

**Title: Fairgrounds Survey 1**

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The Fairgrounds is an extremely key piece of land in the urban renewal of Nashville. The location is one that sits on the tip of a real estate boom and the location is too central for there not to be significant attempts at urban living made. Density is an enormous urban factory contributing to sustainability and it would be a misuse of urban land not to utilize this space to provide dense urban housing solutions to the residents of this great town.

Anonymou #####

Continue the racing. Continue the Flea Market. Be creative in finding uses for the fairgrounds. Some people have mentioned a museum featuring the history of the track and racing in Nashville with ties to country music. Realize that not all citizens of Nashville want more "mixed use/business/condo/park/urban blandness".  
C'mon people. The fairgrounds is a great historic facility that continues to pull in crowds to this day. If the city would just get behind it, it could be a unique destination.

Anonymou #####

If Nashville truly wants to be all things to all people....a place where there is something to do for EVERYONE, at least part of the plan should include the racetrack (which can be used for many activities).....

Nashville has multiple office spaces which are left empty in much better locations, multiple greenways, multiple malls, multiple restaurants and food locations, multiple golf courses, and multiple parks and places to walk....

This is the only place in the city of Nashville for racing.  
43,273 Davidson County residents voted to save their fairgrounds.  
You should listen to the people. I live less than a mile from the fairgrounds the noise is no longer an issue with the mufflers.  
Please keep the racetrack in some form - it has more history than a lot of things in nashville.

Preston Quirk, architect

The Tennessee State Fairgrounds is NOT FOR SALE!  
This public park belongs to the people who are also the stakeholders.  
Our Charter clearly states the fairgrounds ownership.  
Stellar cities do not sell their public parks to developers.

!.) Losing the State Fair, as seems likely, will be a disaster for Nashville and Tennessee. Our city is an international entertainment center--the Fair should feature these performances.

2.) It is incredible that we do not feature flexible, multi-use of the Fairgrounds. We can use shared commons grounds for the fair for three weeks and then use as a park/parking/other use during the other 49 weeks

3.) This Plan should make very clear that the Fairground is subject to insider ploys

Anonymou #####

I would like to see the property's outer perimeter become a well-lit, wide green space, with separate lanes for walking & biking. As far as the interior, there are multiple uses that would enhance our city & create full-time jobs. Exam: nice restaurants, shopping, & music venues to complement the convention center & surrounding neighborhoods. I don't think current downtown activities are enough to meet need once the conv. ctr.

Anonymou ##### opens & Nashville continues to grow as a world-class destination.  
Please do away with the racetrack. Very few residents of Davidson county benefit from the racetrack and it is very much a nuisance to many neighborhoods.□  
The State Fair's heyday is long gone and if folks really want to have a state fair in Nashville a more suitable location should be found.□  
This wonderful central Nashville location could serve so many residents with beautiful green space and a thoughtful mixed use plan.

They should do exactly as the citizens voted and keep the Fairgrounds, Racing and other events at the fairgrounds. An election was held. The citizens voted and then you spend thousands on studies when the citizens have already voted to keep things as they are. Why are these studies even discussing, retail, housing ect. when that was not what the vote called for. This is just another way for the Mayor to try and get the fairgrounds land.

Anonymou ##### The studies should be how to spruce up the buildings.  
Flee market, racing (whether it's bikes, motorcycle, truck, cars, dog, pigs whatevery), different shows (concerts, gems, dogs, birds, cats, books, whatevery), bring in small conventions or meetings, upgrade the parking area with new paving, trees, walking area around the grounds, a waterpark or small admusement park, a history musuem of the grounds, a francy building where weddings, graduation, baby showers ect. can be held with a garden area. Upgrade the building and show areas.

I had planned to go to the Fairgrounds meeting on October 1st but did not since it seemed it would be as unsatisfactory as the initial "meeting" held at the Howard School complex. That was not a meeting. It was more of a cocktail party format minus any refreshments. No substantial information was given. Please let me know when there will be a real meeting with information about the future of the Fairgrounds.

Anonymou ##### I think that the TN State Fair is a poor quality fair not worthy of sustaining. It's more of a scary midway than a state fair. Please get rid of it.....

Leave it the way it is. I have read through all of the comments and the majority want the use to remain and be improved. I'm sure, despite the opinions of the "stakeholders", that the eventual mater plan will ignore the wishes of the citizens and will be the standard top-down economic urban-planning exploitation. Instead of closing the race track Nashvilleans need to kick out the entire liberal activist Planning Department, MPO and Mayor. The liberal government just wants to control you life.

Anonymou ##### Don't demolish the fairgrounds like we regretfully did to many of our unique historical assets. 50 years later, the "redeveloped" area north of the capitol building is still vacant lots and surface parking. Nobody is scrambling to develop the endless parking lot eyesores on the east bank. Leave the existing fairground uses intact, while consolidating parking into garages and opening up green space where possible. Establish greenways/parks and encourage development in remaining areas.

