Amsterdam Valley

Public Forum
July 19, 2017

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Finally, thanks to all the Park Hills residents
who participated in the event
and shared their vision for the city.

Residents Share Ideas for Amsterdam Valley at Plan Park Hills Forum

Lisa Stamm and Council Member Karl Oberjohn
Economic Development Committee

More than 75 Park Hills residents recently attended a public forum to discuss future plans for the area between Trolley Park and the VFW building, also known as Amsterdam Valley. The forum was put together by the Economic Development Committee and the Parks, Beautification and Recreation committee. Representatives from Joshua One—the owner of the former Gateway Community & Technical College property, Planning and Development Services, and the City of Covington attended as well.

Attendees gathered in small groups to discuss several topics, including beautification, placemaking, and infrastructure. They then shared their ideas with the larger audience. While each group had unique ideas, the predominant sentiment from residents was to preserve the natural aesthetics of Amsterdam Valley, avoiding significant development while adding a mix of passive and active green spaces.

The most popular suggestions included:
- Pathways.
- Plantings.
- Eliminating or concealing the public works material storage area.
- Active play spaces, such as agility courses or yoga in the park.
- A grand entrance to the city, such as a Welcome to Park Hills sign.
- Event and gathering spaces, such as an indoor community center.

Two commonly-held values are that Amsterdam Valley should:
- Be harmonious with the rest of Park Hills—incorporating stone column and trolley shelter designs in new structures or hardscape.
- Create a smart and visually attractive connection with Covington.

Residents were mindful of how new developments like the former Gateway College property are likely to affect Amsterdam valley. Many residents identified the challenges ahead, calling for:
- Traffic-calming measures, such as roundabouts at major intersections and new traffic patterns.
- Examination of the environmental impacts, such as hillside slippage and storm water runoff.
- Assessment of the material and labor costs associated with building and maintaining any potential developments.
- Consideration of zoning regulations and existing utility Infrastructure such as power lines.

City Council's committees plan to continue evaluating and developing the ideas established at this forum. As always, residents are invited and encouraged to attend committee meetings to participate in this process. The city also welcomes any comments or feedback on the Contact Us page of the city website.

Event Details

Time and Place
Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 7:00-9:00 PM
Sisters of Notre Dame, 1699 Dixie Highway, Park Hills, KY

Organizers
City of Park Hills:
Economic Development Committee
Parks, Beautification & Recreation Committee

Speakers
Howard Nemeroff, Economic Development Committee Member
Matt Mattone, Mayor of Park Hills
James Fausz, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services (PDS)
Karl Oberjohn, Park Hills City Councilmember
Paul Zeltwanger, Managing Member, Joshua One

Attendance
76 people total in attendance (participants and observers)
45 Park Hills residents signed in to participate, divided into five groups
(A few participants declined to sign in)

Notable Guests
Paul Zeltwanger and Bryan Bailin, Joshua One
Bill Wells, Covington City Commissioner
James Fausz and Chris Schneider, Planning and Development Services (PDS)
Lisa Wilson-Plajer, Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD)
Rob Hans, retired Chief Engineer, KY Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 6

Plan Park Hills

Your City, Your Voice.
We want to hear from you.

Open Forum Topic:
Amsterdam Valley

The City of Park Hills invites all to an Open Forum for the community to discuss opportunites for the area along Amsterdam Road from the border with Covington to the City Building.

Location and Time:
Wednesday July 19th, 7-9PM
Sisters of Notre Dame Building
1699 Dixie Highway, Park Hills, Kentucky

Presentation Slides

PLAN PARK HILLS:
AMSTERDAM VALLEY

A City of Park Hills Public Forum

Hosted by the Economic Development and Parks & Recreation Committees

July 19, 2017

7-9 pm

Introductions

- Mayor
- Council Members
- Committee Members
- Moderator
- Distinguished Guests
  - City of Covington
  - PDS
  - Joshua One

Purpose

- The Park Hills City Council and its committees want to hear from <u>you</u>

- Public forums, called **"Plan Park Hills"**, will be held quarterly to gain residents' ideas and concerns on key locations around Park Hills

- Goal:

  Create areas throughout the city that promote residents' health, happiness, and well-being

Focus

"Amsterdam Valley"

The land that extends from Trolley Park northward along Amsterdam Road to the intersection of Montague and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (V.F.W.) Post at the bottom of the hill

Amsterdam Valley Photos

Background

• PDS - Defining qualities and characteristics

• Council - actions to date

  • Old State Road

  • Park Hills Elementary School/Gateway Technical College

  • Joshua One

    • Development plans status, scope, timeline

Format & Process

- Three 20-minute discussion sessions

  Beautification – What could be done to enhance the appearance of the entrance to Park Hills and the overall Amsterdam Valley?

  Placemaking – How would you like to utilize this space? How does this area fit within Park Hills and the bordering areas?

  Infrastructure – What challenges are there in this area?

