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Public comments as of October 27, 2011, 1:59 AM

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Introduction

One of the five goal areas of the City's 2006 Strategic Plan is " The City recognizes the importance of the Montgomery Road Corridor in terms of aesthetics and business development/redevelopment including The Heritage District, the general business area north of The Heritage District, residential areas, the medical campus and the northern and southern gateways."

Montgomery Road has weathered economic changes, has a strong historic image, a variety of retail and commercial businesses, a top notch medical campus, and the signature elements with streetlamps and brick sidewalks.

Looking at the current vacancies and new business additions, recent improvements in The Heritage District, and the high visibility of this commercial corridor, what would you like to see remain the same and what changes would you see as beneficial to the services and aesthetics of this main arterial roadway in Montgomery?

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May 24, 2010, 8:51 PM

An inviting downtown, with ample and obvious parking, as well as historical tours that coincide with either the Farmer's Market or "Final Friday/Sat/Thurs" event, would really make a difference in the stature of our fair city to residents, and non-residents, of Montgomery. Afterall, the downtown of a city is truly its' heart!

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March 13, 2010, 2:45 PM

I would love to see a boulevard from the north end of the historic district clear up to I-275, with a strip of trees down the center of the road the entire way along Montgomery Rd (except in the historic district where there isn't room for a divided road).

I'd also love to see treelined sidewalks the entire way.

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March 13, 2010, 12:27 PM

Much like other postings I would love to see a "focal point" on the northern point of the City --- while the Village has established an identity I would like to see the "Uptown" area have an identity (around the Vintage Club area / again similar in nature with pavers, fountains, trees - the Montgomery Road Corridor if treated appropriately will have a lasting impact on separating the City of Montgomery from other "busy/nod-descript" corridors.

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March 12, 2010, 1:18 PM

It seems like there's a broad feeling that people would like to see more trees, landscaping and a pedestrian friendly feel, as well as some sort of a public space sheltered from the traffic. More outdoor dining. Perhaps a movie theater and/or rec center. If a gym gets put in, I hope it is placed further north than downtown so as to be readily accessible to those of us in the northern neighborhoods--possibly by the swimming pool or a park. I like the suggestion one poster had about Montgomery needing a draw. They mentioned the Montgomery Inn. People also think of Montgomery Bikes. Would it be possible to work with adjacent townships/Indian Hill to have a bike path down to the Loveland trail? Anything to increase bike friendly street would build on our image.

Doug Hughes in Montgomery

March 4, 2010, 11:21 AM

Landscaping/streetscaping/hardscaping (more benches/seating areas/screened from the traffic - make the corridor look like a "green" tunnel) screened from the commercial properties (for example, the new KeyBank building had planned development of the corner into a bench/seating area - but, it has never happened)(like the corner at the Safety Building). Perhaps development of the walking/biking path potential across Montgomery Road from the City Building (into the Twin Lakes area and up to the pool area). The Clossens building would be an ideal place for the Montgomery miniplex (probably has room for 3-4 screens). The strip mall next door could hold a 5 GUYS and (yes, another) Starbucks. A (probably too expensive) way to connect the east and west sides of Montgomery Road would be a pedestrian tunnel (like Reston, VA). The key points are - businesses are always changing and somewhat out of our control, landscaping looks good and is long-term. Pedestrian-friendly, destination sites like entertainment and family snacking will draw foot traffic and

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that's what we want.

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March 1, 2010, 9:50 PM

Is there a discussion yet for what might be done with the car dealerships that are vacant? I would like to see a fitness center for Montgomery residents. I looked into Tri-Health's partnership with Montgomery and found it to be very expensive. The residents need a fitness center that is affordable. The car dealerships have ample parking spaces and large existing buildings.

Russell Speiller in Montgomery

February 28, 2010, 7:00 PM

My vision would be for Montgomery to be known nationally as one of the best small town gems in Ohio, alongside towns such as Loveland, Lebanon, and Yellow Springs.

For the Montgomery Road corridor, this would first mean preserving and celebrating the heritage district through continuing the great efforts the city is doing towards landmark preservation and keeping the streetscapes well manicured and the public plazas fresh.

As the Montgomery Inn is known as a 'signature restaurant,' so too there needs to be a signature attraction in the district that would draw people to walk, eat, and shop the district.

The corridor should maintain a sense of true walkability through sidewalks, tree lined streets, and parks.

A common architectural design theme along the corridor would help avoid a mish-mash of cobbled together designs.

Along the corridor should be a mix of retail, restaurants, and recession resistant businesses that cater to the needs and wants of Montgomery residents while resulting in a steady stream of revenue to the city year after year.

What I would not envision is turning the corridor into the next Mason-Montgomery road or Fields-Ertel road, full of big box stores and mind-numbing traffic.