A fairground is for all the residents and all children of a city. Anyone who believes dollars are more important than children should look at their own family and ask IS MY BANK ACCOUNT MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY FAMILY??□

A fairground should be available for all residents to visit and hold public events. Nashville has a great potential because of it's great artistic base. When the fairground is operated for the people, not for the benefit of greedy politicians, PLENTY OF \$ WILL BE AVAILABLE!

Anonymou ##### Please make it into a nice public park, with a greenway and a dog park. and maybe a big pavilion that big groups could rent out for picnics and such.

The Harpeth Bicycle Club has been using the track on Tuesday evenings for several years now. Members spend a couple of hours cycling on the track, especially during the months when days are short. Also, the club works with "adaptive athletes", mostly blind students and adults to offer cycling opportunities. We ride these individuals on tandem bikes. We certainly hope to be doing this in ten years.

Anonymou #####

- Anonymou ##### Craig here, test message  
Build a Nashville Auto Racing museum and Hall of Fame. Get more tourist dollars and
- Anonymou ##### bring tourist to the area.
- Anonymou ##### Please save space at the Fairgrounds for Doggie Flyball events animal rescue triage!  
The state fairgrounds should continue to allow The Nashville Junior Roller Derby to have events there. As well, Dog Flyball tournaments. It is also a critical location for animal
- Anonymou ##### rescue efforts.  
Nashville Jr Roller Derby now uses space 10 months out of the year for practices and bouts. This space should moot be taken away from them but possibly improved upon so
- Anonymou ##### that other youth sports could use the same facility.  
The is something amazing and unique that happens at the fairgrounds, Nashville Junior Roller Derby. This sport has no other home and offers girls from throughout our area a unique opportunity to learn a growing sport (it's being considered for the future Olympics), develop in and build strength. This sport gives girls a healthy forum to explore speed and aggression like no other womens sport. Not only that but our team is good,
- Anonymou ##### really good and will bring pride to our city.  
Keep the Sports Arena open for Nashville Junior Roller Derby practices and bouts, thank
- Anonymou ##### you.  
All of the comments from the members of the Harpeth Bicycle Club grossly overstate the
- Anonymou ##### neighborhood's commitment to bicycle racing!  
As long as there is a racetrack at the fairgrounds it will continue to be a dump and NOTHING will change; not to mention our city is hemorrhaging money by letting it sit empty, (this effects all taxpayers by a lack of tax revenue). □  
The argument to keep the track is preservation, but the track was originally built for horse
- Anonymou ##### racing.  
My wife and I move to Nashville last year so I could take a job as a medical research scientist at Vanderbilt. One of the things we have greatly enjoyed during our time in Nashville has been cycling at the Fairgrounds speedway on Tuesday evenings during the
- Anonymou ##### fall, winter, and spring seasons. We sincerely hope this tradition continues in the future.  
As a member of the Harpeth Bicycle Club, I have enjoyed our Tuesday night at the track events. My first club event was there, a clinic for new riders. One of the most important things our club does is support blind riders who take advantage of the track environment to partner on tandems. This is HUGE for the blind athletes and I don 't know what could
- Anonymou ##### replace their time at the speedway! Save the Fairgrounds! Marty Welch  
As a bicyclist we greatly enjoy the Fairgrounds track for our use. We do pay to ride there and it provides a super spot for teaching young cyclists, the blind cyclists and everyone that like to ride and stay out of traffic. Please allow us to continue to use this fantastic city asset!□
- Anonymou ##### Thank you!  
Keep it open for the Harpeth Bike Club. Great safe place to ride bicycles with HBC. Not
- Anonymou ##### many options to ride when the sun goes down early in the fall, winter, and spring.  
The Track has been a great cycling venue for the last three years providing a safe place to ride off of the streets, away from cars and dogs.Its a great alternative place for great exercise, a wonderful location to learn bicycle skills. But, most importantly its a great venue for adaptive athletes to learn how to safely ride bicycles and a place that supports a quiet and low environmental impact sport. The Harpeth Bike Club's adaptive athlete
- Anonymou ##### program is the only one of its kind in the country  
please take a look at this there are some real ideas here.□  
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[http://fairgroundsheritage.org/pdf/proposal\\_rev.pdf](http://fairgroundsheritage.org/pdf/proposal_rev.pdf)□  
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[fairgroundsheritage.org/index.php?p=pr](http://fairgroundsheritage.org/index.php?p=pr)□  
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- Anonymou ##### go take a look at this.  
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- Anonymou ##### Improve the looks on the outside grounds.

Bring back fan fair.

Advertise more, bring in events for the young people.

Keep the races going and bring in more of the big races.

Anonymous #####

It seems to me that the racetrack could serve both masters. It could be used for racing and also function as a facility for activities such as concerts, bicycle riding/racing, and any number of spectator sports. The grandstand is one of the larger examples of a cable supported structure and it might have historic significance because of that quality. There

Anonymous ##### is no reason the area cannot be used for multiple uses, not just racing.

Anonymous ##### Continue with monthly Flea Market

It has come to my attention that a Fairgrounds Master Plan was done in the 1990's. Has that plan been revisited? Do reason to "reinvent the wheel".

