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| 15       | Is this the new name for the Greenspace push?  | No. The Greenspace push is known as the "Homewood Greenspace Initiative".   |
| 24       | This is an enlightening and fantastic page.  | Thank you!  |
| 24       | Are there really 300 spaces in the SOHO parking garage that are not reserved for the condo Units?  | In total, there are 399 spaces in the parking garage. Of those spaces, 74 are reserved for residents, and 7 are reserved handicap spaces. In total, there are 325 public spaces. During our survey, only 163 were occupied (40%).   |
| 26       | This mentions Central Avenue but the abundance of impervious surfaces in the main shopping and living areas downtown (as seen on image 2.2 and 2.3) are even worse. Since we know this causes a hotter climate, more pollution, and a possibility of flooding why not offer a recommendation on where to add green space in the downtown area? It is both needed and desired.  | While there are a lot of impervious surfaces Downtown, Griffin Creek runs along Central Avenue. Due to its floodplain being impervious, when the creek floods, the water spills over its banks and floods Central Avenue. Providing more greenspace along Central Avenue is a top priority to alleviate this flooding. We also agree that more greenspace is needed in Downtown Homewood. Pages 95-109 that refer to policy recommendations which include streetscape design standards, greenspace recommendations, and green infrastructure and stormwater management recommendations. In addition the plan illustrates several catalyst projects that would help alleviate stormwater issues in one way or another - see project numbers 1,2,5,6,9, and 10. |
| 26       | Also the water issues presented by not absorbing the downtown surface water manifest themselves downstream - it doesn't end up being a downtown issue it is a downhill issue all the way to lakeshore through the storm drains.  | Good point. Please see pages 104-109 for Green Infrastructure and Stormwater Management recommendations.  |
| 28       | Most of our bus stops have nothing but a sign. Perhaps local scout groups could take on some of this by building benches with awnings. This would be a win-win for the community, getting citizens involved and solving the issue.   | This is a great idea! We have added community groups within the implementation matrix.  |
| 28       | A covered bus stop at the Hallman Hill stop on Oxmoor would be great.  | This suggestion has been added to the plan. Please see page 90.   |
| 33       | Can this area (bordered by 28th, 31, Rosedale Dr, and 18th) be a higher density land use? With it's connectivity to the metro transportation system (31, 280, RME) and the fact that it is almost industrial feeling, I could see a long term development of multistory office and residential as an extension of downtown Birmingham. I feel this area would also have the ability to survive the "old Homewood" nostalgia argument as there aren't many existing historic or meaningful properties within this area. | Agreed! This area is recommended to evolve into a mixed-use medium and mixed-use low district. See page 77 for the proposed Future Land Use map.  |
| 33       | The proposed greenway will serve as a bike route, so rather than run the bike lane down 28th Ave, which is tight already, run it down Reese St. to 18th St.  | While the greenway is envisioned as a multi-use path, to ensure the continued safety of bicyclists, the plan recommends a bike facility on 28th avenue which is a heavily used route (6000-12,000+ trips unique trips annually) that bicyclist use to cross U.S. 31.  |
| 2/4/1900 | Typo - availability misspelled   | This typo has been corrected. Please see page 35.   |
| 44       | We don't even know if cars are allowed here. I know the city council people can park there during meetings, but is the general public ever allowed? It needs to be used for something, per all the feedback - what about parking for the businesses that can't seem to survive on the far corners because of lack of adjacent parking.   | As illustrated by the April 2017 parking study, Downtown Homewood does not have a parking problem. The plan recommends that the plaza be renovated to provide a "softened" and welcoming gathering space for pedestrians, be flexible and supportive of year-round events, and feature additional landscaping elements. Instead of everyone parking on the plaza, wouldn't it be great if food trucks parked there instead?   |
| 45       | Not a fan of the poles with the fabric stretched across the green areas. It takes away from the space.   | We appreciate your feedback. The shade structure is intended to increase the shade in the plaza, since large shade trees are unlikely to mature within planters.  |
