spring, Summer and Fall for patio dining (i.e. see successful restaurants in The Gulch, East Nashville, etc.)...but we don't have PATIOS ON THE RIVER. If people are drawn to water...and with it, their pocketbooks...it stands to reason that more Commercial Riverfront Development could really be a cash cow in Nashville...a win-win across the board for tourists, residents, and Metro gov't alike. #pleasemrdean

COMMENTS

Look at Brooklyn & NYC - both have restaurants and shops on the riverfront and it brings lots of tourists as well as locals. I loved both sides of the East River when I lived there, and it would be a great idea for Nashville.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Jay A

- A** Expand Wireless Internet Infrastructure | Nashville should make a concerted effort to increase citizen access to internet, especially for low-income families. This can be accomplished by improving our wireless infrastructure, but also by increasing competition in the area. Right now, the main internet provider is Comcast. We need to allow more competition, and maybe even a general wireless internet option provided by Metro Nashville to compete with the private sector and drive costs down. Break up the monopoly.

Meeting | 527

[Circled "We are all able to participate..."]

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2447

The third paragraph does not fit with the previous two and makes this principal unanswered

Meeting | 2246

[Circled "We are all able to participate..."]

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Expand Access

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Meeting | 533

drew smiley face

Paper survey | 1534

Housing for the homeless

Meeting | 540

Circled second element

Paper survey | 3033

Equal access for people with disabilities to education, employment, transportation, housing. All these are connected and improving them will help all the others be strengthened and improved.

Paper survey | 3101

How are these questions helpful? Who is going to say that they want a unaccessible, terrible neighborhood that is not creative or diverse with no equality? The questions should ask which ones are more important for consideration & HOW it can be attained. / Underlined "ability" and wrote "What does that mean?" Arrow from second paragraph to "Bad example: Brookmead Elementary wanted to be diverse, but families couldn't get to school events"

Paper survey | 3011

Preserve:

The small, friendly, and accessible feel of our city.

The vibrancy and uniqueness of our region.

Grow:

Transit system to accommodate growing # of cars, as a result of increased job creation.

Education initiatives to aid in filling open positions w/ existing talent.

Paper survey | 729

Amtrak station is needed here in Nashville.

Legend : **R** = Highlighted for Steering Committee review
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Expand Access

4.5

Meeting | 641

[Added three exclamation points]

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Anna C

connect Shelby greenway to riverfront & remove industry eyesore | The area under the highway and along Davidson could be mixed use areas with green spaces instead of the nasty scrap metal and other manufacturing that it is currently. This would help connect East Nashville to downtown and allow for a serious greenway along the river. Right now there is the pedestrian bridge, but that just goes to the stadium. There's no real connection to the residential areas of East Nashville.

Paper survey | 1529

1. Need more resources to combat poverty
 2. More housing for workforce
 3. Dedicate re-curring funding for Barnes Trust
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Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2961

I would envision a city like Portland or Seattle. Diverse and places great value on environmental values and education. With more growth it would be nice for the city to be accessible via public transit (possibly free or minimal charge to ensure it is well used). I lived in a community with free transit. It was AWESOME as a teenager.

Paper survey | 3117

Flying cars would be good.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2953

Some Nashvillians are less adept than others, some more adept. Most are average. I am unsure transportation is # 1. Online capabilities are via private sector providers.

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Expand Access

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Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Joshua W

A Bridge to connect East Nashville with Donelson--accessibility! | There should be a bridge that connects the growing Donelson community with East Nashville...increased accessibility could be gained from a bridge crossing the Cumberland from Lebanon Pike (West of Briley) on the South side of the river and cutting through Shelby Bottoms Greenway on the North bank into East Nashville which would allow for incredibly EASY access between Donelson and the thriving community of East Nashville. As it stands now, you can only access East Nashville via Briley/Ellington Pkwy to the north and Korean Veteran's Bridge to the South. A BRIDGE between these two communities NORTH and SOUTH of the Cumberland River could help ease traffic congestion as well as add increased accessibility between these two growing communities--allowing them to grow synergistically.