Anonymous ##### Beth Campbell

Anonymous ##### More expo shows, farmers markets, cultural events

Please keep the racetrack for HBC Tuesday night rides! Its the only place in Nashville to

Anonymous ##### ride safely at night during winter once it gets dark early

Anonymous ##### auto racing,concert,expo events like Christmas Village and the flea market

Definitely keep the flea market and other festivals. It should also have a greenway and possibly park. You could add to the land by including the flood buy out area just across the street. I could be a nice environmentally friendly addition. There may be other surrounding land that is flood prone, but could be added to the campus to expand park

Anonymous ##### land.

Anonymous ##### no answer

Flea Market, basically all the type shows that make up the present day activities. The speedway is an important asset to the the present site but do think it should be more utilized for other venues (concerts, group activities. the Dukesfest deal was real successful). I'd like to see the return of a small venue of rides such as the old Fair Park with a putt-putt golf course and perhaps some area for soccer activity for the kids. A

Anonymous ##### walking facility around the complex would be nice too.

Races of all kinds the country music fan fair flea markets gun shows computer shows

Anonymous ##### model car shows car shows

Continue the contract of the Fairgrounds Speedway for Harpeth Bicycle Club. It provides a safe and well structured place for evening riding inside the city limits and also is an excellent place for the vision impaired (Tennessee School for the Blind and The Tennessee Association of Blind Athletes) to participate in safe tandem riding. Great use

Anonymous ##### of the track!

Anonymous ##### Demolish it and create a mixed use area for the community to grow.

Anonymous ##### Racing, flea market, convention type events

Anonymous ##### <http://newpark.wix.com/layout/intro>

The Track should continue to be a great venue for bicyclists, providing a  safe venue to ride off of the highways, generating revenue for the Fairgrounds because the Harpeth Bicycle Club pays to use the Track, an alternative place for great exercise, a wonderful location for children to learn healthy lifestyles and bicycle skills, a great venue for blind and other adaptive athletes to safely ride bicycles and a place that supports a

Anonymous ##### healthy lifestyle sport.

I would love to see the race track preserved in some form, even if not for car racing. The track and grand stand area, which I believe are located in the flood plain, could be redeveloped as a 'circular' city park utilizing the existing track for walkers, joggers, and bikers, strollers, etc.

Anonymous #####

I am unable to sign up for the email list via

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I may already be signed up with rachelwalden@gmail.com, but am not sure. The site is returning an error, "Your request could not be completed."

At some point, your email address was removed from this list. Please contact the sender directly to request re-admission or changes to your email preferences."

Anonymous #####

I think the idea of allowing cyclists to use the existing track on Tuesday eves is a great

Anonymous ##### one and should be allowed to continue in some format in the future.

Anonymous ##### Auto racing flea markets concerts

- Racing for sure. Flea market, car shows, monster trucks, dukes of hazard show, go cart
- Anonymou ##### races,
- Anonymou ##### Races, flea markets and the fair  
 Racing   
 The state fair   
 Flea market
- Anonymou #####  
 racing, fleamarket, same as now only take care of the place a little better so people will want to come there. Give a longer lease so a promotor can put money into the place and
- Anonymou ##### get bigger races that will bring in serious money to nashville.
- Anonymou ##### flea market and racetrack  
 Bring fan fair back
- Anonymou #####  
 Something like the farmer's market on 8th ave. North. Where I (I live in the neighborhood), can walk to green space, a place to get groceries and a bite to eat. Also to include shopping and something that appeals to everybody from red necks to tourists
- Anonymou ##### to locals. Kind of like an extension of 12th ave. south and Berry Hill.
- Anonymou ##### no answer
- As a neighbor, noise from the racetrack is problematic. Move to suburban location. Cleanup and reveal Browns Creek! Fairgrounds area is a watershed, but it's been forgotten and laden with trash. There should be a park along side the creek, not chain link. Whole area is a flood plain so not sure what could be done. Maybe soccer fields, community center, definitely park, mixed use. State fair should be relocated. Flea market
- Anonymou ##### is cool but could be better organized. Bike paths to East Nashville.  
 I would very much like to see the speedway continue not only from a historical perspective but also because I enjoy watching racing out there from time to time. I am also a harpeth bike club member and very much enjoy the riding that we do on Tuesday nights. This provides a great way to ride off of busy roads in a very safe environment. Please whatever you do make sure the speedway remains as an integral part of the
- Anonymou ##### fairgrounds.  
 The Fairgrounds Speedway has been a great venue for the last three years providing a safe venue to ride off of the highways, a venue that generates revenue for the Fairgrounds because the HBC pays to use the Track, an alternative place for great exercise, a wonderful location to learn bicycle skills, a great venue for adaptive athletes to safely ride bicycles and a place that supports a quiet and low environmental impact
- Anonymou ##### sport. I believe that cycling should be continued on the track.
- Anonymou ##### Racing  
 Continue to allow the cyclists to use the speedway on Tuesday nights. Their activities generate revenue for the Fairgrounds, provide a safe venue off of busy highways and are
- Anonymou ##### a healthy alternative.