Agenda

Time	Topic
7:00p – 7:20p	Introduction and Overview
7:20p – 7:40p	Topic 1 Discussion - Beautification
7:40p – 8:00p	Topic 2 Discussion - Placemaking
8:00p – 8:20p	Topic 3 Discussion - Infrastructure
8:20p – 8:25p	5-minute Break
8:25p – 8:35p	Team 1 Report
8:35p – 8:45p	Team 2 Report
8:45p – 8:55p	Team 3 Report
8:55p – 9:00p	Wrap-Up & Next Steps

Team Reports

- Team #1
- Team #2
- Team #3

Next Steps

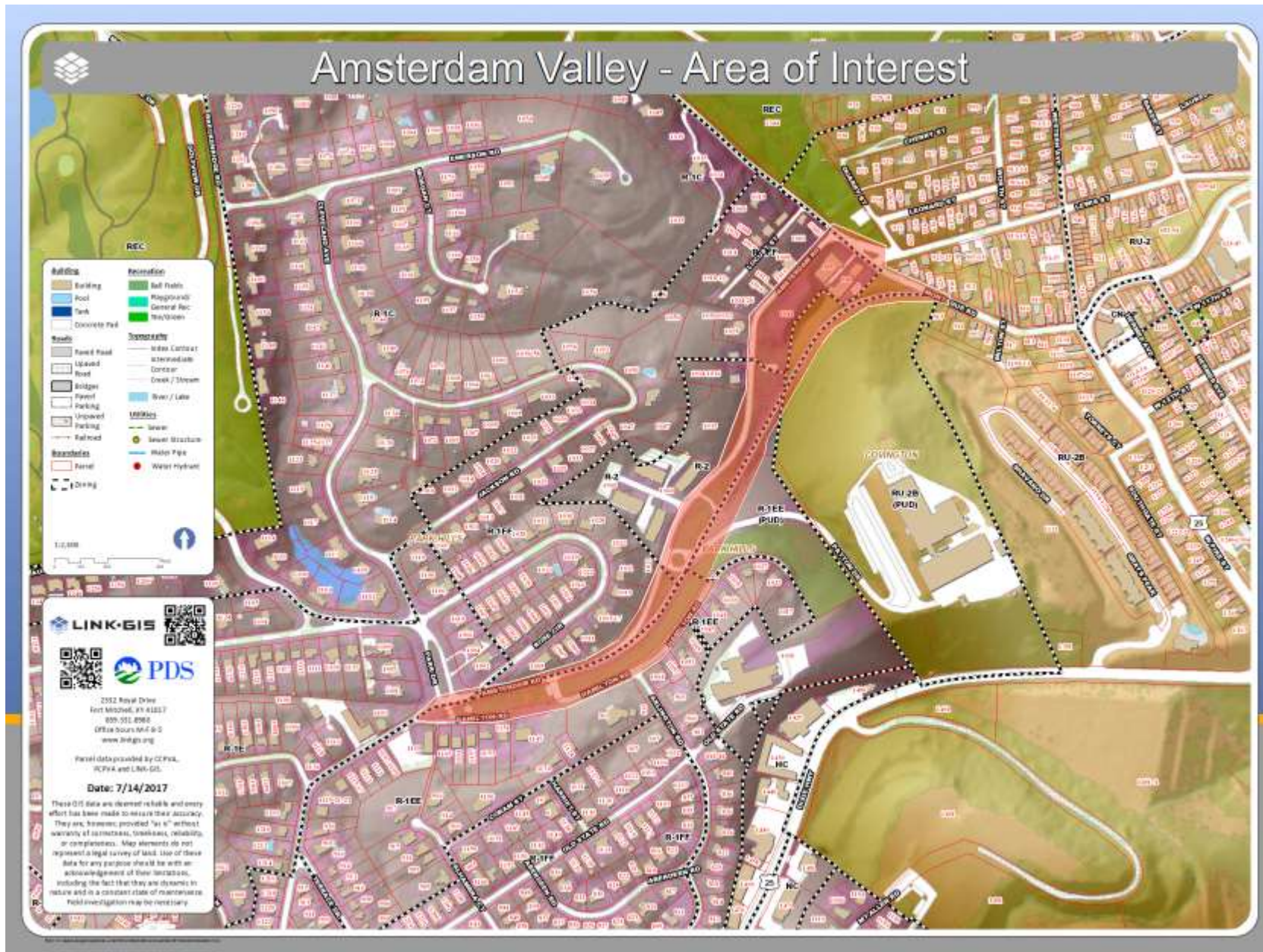- **Thank you** for your feedback!
- The Economic Development Committee will compile all input into a report, available to the public
- Please remember:
  - Development plans are still evolving
  - Recommendations are not binding
  - Zoning ordinances must be considered
  - Resources are limited

Table Handouts

Amsterdam Valley - Area of Interest

Amsterdam Valley - Simple Area of Interest

Easel Pages

Topic #1: Beautification

#1 BEAUTIFICATION BLUE

+ WALKING PATH
+ LANDSCAPE/PLANTINGS
+ WELCOME SIGN @ VFW
+ SOME INDICATION OF AN ENTRANCE @ VFW
+ DOG PARK
+ BENCHES/SEATING
+ STONE COLUMNS
+ STREET LIGHTS
+ STREET LINES / REFLECTORS
+ DEVELOP NORTHERN STRETCH
+ MOVE ROUNDABOUTS
+ ADD MORE TREES

* CAN WE BUILD STRUCTURES?