Create Opportunities

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- Nashville's economy is diverse, dynamic and open. It benefits from our culture of arts, creativity and entrepreneurialism.
 - Due to its strong workforce and high quality of life, Nashville's economy is nationally and internationally competitive.
 - Nashville's success is based on promoting opportunities for individual growth and success, for small and local businesses and entrepreneurs.
 - To provide a foundation for future growth and prosperity, Nashville meets its infrastructure needs in an environmentally responsible way.
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Meeting | 648

[Circled "We meet our infrastructure needs..."]

Meeting | 540

Circled first element

Meeting | 524

[Circled "entrepreneurialism"]

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Create Opportunities

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Paper survey | 740

Downtown is developing beautifully--but need a green space/pads in the Gulch and in Germantown.

Paper survey | 3180

More involvement in local and state govt. Run for offices, voting, etc.

More job skill training for better jobs (skillful)

Outreach and involvement on "know your rights"

(Sorry these ideas may not be great!)

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Jay A

- A** Nashville-Davidson Co. Infrastructure/City-Owned Bank & Jobs | A lot of jobs and business ventures might be created if Nashvilleans collectively invested in our infrastructure. A good way to create seed money is thru a local, public bank. This bank could either be funded similar to the Bank of North Dakota, albeit on a smaller scale. That money would then only be invested in infrastructure projects and small business ventures within Nashville-Davidson Co. (and maybe within other parts of TN for an add'l, small surcharge.) Loans that directly create local jobs could have the highest priority.
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Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | ashford H

- A** We need to create more empowerment zones | We need these empowerment zones in areas like Bordeaux, Antioch and Madison. The city should work to foster this. Empowerment Zones (EZs) and Enterprise Communities (ECs) are highly distressed urban and rural communities who may be eligible for a combination of grants, tax credits for businesses, bonding authority and other benefits. Highly distressed refers to communities who have experienced poverty and/or high emigration based upon definitions in the law--Wikipedia
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Create Opportunities

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Online discussion (talk.nashvillext.net) | Michael P

Nashville Ruins Opportunity | Nashville's economy is diverse, dynamic and open. Opportunity doesn't benefit from our supposed culture of arts, creativity and entrepreneurialism. Entrepreneurs are driven to Williamson County every day by the heavy hand of the planning utopians. Our weak workforce and high quality of life make Nashville's economy nationally and internationally dependent of the cheap labor of the underclass. Nashville's lack of success is based on promoting the destruction of opportunities for individual growth and success, for small and local businesses and entrepreneurs. To provide a foundation for the failure of future growth and prosperity, Nashville planners exploit infrastructure needs by requiring environmental mandates that do nothing to "save the earth" and are only a cover for the power grab by the progressive elite.

COMMENTS

This sounds an awful lot like trolling and less like providing ideas to shape our community. I find an opposing idea, and shining a light upon blatant faults is great, but you have not given examples to back your statement. Shouldn't we use this forum to the best of our abilities and give some solid proof if sharing these accusations against the Nashville government? Or give possible ideas to solve the issues you see?

Meeting | 2246

[Circled "Our diverse, dynamic..."]

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2580

The "Create Opportunity" principle seems to be trying to say several things at once, which to me do not fit very well together. I do not believe that our focus should be so much on economic development. On the other hand, what we do have should be environmentally responsible. So, this is a weird one.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2953

Dynamic economies result from individual risk takers, those who roll the dice with their capital. Fewer rules and regulations help. More box checking bureaucracies don't.

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Create Opportunities

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Paper survey | 3101

How are these questions helpful? Who is going to say that they want a unaccessible, terrible neighborhood that is not creative or diverse with no equality? The questions should ask which ones are more important for consideration & HOW it can be attained. / Underlined "in an environmentally responsible way" and wrote "key"

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2221

R We have to take a look at the construction trade and other trades that demographically do not reflect our city. We need to be vigilant about helping small businesses overcome barriers to competition.

Paper survey | 3011

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Meeting | 527

[Circled "Our economy is nationally..."]

Paper survey | 2312

Create Opp.--but, I want people from all walks of life to benefit, not just the (largely white) creative class.

Legend : **R** = Highlighted for Steering Committee review
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Create Opportunities

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Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Patricia C

Yes | All areas of Nashville need to be given consideration.. not just our downtown area! In addition, I feel like our neighborhood has been very much slighted with the community center being built in Sevier Park. Ours is the ONLY community center that has been rebuilt that has not included an indoor swimming pool. So many elderly people, and people with joint injuries need a pool to be able to exercise regularly... and yet this was totally ignored in THIS community, despite the fact that many of the homes in this community are paying very large residential property taxes!!