| 45       | We need oak trees in this space, not metal or fabric awnings. Trees create root systems, cool the temperatures, clean the air, offer homes to wildlife and look amazing. PLEASE no metal posts or synthetic awnings, this is not a good look or long-term idea.  | While large oak trees would look great in this space and provide other benefits, the plaza sits on top of the SOHO parking garage. Unfortunately, large shade trees with deep roots could harm the structural integrity of the parking deck below. The trees shown in this rendering are intended to be relatively small, and are placed in large planters.   |
| 45       | No metal posts, towers or synthetic awnings here. It just hurts to look at this. Native Oaks will provide everything that we need in this space.   | Please see the comment above.   |
| 45       | If metal benches are used, they would need to be under shade trees. Metal benches are too hot to sit on 6 months of the year in our climate.   | Good point! We have included both a metal and wood bench option under Streetscape Design Standards on page 98.  |
| 46       | This corner is one of the best green spaces downtown. Don't change it! Instead make a couple other downtown corners to match it.   | We agree that downtown could use some streetscape improvements. See pages 95-101 for recommended streetscape design standards.  |
| 47       | Nice idea for this area.   | Thank you!  |
| 48       | Please consider an art mural contest. There are SO many creative mural artists in Birmingham.  | Great idea, we will pass this onto the City for implementation.   |

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| 48   | All great suggestions! I prefer painting walls to colored lights. How often is graffiti having to be painted over now? Consider that when considering whether or not to paint patterns. Bright walls would make tunnel more welcoming.   | Great suggestion. We will pass this comment onto the Department of Public Works.   |
| 48   | Love this! Illuminating our tunnel would match and connect us to the Birmingham area.  | So true! Thank you for your comment!   |
| 50   | Much needed improvement, especially at the entrance. These improvements would take this from unsightly and scary to usable and safer feeling.  | Agreed! Thank you for your comment!  |
| 51   | Consider lighting and new signage for this area. The Santa Monica Mall in Santa Monica, CA has a really well organized parking deck: lights over the spaces that are red/green (not available/available), clear markings on the floor to guide cars, etc.  | Santa Monica Mall is a great case study! The plan recommends the following be done in the parking deck: add brighter lighting, repaint the interior of the garage to a lighter/brighter color, provide wayfinding signage, advertise that it is free to park in the deck, and to encourage employees to park there (see page 51).  |
| 51   | When I saw the white walls and lighting in the bottom right picture, I thought, "Yes, I'd be much more likely to park there!" One could also more easily see the signs for spots reserved for residents. Improved signage could also be used to direct folks to the elevator and stairs. Personally, I find exiting the parking garage difficult because it is hard to square the vehicle up to the exit ramp. I don't know if that is fixable.    | We appreciate your feedback and agree, please see page 51 for our recommendations.   |
| 54   | Ambitious! This looks great!   | Thank you!   |
| 62   | How will the "road diet" affect delivery trucks? Double parking on such a road will disrupt traffic flow. How does this work in other cities?  | This project is still in the design phase. Traffic engineers will ensure that any changes to the roadway will not impact delivery trucks.  |
| 62   | Would this keep the right turn only lane from 18th street onto Central Ave/Whatever the street might be called between Former White Flowers and the Furniture Store.   | We assume that the right turn lane will remain, but the project is currently being designed by Goodwin Mills and Caewood. There will be opportunities for public comment on this transportation project.   |
| 62   | Anyway to buy part of the white flowers retail space and sneak in a sidewalk to connect central and the parking behind those stores?   | Great suggestion, however this would have to be negotiated between the City of Homewood and private developers.  |
| 62   | This has been implemented in the East Village area of Des Moines, Iowa which has a similar density and uses as downtown Homewood and looks like a great idea.  | We appreciate your feedback, thanks for sharing a great case study!  |
| 62   | Great idea. Fix this dangerous corner.   | Thank you for your comment!  |
| 64   | Housing is needed in the planned area for all income levels including some subsidized low-income housing.  | We agree!  |
| 65   | The water collected by Griffith creek backs up about here and used to flood the Montessori school - which is why the school was raised 4 ft. It was so bad sometimes the drain in the field would spout water instead of take it away. We need greenspace to absorb some of this water.  | We don't disagree, please see catalyst project 10 on pages 72-73.  |