— NO GATEWAY SIGN

— NO DIGITAL SIGNAGE

#2 BEAUTIFICATION BLUE

+ POOL / SWIM CLUB !
+ RESTAURANTS
+ SHELTER HOUSE / BAND SHELL PROGRAMMABLE SPACE
+ FOUNTAIN
+ PLACE FOR FOOD TRUCKS
+ COMMUNITY GARDEN
+ SPORTING SPACE (ZIP LINE/SM SLOPE/ BOBSLED COURSE)
+ EVENT SPACE

Beautification:

* plant trees
* low maintenance; keep in budget
* work on hillside that is slipping away
* low infrastructure already so need a low maintenance plan
* decorative rock; natural setting
* appearance will depend on closure of Amsterdam or keeping the valley
  · storm water placement; easement?
* entrance way to Park Hills
  · park-like entrance
  keep it a greenspace
  · nice 'Welcome to Park Hills' sign ~ not digital
  · 2 way Amsterdam ~ open valley to greenspace
  · keep split but make transition to Montague easier
* extend Trolley Park all the way thru valley
* donate Gateway sign already in place to create Park Hills sign

* walk trail/circles around the valley area
* plant wildflowers & let nature take over
  · small nature reserve
  · low maintenance ~ weed issue?
* flag pole / US & Park Hills

Topic #1: Beautification

Beautification

- Entrance to Park Hills

- Movement of Amsterdam
- Bike trails & Walking paths
- Park Hills welcome signs

- Traffic permits keep roundabout

BEAUTIFICATION:
- GIVE LAND TO GARDEN CLUB
    - DONATIONS FOR GARDEN CLUB
    - FUNDRAISING FOR GARDEN CLUB
    - DUMP AREA - NO GOOD

- COMMUNITY GARDEN
    BLUE GINGER
    APPLE TREES
- GET RID OF HONEY SCCLE / INVASIVE
- AGILITY COURSE
    FOR ELDER / CHILDREN

- DOG PARK

- ZIP LINE
- WALKING PATH FROM TROLLEY TO
  AMSTERDAM W/ AGILITY COURSE
- DISCONTINE CENTER ISLAND
    W/ SIGN

BEAUTIFICATION
- Coffee Shop

- Dog PARK with Poo Bags (brand city)
- UTILITY To Focus on PH Residents/Citizens
- SAFETY CONCERNS
      - Lighting
      - Code Enforcement
- Community Garden
- GOATS

Topic #2: Placemaking

#1 PLACEMAKING   BLUE

+ SOMETHING IN THE SPIRIT OF PARK HILLS
+ HISTORICALLY ACCURATE
+ STONEWORK (REAL, NATURAL STONE — NOT ENGINEERED)
+ CONNECTING WITH/INSPIRING CONNECTION W/ COVINGTON
+ CLEAN UP VFW
+ BETTER SIGNAGE
+ CLEAN UP POWER LINES (MOVE/UNDERGROUND)
+ TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VIEW
+ DOG PARK
+ COMMUNITY GARDEN

#2 PLACEMAKING   BLUE

+ EVENT SPACE/CLUB HOUSE
+ CITY BLDG. FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS
+ SENIOR CENTER
+ BOBSLED TRACK   → HILL CLIMB
+ MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK/TRAIL CONNECTING TO EXISTING TRAILS (LEWISBURG) (UNPAVED)
+ TROLLEY
+ SWIM CLUB
+ SIDEWALKS
+ WALKING PATH/TRAIL
+ FARMERS MARKET
+ GATHERING SPACE W/ FIRE PIT

Placemaking:

* nice to keep greenspace for Park Hills events; extend beyond Trolley Park
  · extend festivities to area
  · parking for the events when necessary (i.e. Carriage rides, Halloween, Memorial Day, etc.)
* restroom facilities
* Yoga in "park"; kids' theater; green space for multi-purpose events; electric for small bandshell for kids' theater, young people events, etc.
* park benches/shelter area/picnic tables
* council meeting/civic center
* handicap accessible! (ramps, walkways, etc.)
* pond/catch pool

Placemaking

· No basketball courts
· Green space over "dumping area"
· Pushing more traffic to Pike Street
· Hire grant writers
· Tree line area with path & lighting
· Small businesses
  · ice cream   · Farmer market
  · coffee shop
  · Bike shop
  · seasonal
· Community garden
· Restroom

Topic #2: Placemaking

PLACEMAKING

- COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL
- WATER PARK / CHILDREN WATERPARK
- GARDEN
- ORCHARD -
- MALIEMONT STYLE / BRONZE FAMILY
   FAMILY AS A VOCAL POINT

Place making

need PARKING TO SUPPORT whatever we Build

Place FOR Recreation
   Active / Passive
      - SPRAY Ground
      - Basketball court
      - Swings - ADULT
      - Clubhouse
      - Amplitheatre
- Revenue Generation
      - Concession
      - Park & Ride
      - Solar Cells, Sellout charging
- ReWORK Circle Align with Roads

Topic #3: Infrastructure

#1 INFRASTRUCTURE — BLUE

+ COST (TO BUILD/MAINTAIN/STAFF/PROGRAM)
+ POWER LINES
+ DRAINAGE
+ PARKING
+ SECURITY
+ LANDSLIDE/EROSION
+ BATHROOM/DRINKING FOUNTAINS
+ STREET LIGHTS (SOLAR?)
+ LINES+REFLECTORS ON STREETS
+ ZONING

#2 INFRASTRUCTURE — BLUE

+ CONNECTION W/ COVINGTON
+ CROSSOVER/OVERLAP SPACES W/ COVINGTON
+ GATEWAY (FUTURE) TRAFFIC
   → PARTNER W/ JOSHUA ONE
+ ROAD CONFIGURATION
   → 2 LANES ON EACH SIDE
   → NARROW ENTRANCE/EXIT TO COVINGTON
   → BRIDGES/TUNNELS

(WORK W/ COVINGTON)

