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All Participants



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## Introduction

Now that the elections are over and a new member will join City Council, the time has never been better to ask questions that may be on your mind. Part of Montgomery's Strategic Plan is "to foster two way dialogue between the City and residents."

Over the past year, a variety of questions have been asked on Open City Hall. Now it is your turn. Please take a minute to ask a question of Montgomery's elected officials.

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As of October 27, 2011, 1:59 AM, this forum had:

Attendees:	118
Participants:	9
Minutes of Public Comment:	27

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Name not shown in Montgomery

April 27, 2010, 10:32 AM

I think it was a bad idea to put a paved walk way in the Johnson's nature preserve. Who agreed to this? Did the citizens of Montgomery say they wanted this? I was not asked nor would I have agreed to it. More money spent on something very useless. It is a nature park.

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Matthew Vanderhorst in Montgomery

February 1, 2010, 9:08 AM

In response to the comment dated January 31, 2010, 9:18 AM:

The City purchased the Business Club property in February of 2009 and demolished the building in the Spring. That building was located at the end of Ted Gregory Lane (7777 Ted Gregory). The building that is currently being renovated by Evolo is the old Ray Williams Heating and Air Conditioning. It is next door at 7813 Ted Gregory Lane. Evolo purchased that building in July of 2008. Their plans have been approved by the City's Landmarks Commission, Planning Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals. They will move in when the work is complete. Some of the parking in that area is on the Business Club property, some on the Evolo property.

Thank you for using Open City Hall. If you have any additional questions about the Business Club property, please feel free to call the City of Montgomery at 891-2424.

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Name not shown in Cincinnati

January 31, 2010, 9:18 AM

When did Evolo Design purchase or lease the former Montgomery Business Club property (purchased by the City of Montgomery and demolished last summer) located directly behind the Fellowship Baptist Church?

It looks like an impressive building for a private business, but the question should be posed to the Mayor and Council...is it the BEST use of the property that housed the Business Club since the 1940's?

The question as to how the property should be developed was posed to Montgomery citizens last fall right here in this Peak Democracy Forum...most of the responses seemed to favor community or public space development, in addition to retail and other business ideas.

It was concluded just 3 months ago from the City's internal brainstorming session held by Council, Commissioners and staff on October 19th and as stated in the December issue of the Montgomery Bulletin:

"...general consensus that the City should not pursue development of the Business Club site by itself, but to have a temporary public use while developing a master plan for the entire area."

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Can someone from the City please clarify and respond either in this Forum or perhaps in the next Montgomery Bulletin?

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Name not shown in Montgomery

December 28, 2009, 2:39 PM

I agree that the Corner Pub does pay to lease this property from the City. I think this is a good use of this property and encourages people to come downtown and enjoy themselves. It is important that our downtown be inviting to people and I encourage City Council to continue the types of improvements that it has made to encourage this.

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Name not shown in Cincinnati

December 10, 2009, 10:57 AM

With the substantial investment that has been made to the Neully Plaisance plaza, at the corner of Cooper and Montgomery Roads, and the declaration from the City that it will be an "accessible and pleasant public space for those visiting Montgomery's Heritage District", can we assume that the Corner Pub bar patrons will no longer use this as their outdoor drinking and smoking area? This past spring and summer this space was nothing but an extension of the bar. People were outside drinking and smoking and this was hardly a family friendly gathering space. In fact, the area was blocked off by portable picket fencing. It does not seem appropriate that the City and citizens should foot a bill that will benefit the Corner Pub. I never did understand why the Pub was allowed to use this space as, I thought, it was public property. I would like to know if the City has an agreement with the Corner Pub to continue to use this space for their own benefit.

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Russell Speiller in Montgomery

November 28, 2009, 5:52 PM

To quote from the December Montgomery bulletin - "A brainstorming session concerning what to do with the site of the former Montgomery Business Club yielded the following: The city should not pursue development of the Business Club site by itself, but to have a temporary public use while developing a master plan for the entire area."

My question is: What were some of the lead ideas that came from that brainstorming session for both the temporary use of the Business Club site as well as the long term master plan vision for the area?

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Name not shown in Montgomery

November 23, 2009, 9:46 PM

Have you ever considered building an outdoor skateboard park? I see more kids enjoying this sport, including my own, and I don't know of any places around here that they can legally skate outdoors that have ramps and other skateboarding things. I have seen such parks in other areas,(Chicago) and I have heard of one in Oxford. Perhaps the land which once was the old Montgomery Business Club could be used as a skatepark. Thank you for this forum, and the opportunity the give you ideas that pertain to our Montgomery community.

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Bob Saul in Montgomery

November 23, 2009, 11:16 AM

Lacking the financial capability to go to underground utilities, will the City start a program to clean up the overhead utility lines by requiring the utilities to reduce multiple lines, remove obsolete lines, and straighten leaning utility poles around the City?

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The Mayor and Council should encourage solidarity in promoting the businesses of Montgomery. The downtown "district" is great promotional idea within the larger business community, but one entity is best overall representation to the community.

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