| 71   | Very glad to see the Rosedale Pocket Park plan. Please also make the Downtown Pocket Park happen.  | The plan recommends that the City "conduct a review of properties in downtown Homewood and establish a plan that identifies potential new pocket parks, plazas, parklets, and gathering spaces to expand the amount of greenspace downtown". In addition, the plan also makes the recommendation to "modify the zoning ordinance to require public or private greenspace as a part of new major redevelopment projects". Please see page 103 for recommendations regarding a downtown pocket park. |
| 73   | Would be a big improvement to this area  | We agree!  |
| 78   | Rosedale has some development like this, but can the area have more? attract younger buyers/tenants and give families a lower cost and maintenance option to live in Homewood?   | Great thought! The plan recommends that additional medium density residential units, like these be constructed in the Rosedale neighborhood (see pages 64- 65).  |
| 81   | I consider mixed-use medium rise to be four stories and this is appropriate all along 18th Street. I would like to see housing above the stores which contributes to safety in the downtown area.  | It would be great if more residents lived in downtown Homewood! As a part of this plan, the zoning ordinance will be modified to create mixed-use districts with specific design standards and guidelines. Sign up for updates to be notified when this process starts!  |
| 85   | Building codes need local amendments to allow existing buildings to cooperate to improve safety in the downtown area. One example is allowing fire sprinkler service to a row of buildings from one fire service connection to decrease costs and promote the use of fire sprinklers in existing structures. This helps to accommodate mixed use with housing. it is being done in other cities under the same standard building code that we use. | Great suggestion! As a part of this process, the zoning ordinance will be updated. We will pass this suggestion onto the consultant who will be modifying the ordinance.   |
| 88   | While additional marked bike lanes are a good idea, how do you intend to deal with the bicycle riders who do not ride in the existing bike lanes currently in the city nor follow any traffic regulations such as stop signs or red lights while on a bike ride.   | Bicyclists are subject to the same rules as drivers - it is up to the police to write them a ticket.   |

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| 88   | The crosswalk at the bottom of this page would be good around the Little Donkey.  | Thanks for the comment!  |
| 88   | With regards to bicyclists, I think recreational bicycling on the main thoroughfares should be discouraged during rush hour. Also, bicyclists need to obey traffic rules.   | We appreciate your feedback. Everyone must follow the rules of the road.   |
| 89   | Yes! All of these highlighted purple circles "intersection needing improvement" are so true. They are dangerous to pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. Please make it so we can cross 31 safely - whether the kids are walking across to go to school, or the residents just want to walk to Soho for a nice dinner. I see too many people running or cycling for their lives through these areas and those can easily be fixed. | Thanks for your comment! Have you tried crossing U.S. 31 using the pedestrian tunnel? See pages 48-49 for our recommendations! |
| 89   | I would like to have a covered bus stop and bench on Oxmoor here at the Hallman Hill stop.  | Thanks for commenting! We have added this recommendation, please see page 90.  |
| 98   | While metal benches are more durable (if kept painted), they can get awfully hot. Wooden benches are cooler. Does anyone use hardy board to make benches?   | Good point! We have included both a metal and wood bench option under Streetscape Design Standards on page 98.                 |
| 99   | With sweet gum and oak trees, male trees need to be used so sweet gum balls and acorns are not a problem. If holly bushes are used, they need to be in a place that would not be brushed by walkers because of the stickers.  | Good point! We will add on page 100 that male trees are should be used to cut back on litter.                                  |
| 99   | Please keep existing trees while adding new trees to streetscape. These mature shade trees cannot be replaced in our lifetime.  | It is always preferred to keep mature trees when possible.   |
| 104  | Proper stormwater management is key to most everything in this plan. Please make it high priority.  | We agree! Please see pages 104-109 for green infrastructure and stormwater management recommendations!                         |
| 111  | Certified Local Government status would aid in property owners obtaining grants.  | Thank you for your comment! We will research this suggestion.  |
| 119  | Potential Partner: Homewood Historic Preservation Commission  | We've added this group into the implementation matrix!   |
| 120  | Historic Preservation Commission in designated local district.  | This comment is not clear.   |