+ SLOWING DOWN TRAFFIC
   → SPEED HUMPS (DO THEY WORK?)
   → STOP SIGNS
   → ROUNDABOUTS
   → COBBLED ROADS

Infrastructure:

* storm drain; grade
* $$$
* roads ~ widening or repairing
* address slippage of hillside
* power lines down middle(?) of valley
* sewer & electrical easements
* driveways to consider
* agreement w/ Covington in considering any storm drains
* condition of Amsterdam roads
* thru traffic from other cities; future condos
** Gateway road/driveway will go thru middle of whatever goes in the valley
   · unless willing to use Views entrance

Infrastructure

Money
· Building costs
· on going costs

Erosion of land

Traffic
· 3 way stop at bottom of hill would be a mess
· keep roundabouts - add more
· Traffic lights
· How does Gateway development impact traffic flow

** SDI - "foul smelling" from sewer near VFW

Problem buildings
Repave Amsterdam
Water runoff
Upkeep - staff or volunteers

Topic #3: Infrastructure

INFRASTRUCTURE

- DUMP AREA - HAS GOT TO GO EXTEND PARK INTO VALLEY THROUGH DUMP AREA
- PARK W/ BENCHES
- PULL TROLLEY STOPS / BUILDINGS DOWN TOWARD MONTAGUE - BUILD W/ STONE OR SAME ERA
- PILLARS / IRON WORKS, PAVES
- KEEP STYLE / GENRE OF ORIGINAL TROLLEY PARK
- CONTINUING THEME FROM ORIGINAL TROLLEY PARK TO NEW ENTRANCE
- HERITAGE OF INFRASTRUCTURE
- STABILITY OF LAND AT NEWLY PROPOSED ENTRANCE

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Traffic - current Plus new. What are Joshua one Projections
- Combine Roads
- Walk / Bike Trail
- Wifi infrastructure
- Can Storm Water Be used For Pond
- Tree Planting & Removal
- Adjacent Access Dependent upon Where Road will access Amsterdam

Data Analysis

Sorted Data

Group	Topic	Item #	ID #	Comment	Category	Subcategory	Detail
BLU	I	10	BLU-I-10	Zoning	Challenges		Approvals
LGN	I	6	LGN-I-6	Sewer and electrical easements	Challenges		Approvals
LGN	I	8	LGN-I-8	Agreement with Covington in considering any storm drains	Challenges		Approvals
BLK	I	1	BLK-I-1	Money: building costs	Challenges		Cost
BLK	I	2	BLK-I-2	Money: ongoing costs	Challenges		Cost
BLK	P	4	BLK-P-4	Hire grant writers	Challenges		Cost
BLU	I	1	BLU-I-1	Cost to build/maintain/staff/program	Challenges		Cost
LGN	I	2	LGN-I-2	Cost [$$$]	Challenges		Cost
BLK	I	3	BLK-I-3	Erosion of land	Challenges		Hillside slippage
BLU	I	6	BLU-I-6	Landslide/erosion	Challenges		Hillside slippage
DGN	I	9	DGN-I-9	Stability of land at newly proposed entrance	Challenges		Hillside slippage
LGN	B	3	LGN-B-3	Work on hillside that is slipping away	Challenges		Hillside slippage
LGN	I	4	LGN-I-4	Address slippage of hillside	Challenges		Hillside slippage
BLK	I	12	BLK-I-12	Upkeep - staff or volunteers	Challenges		Maintenance
BLU	I	5	BLU-I-5	Security	Challenges		Maintenance
LGN	B	18	LGN-B-18	Low maintenance - weed issue?	Challenges		Maintenance
LGN	B	2	LGN-B-2	Low maintenance; keep in budget	Challenges		Maintenance
LGN	B	4	LGN-B-4	Low infrastructure already, so need a low maintenance plan	Challenges		Maintenance
BLU	I	2	BLU-I-2	Power lines	Challenges		Power lines
BLU	P	7	BLU-P-7	Clean up power lines (move/underground)	Challenges		Power lines
LGN	I	5	LGN-I-5	Power lines down middle (?) of valley	Challenges		Power lines
BLK	I	11	BLK-I-11	Water runoff	Challenges		Stormwater runoff
BLU	I	3	BLU-I-3	Drainage	Challenges		Stormwater runoff
LGN	B	7	LGN-B-7	Storm water placement; easement?	Challenges		Stormwater runoff
LGN	I	1	LGN-I-1	Storm drain; grade	Challenges		Stormwater runoff
BLU	B	10	BLU-B-10	Develop northern stretch	Core Values		Covington connection
BLU	I	11	BLU-I-11	Connection with Covington	Core Values		Covington connection