Advance Education

4.7

- Nashville recognizes that education is a lifelong endeavor; it is how we prepare our children for tomorrow's challenges, and how we keep our residents ready to successfully participate in the workforce today and in the future.
- K-12 education depends on community investment – ensuring access to opportunity for all children through school choices, transportation options, and engaging Nashvillians in supporting children and families.
- Life-long learning depends on community investment in continuing education, retraining opportunities and literacy.
- Nashville benefits from excellent colleges and universities that educate our youth and adults, are a tremendous resource for the community and add to the community's prestige.

Meeting | 554

Need much improvement!

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Patricia C

Yes | If there are not enough seats in the good, academic magnet schools that are offered in the county... then the county needs to adjust the funding to MAKE MORE SEATS available. It is insanity to have smart, hard working kids anxious to participate in a rigorous education, while surrounded by peers who have equally high standards... and then not have the seats for them in the rigorous schools. Then officials wonder why people put their children in private schools or move from this county.

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Advance Education

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Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Betty T

A Make learning fun and challenging | I really have no expertise in this area, but I am concerned about the education of our future. I remember learning the most from the kind of teachers that challenged me and also make learning fun. I also loved that we were offered a wide variety of creative courses like Art & Music and not just the academic courses. My biggest fear is that children are not being taught the basic fundamentals without the use of Computers and Calculators. The fact that most younger people can not count back change to me tells me something is not being taught right. Someone told me that today's generation is a whole new world where if you want to know the answer to something you merely have to "Google" it and the answer presents itself. My question is: What if you don't have an electronic device to depend on? I would like to see these children at least graduate from High School with the sense to think on their own.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2580

I am grateful for having grown up in a town with excellent colleges. However, preparation for college and wide access to great education for all children, at the youngest ages, should be the priority here.

Paper survey | 3033

Equal access for people with disabilities to education, employment, transportation, housing. All these are connected and improving them will help all the others be strengthened and improved.

Paper survey | 34

Education is very important but what we have been doing isn't working. We need change.

Paper survey | 3101

How are these questions helpful? Who is going to say that they want a unaccessible, terrible neighborhood that is not creative or diverse with no equality? The questions should ask which ones are more important for consideration & HOW it can be attained. / We have good universities, need to focus on schools K-12.

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Advance Education

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Paper survey | 3183

I definitely support growth in the downtown area. Being a Nashvillian for over 20 years, I've seen Nashville grow tremendously. The Downtown area is an economic boon for our city. Thank you / Wrote and circled "6"

Paper survey | 2808

Advanced education/community involvement within the urban communities.

Meeting | 552

added a score of 10 and circled it

Paper survey | 3011

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Meeting | 2246

[Circled "Continuing education..."]

Meeting | 699

[Circled "Community investment..." and wrote "so important!" Underlined "Continuing education"; bracketed "Nashville's excellent colleges..."]

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2953

My taxes pay for public education, but I prefer to pay for private education for my children. People who can't pay for private schools move to Williamson or other adjacent Counties. Sadly public schools were given the task to correct extant social problems. That is unfair. They didn't cause these problems, and they can't fix them.

Legend : **R** = Highlighted for Steering Committee review
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Advance Education

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Paper survey | 3062

On education - high school student should have a chance to actually go hands on in their career academy

Meeting | 527

[Circled "Continuing education, retraining..."]

Meeting | 673

[Circled "Advance education"]

Paper survey | 713

Education

Affordable Housing

Paper survey | 2684

Revamp K-12

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Deanna W

The school education needs to be harder | I know in some cases it is already hard, but at the same time they need to give the people who smart something challenging. Not make it easy for them.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Jay A

- A** Promise Neighborhoods | Inspired by the successful model of the Harlem Children's Zone, Promise Neighborhoods effectively coordinating the efforts of schools, families, social services, health centers, and community-building programs, all children can fulfill their promise. The Martha O'Bryan Center in East Nashville was awarded a planning grant in 2011. However, I think Nashville could do their part to take it a step forward and adopt the Promise Neighborhood framework across the county. With our various number of local colleges, nonprofits, centers for the art, social welfare agencies, public health institutions, etc., we could develop networks of support that would tremendously boost our success rate of children progressing from cradle to college to career.
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Legend : **R** = Highlighted for Steering Committee review
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Advance Education

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Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2444

- R** Not merely educating to be "the workforce." Educating to have creative, life enhancing jobs. Less emphasis on following the constant testing model and the prep for low level careers and more college preparatory and entrepreneurial. This shouldn't only be available to Nashville's elite.
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Meeting | 524

[Starred "Nashville's excellent colleges..."]