BLU	I	12	BLU-I-12	Crossover/overlap spaces with Covington	Core Values		Covington connection
BLU	P	4	BLU-P-4	Connecting with/inspiring connection with Covington	Core Values		Covington connection
BLU	B	7	BLU-B-7	Stone columns	Core Values		Preserve character
BLU	P	1	BLU-P-1	Something in the spirit of Park Hills	Core Values		Preserve character
BLU	P	2	BLU-P-2	Historically accurate	Core Values		Preserve character
DGN	I	2	DGN-I-2	Extend park or valley through dump area	Core Values		Preserve character
DGN	I	4	DGN-I-4	Pull trolley stops/buildings down toward Montague - build with stone or pavers of same era	Core Values		Preserve character
DGN	I	6	DGN-I-6	Keep style/genre of original Trolley Park	Core Values		Preserve character
DGN	I	7	DGN-I-7	Continuing theme from original Trolley Park to new entrance	Core Values		Preserve character
DGN	I	8	DGN-I-8	Heritage of infrastructure	Core Values		Preserve character
LGN	B	13	LGN-B-13	Extend Trolley Park all the way thru the valley	Core Values		Preserve character
LGN	P	2	LGN-P-2	Extend [greenspace] beyond Trolley Park	Core Values		Preserve character
RED	B	3	RED-B-3	Utility to focus on Park Hills residents	Core Values		Preserve character
BLK	P	1	BLK-P-1	No basketball courts	Don't want		Don't want
BLU	B	13	BLU-B-13	No Gateway [College] sign	Don't want		Don't want
BLU	B	14	BLU-B-14	No digital signage	Don't want		Don't want
BLU	P	8	BLU-P-8	Take advantage of the view	Suggestions		Design inspiration
DGN	P	5	DGN-P-5	Mariemont style	Suggestions		Design inspiration
DGN	P	6	DGN-P-6	Bronze family as a focal point	Suggestions		Design inspiration
LGN	P	12	LGN-P-12	Handicap accessible (ramps, walkways, etc.)	Suggestions		Design inspiration
BLK	B	2	BLK-B-2	Movement of Amsterdam	Suggestions		Street layout
BLK	I	10	BLK-I-10	Repave Amsterdam	Suggestions		Street layout
BLU	I	14	BLU-I-14	Work with Covington on road configuration: 2 lanes on each side	Suggestions		Street layout
BLU	I	15	BLU-I-15	Work with Covington on road configuration: narrow entrance/exit to Covington	Suggestions		Street layout
BLU	I	16	BLU-I-16	Work with Covington on road configuration: bridges/tunnels	Suggestions		Street layout
DGN	B	13	DGN-B-13	Discontinue center island with sign	Suggestions		Street layout
LGN	B	11	LGN-B-11	Entranceway to Park Hills: 2-way Amsterdam - open valley to greenspace	Suggestions		Street layout
LGN	B	12	LGN-B-12	Entranceway to Park Hills: keep [Amsterdam] split, but make transition to Montague easier	Suggestions		Street layout

LGN	B	6	LGN-B-6	Appearance will depend on closure of Amsterdam or keeping the valley	Suggestions		Street layout
LGN	I	3	LGN-I-3	Roads - widening or repairing	Suggestions		Street layout
LGN	I	7	LGN-I-7	Driveways to consider	Suggestions		Street layout
LGN	I	9	LGN-I-9	Condition of Amsterdam roads	Suggestions		Street layout
RED	I	2	RED-I-2	Combine roads	Suggestions		Street layout
BLK	I	4	BLK-I-4	Traffic: 3-way stop at bottom of hill would be a mess	Suggestions		Traffic calming
BLK	I	6	BLK-I-6	Traffic: Traffic lights	Suggestions		Traffic calming
BLK	I	7	BLK-I-7	Traffic: How does Gateway/Joshua One development impact traffic flow	Suggestions		Traffic calming
BLK	P	3	BLK-P-3	Pushing more traffic to Pike Street	Suggestions		Traffic calming
BLU	I	13	BLU-I-13	Future Gateway traffic - partner with Joshua One	Suggestions		Traffic calming
BLU	I	17	BLU-I-17	Slowing down traffic: speed humps (do they work?)	Suggestions		Traffic calming
BLU	I	18	BLU-I-18	Slowing down traffic: stop signs	Suggestions		Traffic calming
BLU	I	20	BLU-I-20	Slowing down traffic: cobbled roads	Suggestions		Traffic calming
LGN	I	10	LGN-I-10	Thru traffic from other cities; future condos	Suggestions		Traffic calming
LGN	I	11	LGN-I-11	Gateway road/driveway will go thru middle of whatever goes in the valley unless willing to use The Views entrance	Suggestions		Traffic calming
RED	I	1	RED-I-1	Traffic: current plus more (what are Joshua One projections?)	Suggestions		Traffic calming
RED	I	7	RED-I-7	Adjacent access dependent upon where road will access Amsterdam	Suggestions		Traffic calming
BLU	B	17	BLU-B-17	Shelter house/bandshell/programmable space	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Community center
BLU	P	11	BLU-P-11	Event space/clubhouse	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Community center
BLU	P	12	BLU-P-12	City building for council meetings	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Community center
BLU	P	13	BLU-P-13	Senior center	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Community center
LGN	P	11	LGN-P-11	Council meeting/civic center	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Community center
RED	P	5	RED-P-5	Place for active/passive recreation: clubhouse	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Community center
RED	P	6	RED-P-6	Place for active/passive recreation: amphitheater	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Community center
BLK	P	6	BLK-P-6	Small businesses: ice cream	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Eateries
BLK	P	7	BLK-P-7	Small businesses: coffee shop	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Eateries
BLU	B	16	BLU-B-16	Restaurants	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Eateries
RED	B	1	RED-B-1	Coffee shop	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Eateries
RED	P	7	RED-P-7	Revenue generation: concession	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Eateries

BLU	B	21	BLU-B-21	Sporting space (zip line/ski slope/bobsled course)	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Play space
BLU	P	14	BLU-P-14	Bobsled track	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Play space
BLU	P	16	BLU-P-16	Trolley	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Play space
DGN	B	11	DGN-B-11	Zip line	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Play space
DGN	B	9	DGN-B-9	Agility course for elder/children	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Play space
LGN	P	6	LGN-P-6	Yoga in park	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Play space
RED	B	7	RED-B-7	Goats	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Play space
RED	P	3	RED-P-3	Place for active/passive recreation: basketball court	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Play space
RED	P	4	RED-P-4	Place for active/passive recreation: swings - adult	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Play space
BLK	P	10	BLK-P-10	Small businesses: Farmer market	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Small businesses
BLK	P	8	BLK-P-8	Small businesses: Bike shop	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Small businesses
BLK	P	9	BLK-P-9	Small businesses: Seasonal	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Small businesses
BLU	B	19	BLU-B-19	Place for food trucks	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Small businesses
BLU	P	20	BLU-P-20	Farmers market	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Small businesses
BLU	B	15	BLU-B-15	Pool/swim club	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Swimming pool
BLU	P	17	BLU-P-17	Swim club	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Swimming pool
DGN	P	1	DGN-P-1	Community swimming pool	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Swimming pool
DGN	P	2	DGN-P-2	Water park/children water park	Wish List	Activity Centers/Facilities	Swimming pool
BLU	I	4	BLU-I-4	Parking	Wish List	Infrastructure	Parking
LGN	P	4	LGN-P-4	Parking for the events when necessary (i.e. carriage rides, Halloween, Memorial Day, etc.)	Wish List	Infrastructure	Parking
RED	P	1	RED-P-1	Need parking to support whatever we build	Wish List	Infrastructure	Parking
RED	P	8	RED-P-8	Revenue generation: park & ride	Wish List	Infrastructure	Parking
BLK	B	5	BLK-B-5	[If] traffic permits, keep roundabout	Wish List	Infrastructure	Roundabouts
BLK	I	5	BLK-I-5	Traffic: Keep roundabouts - add more	Wish List	Infrastructure	Roundabouts
BLU	B	11	BLU-B-11	Move roundabouts	Wish List	Infrastructure	Roundabouts
BLU	I	19	BLU-I-19	Slowing down traffic: roundabouts	Wish List	Infrastructure	Roundabouts
RED	P	10	RED-P-10	Rework circle; align with roads	Wish List	Infrastructure	Roundabouts
BLK	P	11	BLK-P-11	Community garden	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Community garden
BLU	B	20	BLU-B-20	Community garden	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Community garden
BLU	P	10	BLU-P-10	Community garden	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Community garden

DGN	B	5	DGN-B-5	Community garden	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Community garden
RED	B	6	RED-B-6	Community garden	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Community garden
BLK	I	8	BLK-I-8	SD1 - "foul smell" from sewer near VFW	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Eliminate dumpsite
BLK	I	9	BLK-I-9	Problem buildings	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Eliminate dumpsite
BLK	P	2	BLK-P-2	Greenspace over "dumping area"	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Eliminate dumpsite
BLU	P	5	BLU-P-5	Clean up VFW	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Eliminate dumpsite
DGN	B	4	DGN-B-4	Dump area - no good	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Eliminate dumpsite
DGN	I	1	DGN-I-1	Dump area - has got to go	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Eliminate dumpsite
RED	B	5	RED-B-5	Safety concerns: code enforcement	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Eliminate dumpsite
BLU	B	22	BLU-B-22	Event space	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Event space
BLU	P	21	BLU-P-21	Gathering space with fire pit	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Event space
LGN	P	1	LGN-P-1	Nice to keep greenspace for Park Hills events	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Event space
LGN	P	3	LGN-P-3	Extend festivities to area	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Event space
LGN	P	7	LGN-P-7	Kids' theater	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Event space
LGN	P	8	LGN-P-8	Greenspace for multi-purpose events	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Event space
BLK	B	1	BLK-B-1	Entrance to Park Hills	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Grand entrance
BLK	B	4	BLK-B-4	Park Hills welcome signs	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Grand entrance
BLU	B	3	BLU-B-3	Welcome sign @ VFW	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Grand entrance
BLU	B	4	BLU-B-4	Some indication of an entrance @ VFW	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Grand entrance
BLU	P	6	BLU-P-6	Better signage	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Grand entrance
LGN	B	10	LGN-B-10	Entranceway to Park Hills: nice Welcome to Park Hills sign - not digital	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Grand entrance
LGN	B	14	LGN-B-14	Donate Gateway [College] sign already in place to create a Park Hills sign	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Grand entrance
LGN	B	8	LGN-B-8	Entranceway to Park Hills: park-like entrance	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Grand entrance
LGN	B	9	LGN-B-9	Entranceway to Park Hills: keep it a greenspace	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Grand entrance
BLU	B	2	BLU-B-2	Landscape/plantings	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Plantings
DGN	B	1	DGN-B-1	Give land to Garden Club	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Plantings
DGN	B	2	DGN-B-2	Donations for Garden Club	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Plantings
DGN	B	3	DGN-B-3	Fundraising for Garden Club	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Plantings
DGN	B	6	DGN-B-6	Blue Garden	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Plantings
DGN	B	8	DGN-B-8	Get rid of honeysuckle/invasive	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Plantings