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2156

At this point education in Nashville is daycare, period.

Meeting | 540

Circled third element

Meeting | 648

[Circled "Community investment..."]

Champion the Environment

4.4

- Nashville is blessed with natural environments of breath-taking beauty, exceptional parks and greenways, and agricultural land that supports local food production.
- The natural landscapes of Nashville are part of our identity; they contribute to our health and quality of life and provide a competitive advantage to Nashville compared to other cities that have consumed their natural areas for development.

Nashville enables sustainable living through transportation options, housing choices, economic and social diversity.

Meeting | 2246

[Circled "Our transportation options..."]

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Champion the Environment

4.4

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Betty T

Strict Guidelines Must Be Made | First and foremost our Environment needs to be on the top of the list in any and all development. Areas should not be so oversaturated with residential that Plants and Animals no longer have a place. Large amounts of Green Space should be included in all undeveloped area so as to not conflict with nature. Redevelopment should also include Green Space.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Jay A

Urge the TVA to Shut Down Local Fossil Fuel/Coal Plants | Coal plants are one of the largest polluters to our environment. This pollution threatens and affects our air quality, water quality, agricultural quality, etc. That has big implications on our local economy as well as the health of Nashvilleans. Nashville should be a leader on environmental protections and progressive energy sources instead of allowing the dependence on dirty forms of energy. We should be pressuring the TVA to close down the nearest coal plants (TVA Cumberland Fossil Plant and TVA Gallatin Fossil Plant) and to reinvest their funds towards clean energy since we share the Cumberland River.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Jay A

Power Nashville entirely by Wind, Water, and Solar by 2050 | It's doable. The technology exists. In the public interest of our local health as well as economic competitiveness, it'd only be smart to invest in renewable energy. For that matter, our investment may draw more renewable energy companies and jobs to the area. We could become a renewable energy hub for the southeast region. While this may be costly upfront, our short term pain would lead to long term prosperity for the area.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Kathleen W

A Kathleen Williams | Conserve an ecological corridor from Radnor Lake to Warner Parks to Bells Bend to Beaman Park and Marrowbone Lake to keep trees - our lungs on the land - filtering our air and wildlife close to home with a corridor for migration.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2953

Protects these 'natural landscapes'? That's rich. Virtually every shopping center and apartment building was built on agricultural land since 1981.

Legend : **R** = Highlighted for Steering Committee review
 A = Possible action item

Champion the Environment

4.4

Paper survey | 2961

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Meeting | 540

Circled third element

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2639

Not everyone agrees on what "sustainable" means, and until the Planning Staff lay out what criteria they are using to deem things "sustainable" or "not sustainable", any discussion on that is meaningless.

Meeting | 648

[Circled "Our transportation options..."]

Paper survey | 3101

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Meeting | 699

[Underlined "housing choices, economic and social diversity"]

Meeting | 527

[Circled "Nashville has breath-taking..."]

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Michael P

Deny Man-Made Global Warming Theroy | Global warming is a politically motivated lie designed to reduce our liberties and confer power to the ruling class of government workers, environmentalist and urbanists. All the sky-is-falling alarmist hide the true goals of the government sponsored environmentalist - enslave the underclass and gain power for the utopian dictators.

Legend : **R** = Highlighted for Steering Committee review
A = Possible action item

Champion the Environment

4.4

Meeting | 584

[Underlined "abundant water and agricultural land"] We must protect the springheads in North Davidson County.

Ensure Equity

4.5

- Nashville is stronger because of its diversity; ensuring equity has been and continues to be central to Nashville's culture.
 - We are vigilant in protecting human rights for all to provide for inclusive civic life.
 - Nashville ensures that marginalized populations and communities are engaged in decisionmaking and share in the city's growth, prosperity and quality of life.
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Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2447

I answered this but this continues to surface as an inhibitor in my opinion. Conservative religious values often over power the process and that voice becomes over weighed too often.