LGN	B	16	LGN-B-16	Plant wildflowers and let nature take over	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Plantings
LGN	B	17	LGN-B-17	Small nature reserve	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Plantings
BLU	P	3	BLU-P-3	Stonework (real, natural stone - not engineered)	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Stone/iron work
DGN	I	5	DGN-I-5	Pillars/iron works	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Stone/iron work
LGN	B	19	LGN-B-19	Flagpole / U.S. and Park Hills	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Stone/iron work
LGN	B	5	LGN-B-5	Decorative rock; natural setting	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Stone/iron work
BLU	B	12	BLU-B-12	Add more trees	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Trees
DGN	B	7	DGN-B-7	Apple trees	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Trees
DGN	P	4	DGN-P-4	Orchard	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Trees
LGN	B	1	LGN-B-1	Plant trees	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Trees
RED	I	6	RED-I-6	Tree planting and removal	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Trees
BLU	B	18	BLU-B-18	Fountain	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Water feature
DGN	P	3	DGN-P-3	Garden	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Water feature
LGN	P	13	LGN-P-13	Pond/catch pool	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Water feature
RED	I	5	RED-I-5	Can storm water be used for pond	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Water feature
RED	P	2	RED-P-2	Place for active/passive recreation: spray ground	Wish List	Landscaping/Hardscaping	Water feature
BLU	B	6	BLU-B-6	Benches/seating	Wish List	Park Amenities	Benches
DGN	I	3	DGN-I-3	Park with benches	Wish List	Park Amenities	Benches
LGN	P	10	LGN-P-10	Park benches/shelter area/picnic tables	Wish List	Park Amenities	Benches
BLU	B	5	BLU-B-5	Dog park	Wish List	Park Amenities	Dog park
BLU	P	9	BLU-P-9	Dog park	Wish List	Park Amenities	Dog park
DGN	B	10	DGN-B-10	Dog park	Wish List	Park Amenities	Dog park
RED	B	2	RED-B-2	Dog park with poo bags (around city)	Wish List	Park Amenities	Dog park
BLK	B	3	BLK-B-3	Bike trails & walking paths	Wish List	Park Amenities	Pathways
BLK	P	5	BLK-P-5	Tree line area with path and lighting	Wish List	Park Amenities	Pathways
BLU	B	1	BLU-B-1	Walking path	Wish List	Park Amenities	Pathways
BLU	P	15	BLU-P-15	Hiking/mountain bike track/trail connecting to existing trails (Lewisburg)	Wish List	Park Amenities	Pathways
BLU	P	18	BLU-P-18	Sidewalks	Wish List	Park Amenities	Pathways
BLU	P	19	BLU-P-19	Walking path/trail	Wish List	Park Amenities	Pathways
DGN	B	12	DGN-B-12	Walking path from Trolley [Park] to Amsterdam with agility course	Wish List	Park Amenities	Pathways

LGN	B	15	LGN-B-15	Walk trail which circles around the valley area	Wish List	Park Amenities	Pathways
RED	I	3	RED-I-3	Walk/bike trail	Wish List	Park Amenities	Pathways
BLK	P	12	BLK-P-12	Restroom	Wish List	Park Amenities	Restrooms
BLU	I	7	BLU-I-7	Bathroom/drinking fountains	Wish List	Park Amenities	Restrooms
LGN	P	5	LGN-P-5	Restroom facilities	Wish List	Park Amenities	Restrooms
LGN	P	9	LGN-P-9	Electric for small bandshell for kids' theater, young people events, etc.	Wish List	Park Amenities	Utilities
RED	I	4	RED-I-4	Wi-Fi infrastructure	Wish List	Park Amenities	Utilities
RED	P	9	RED-P-9	Revenue generation: solar cells, support charging	Wish List	Park Amenities	Utilities
BLU	B	8	BLU-B-8	Street lights	Wish List	Safety/Security	Street lighting
BLU	B	9	BLU-B-9	Street lines/reflectors	Wish List	Safety/Security	Street lighting
BLU	I	8	BLU-I-8	Street lights (solar?)	Wish List	Safety/Security	Street lighting
BLU	I	9	BLU-I-9	Lines and reflectors on streets	Wish List	Safety/Security	Street lighting
RED	B	4	RED-B-4	Safety concerns: lighting	Wish List	Safety/Security	Street lighting

Legend

Groups	*Each participant table was assigned a color*
BLU	Blue
BLK	Black
LGN	Light Green
DGN	Dark Green
RED	Red

Topics	*Three 20-minute discussion topics*
B	Beautification
P	Placemaking
I	Infrastructure

Categories	
Challenges	Obstacles that the new project must overcome
Core Values	Guiding principles for the new project design
Don't Want	Negative feedback; unwanted items
Suggestions	General ideas that require further development
Wish List	Specific ideas

Wish List Subcategories
Activity Centers/Facilities
Infrastructure
Landscaping/Hardscaping
Park Amenities
Safety/Security

Wish List Responses

Wish List Item	Frequency
Play space	9
Pathways	9
Grand entrance	9
Plantings	8
Eliminate dumpsite	7
Event space	6
Community center	6
Eateries	5
Small businesses	5
Roundabouts	5
Street lighting	5
Trees	5
Community garden	5
Water feature	5
Stone/iron work	4
Swimming pool	4
Parking	4
Dog park	4
Utilities	3
Benches	3
Restrooms	3
Grand Total	114

News Coverage

Park Hills hosting community meeting Wednesday to gather ideas for developing Amsterdam Road

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PARK HILLS, Ky. -- The future of one of the few remaining green spaces in town could take shape Wednesday night as Park Hills holds a community meeting to decide what to do with five acres of undeveloped land along Amsterdam Road.

Mayor Matt Mattone called Amsterdam Valley the gateway into Covington and Devou Park complete with beautiful views over the downtown Cincinnati skyline.

"It's kind of been an afterthought. There's two spaces between two roads. We mow them, but could this be more?" asked Mattone.

Mattone will host a meeting with residents at 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Heights on Dixie Highway to gather ideas for the space. He said a plan to build condominiums on the site has been floated, but that presents some infrastructure challenges.

The forum will give Park Hills residents a voice they haven't had on other projects, such as when the former Park Hills Elementary School, which was being used by Gateway Community and Technical College, was sold to Condoview LLC.

"It's really the last piece of undeveloped land in the city where we might potentially be able to create a space," said Park Hills resident Howard Nemeroff.

Park Hills to Discuss Future of Covington Border, Land Use

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The future of Park Hills's border with Covington, its land use, green space, street configurations, and other issues will be discussed at a meeting this week that will also feature remarks from a representative for a forthcoming development project on a hilltop where Gateway Community & Technical College once operated.

The "Plan Park Hills" public forum is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Joseph Heights (1699 Dixie Highway). The meeting is part of city council's special committees' effort to host quarterly meetings with the public to address issues.

The first meeting will gather input from residents regarding the future of what the city calls the Amsterdam Valley, the space between Trolley park and the VFW Post at the bottom of the hill.

At last week's city council meeting, it was announced that a representative from the hilltop development will also speak and offer some details about the project.

In May, it was announced that the former automotive center and classroom building that served Gateway Community & Technical College, along with the surrounding land and its sweeping views of the Cincinnati skyline, was sold to CondoView, LLC. The site straddles the Covington-Park Hills line.

The Kentucky Community & Technical College System and Gateway sold the property for $3.2 million to the limited liability company connected to Cincinnati-based Sibcy Cline realty. A forthcoming development is expected to be a collaboration of Joshua One and Sibcy Cline Realtors.

Joshua One developed the Views, the prominent housing development that boasts 3-story townhomes on the hillside below. This week, a second phase of that project will break ground.

At last week's city council meeting, council members also discussed how the former Park Hills School, which also sites on the hilltop site, should be better secured since children are gaining access to it. Fire Chief Scott Rigney said that he would look into it.

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Photo: *Park Hills School building (RCN file)*

How to Make Park Hills Better: Residents Weigh In

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More than 75 people showed up for the first Plan Park Hills meeting, to help shape the future of the city.

"I really didn't know what to expect, since this is the first session, but I was thinking 30 people would be good," said Mayor Matt Mattone. "This is great. It allows for the exchange of ideas, and starts people thinking. If we can get people to participate in how to fix up the city, it is like turning lemons into lemonade."

Participants were assigned to groups and they explored topics related to beautification, place, and infrastructure. Each group would then present their ideas on the topics.

Themes that emerged from the process included ideas for the beautification of the area between Trolley Park and the VFW in Covington, with decorative rocks and columns, a park line entrance, a new sign, better sidewalks, and gardens ranking highly. As an entrance to Park Hills, participants wanted to make it special.

Other outside-the-box suggestions included a community pool, a dog park, an agility course for older residents and children, and two quirkier ideas: a zip line to Mainstrasse and a bobsled track.

Placemaking ideas included an extension of Trolley Park down the hill and allowing for more events like theater and food trucks.

Infrastructure ideas included the addition of a storm drain to assist water runoff, and a wider road, and to improve hillside slippage.

Participants want a memorable entrance to the city with walkable sidewalks connecting the entire Amsterdam Road valley. Better lighting was also desired.

All of the suggestions will be put on the city's website and they will be grouped by priority and recommendations for city council to study.

The city is looking to host similar meetings on other topics each quarter.

[Howard Nemeroff] then told the remaining residents that all the post it notes will be compiled and put on the website, as will the results of the discussions, and the suggestions will be grouped into priorities and recommendations for Council to study. In addition, everyone who contributed their email addresses will receive results.   He said the city would like to do this quarterly, but that this was a good pilot of the program.

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New development has Park Hills thinking of its future

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Many of the 3,000 residents of the small suburban community of Park Hills expect change.

Developer and Ohio State Rep. Paul Zeltwanger has plans to construct 120-200 new homes in this town south of Covington next to Devou Park starting sometime next year.

So the city wanted ideas of how to make the center of town more beautiful as they get ready for new residents.

 About 70 residents on Thursday gathered to brainstorm in the meeting room of the convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Traffic caused by the new homes concerned many residents. The development will be on the former Gateway Community and Technical College property on the Park Hills/Covington border.

Zeltwanger said he doesn't know whether the entrance and exits of the development will be on the wider Dixie Highway or more narrow Amsterdam Road. He also doesn't know when he'll break ground, estimating it might be sometime next year. He's in the process of getting engineering studies on the land.

But residents had many ideas about how to make their city better.

Walking paths, dog parks, community gardens, a farmer's market and water parks were common themes among the residents.

Many residents wanted to keep it a quiet, residential community.

"I was happy with the way Park Hills exactly is," said resident Dominic Froelicher. "I wouldn't live there if it wasn't the way it is. It just feels like home."

But a zip line to MainStrasse in Covington might also be nice, as several residents suggested.

"Might as well dream," Froelicher said.

This will help the city leaders come up with a plan for the city, said Mayor Matt Mattone.

"Maybe by middle to the end of August, we'll have themes about the beautification, about the infrastructure, about the placemaking," Mattone said.