Meeting | 649

[Arrow to "We are vigilant..."] Do we not do this now?

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2580

- R** This needs to be spelled out with greater detail. When I talk about equity, I mean policies and programs which help people move out of poverty. Equity in terms of embracing differences is great, but real equity has to take into account changing conditions which create and foster hopelessness and poverty.
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Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2580

I think this is a great opportunity to focus on really addressing social inequities in Nashville. I hope that city planners and leaders will really commit to a future that supports the lifting of all ships, not the trickle-down, flashy exercise of power which too often fills in as a substitute. We know Nashville's population will be expanding over the next 20-30 years. We can make it a safe, productive and thriving future if we take care of each other here and now. My extended two-cents (more like two hundred)... :)!

Legend : **R** = Highlighted for Steering Committee review
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Ensure Equity

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Meeting | 2246

[circled "Nashville is stronger because..."]

Paper survey | 2846

More growth should be focused on the inner city community.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Jay A

- A** Maintain Affordability of Nashville for Low-Middle Class POC | Gentrification/urban infill is pushing minority populations outside of Nashville proper. While this revitalization of neighborhoods is bringing in young families with new money and new businesses, it's also whitewashing areas. To preserve the diversity across Nashville, attempts need to be made to maintain mixed-income neighborhoods. Some suggestions: 1) opening up access to low-interest loans for minority-owned and women-owned businesses, 2) developing affordable housing options (own and rent) in historic areas that cater to middle-incomes as well, 3) provide downpayment assistance and loans to purchase and/or renovate housing by indigenous residents, 4) improve mass transit and non-car options so residents can get around, 5) creating local infrastructure jobs with a hiring priority for veterans, single parents, ex-convicts who have been rehabilitated, the homeless, HS dropouts, and the chronically unemployed/underemployed.
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Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2639

This principle on ensuring equity sounds more like a political viewpoint than a principle with which the Planning Department should be involved. This is another example of what appears to be an overt political viewpoint being promulgated throughout this process.

Meeting | 648

[Circled "Nashville is stronger..."]

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Betty T

- A** Mixed Use Residential Developments | New developments should have a mix which would include single story homes for the older generation, and multi size, multi price homes. Please - no more developments where all the homes look alike. Variety please.
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Ensure Equity

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Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Stephen M

A improved senior services and focus | I'd like to see a Nashville that is as welcoming and accessible for our senior population as it is for the creative classes and families. What can we do to combat isolation, transportation challenges and the increased needs that are often characteristic of the older members of our community. I believe that older Nashvillians have much to offer to our city and that we are immeasurably enriched by their participation in it.

Online discussion (talk.nashvillenext.net) | Michael P

Promote conservative nuclear family values & limited government | The only way to "ensure" equity is for the government/media complex to stop pushing the drug, gang and sex culture to the poor. The government has created the underclass and keeps them enslaved to finance their urban lifestyle and maintain their power. This site is the prefect example of the left's community organization efforts to create social unrest and set themselves up as the only salvation of the social unrest they incite.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2953

Equity is freedom from bias or favoritism. As such, human individuals can endeavor toward that. Collective governments can not. The rule of law is central to all societies. But, laws also pick winners and losers, which is not equitable.

Paper survey | 2703

Don't see this. Values and diversity but hidden racism.

Paper survey | 3180

More involvement in local and state govt. Run for offices, voting, etc.
 More job skill training for better jobs (skillful)
 Outreach and involvement on "know your rights"
 (Sorry these ideas may not be great!)

Meeting | 527

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Ensure Equity

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Paper survey | 3033

Equal access for people with disabilities to education, employment, transportation, housing. All these are connected and improving them will help all the others be strengthened and improved.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2444

Equity is very important and is not currently being achieved.

Online survey (MetroQuest) | 2532

R These principles need to push Nashville toward providing opportunity for all demographics, which includes jobs and housing for those with only a high school diploma. We are discovering that we need a wide array of job skills, and we need to provide a place for all of them to live and work. If workers have to drive in from outside counties, that creates traffic problems that we should be avoiding.

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