

Tomball Legacy Square Public Meeting

Master Report – Public Comments (July 10, 2025)

Design Category

Comment 1:

Please, please, please – NO MID CENTURY MODERN ARCHITECTURE on STEROIDS.
Please, be inspired by Texas architectural history.
No neo-classical Spanish Colonial style please, please.

Comment 2:

Outdoor space needs covering that is permanent & not susceptible to weather.
Umbrellas are not a good idea:
- They have to be maintained
- Can be stolen
- Need to be taken down during wind
Need covering spaces to avoid heat & rain

Comment 3:

Keep the Tomball feel. We are not Town Center, Market Street, or Magnolia (Waco).
Tie-in w/ German Heritage
Architecture where Fire Ant Brewery is nice – it would be good to expand that look & feel to this area & other areas that will be revitalized

Comment 4:

My comments are in regard to the architecture and coming from the perspective of a destination marketer. I feel there is an opportunity to lean into the German heritage to make this location even a tourist destination for Texans. Texas is filled with rich Spanish/Mexican heritage but Tomball has a unique opportunity to leverage the distinctive German roots. I would love to see that honored & I believe it would draw not only tourism but also film.

Comment 5:

RE: Architecture
Please keep the Hill Country in the Hill Country.
Tomball is in the coastal plains, doorway to the beautiful forests.

Comment 6:

For architecture – please design something timeless. Not kitsch, not hokie.
I prefer modern design that respects the original architecture of the place, but elevates it.

Comment 7:

Whatever concept ends up, incorporate large shady trees, especially around seating areas.

Project Name Category

Comment 1:

Tomball Art Destination

Comment 2:

Tomball Cultural Center

Comment 3:

Tomball Art Destination

Comment 4:

I like the name Legacy Sq.

Comment 5:

Heritage Park

Comment 6:

HERITAGE PLAZA
Multipurpose

Comment 7:

Project Name Idea: Herzhof
(meaning courtyard of hearts)

Comment 8:

Heritage Park

Comment 9:

TOMBALL ART DESTINATION

Parking & Mobility Category

Comment 1:

Move farmers market to depot area, with some treatment of ground in case of prior rain. Free up parking at Cherry & Market Street for businesses & farmers market.

Comment 2:

Work w/ TxDOT to get turn lanes on to N. Elm (largest parking lot on Elm St).
Also 'walk across 2920' at Elm St. (safety reason) — to event area on Market St.

Comment 3:

404 Commerce – NOT VACANT.
Does not want multilevel parking in #92.

Comment 4:

OLD TOWN → HISTORIC DOWNTOWN (note: we are not Spring)
Please find a spot where a parking garage can be built – bottom floor could be retail or city offices / flea market?
Top floor would be a new point - point of interest.
Can you put the church in a different color so we know our reference point.

Comment 5:

Traffic is a major concern for us & many others on Epps St!!
Attention to Stop Signs & Speed Control around adjacent streets.

Comment 6:

Close Oxford St. to vehicular traffic. Construct an open-air cover for the full block w/ connections to the Sanctuary and the Rec Center.
Match/reflect/respect the existing museums bldgs.

Comment 7:

Consider sidewalks and pedestrian paths linking parking & shopping on Main Street. This will serve to distribute the parking load, enhancing safety and walkability and link the available parking at First Baptist with eateries and shopping.
Also consider mature tree planting to shade parking and paths.

Comment 8:

Parking – Wow! Nice job!
2 ideas:

- build upward to accommodate the extra needed
- utilize a small bus/trolley system to accommodate remote parking (shuttle)

Comment 9:

Wow! I don't know where to begin. As a house who backs directly to this, it's hard to envision any of this. These photos look like something from Woodlands Waterway. I certainly don't see 'Tomball Community' in any of those architectural designs. A Food Court? Seriously, a joke.

On a different note, I would like to see some of the schools open for parking during festivals with a shuttle. A pedestrian bridge would be welcome. Also, dog parks for small/large dogs and maybe an agility course would be nice.

Comment 10:

- * Please no multi-story parking facility when next to residential house
 - * no 2+ story structures or facilities with LOTS of lights right next to residential houses
 - * No Dining → this would create massive nonstop traffic
- tnulisch@yahoo.com, 832-423-4939

Comment 11:

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Comment 12:

Go vertical with parking + use Tomball trolleys to move people around

Comment 13:

Please Please Please do NOT MAKE the little playground into a parking lot! Let it be a green space.

Comment 14:

NO MORE PARKING LOTS!!

NO RESTAURANTS WITH FRYOLATORS

We would like to see spaces for the community – for artmaking, studios, performance spaces, spaces for young people like a club, gym, climbing wall.

Comment 15:

- ① No more parking LOTS!
- ② Playground on Pine should be GREEN PARK
- ③ Building A should become venue for regional music/theater
- ④ No PARKING GARAGE!!! (see #1 – it will be the end)
- ⑤ Do we need a 1,000-person venue? I would say Tomball is about 'small and authentic.' If we need fancy-big, we go to the Woodlands!
- ⑥ The parking garage is based on an 'exclusive' parking model; we should calculate with a shared-use parking approach.

Comment 16:

Save the park!

The children's park on Pine St. should be kept a green space and have benches. No more parking lots.

Comment 17:

Parking #55 → House next to the comments Parking #55

I live @ 507 Kane St. next to parking lot #55.

Wheel stops are desperately needed along the parking along my fence. I moved into the house mid-Sept 2024 & I have had to replace multiple pickets AND I have had to pour new concrete for the fence posts because vehicles of all sizes DO NOT stop when they pull up to the fence – some keep going thus push into the fence. This is dangerous for me, my family to include 3 grandsons who routinely play in the backyard.

* I will donate the wheel stops if the city will install them. Please.

Please no 2-story or more parking garage

Comment 18:

A city trolley through this area past Juergens Park, to the library, etc. would be a wonderful addition to town.

General Comments Category

Comment 1:

Green Space / Commercial mix

- Music, arts, food, wine, beer, coffee
- Trees, green space, large trees, brewery, coffee house
- Keep historic charm
- Walkability & connection to existing & growing downtown Tomball food & shop & drinks

Comment 2:

All Good Guys Keep up the Great Work
Go Tomball!

Comment 3:

- Love the name Legacy Square
- Please include the public in the steering committee as participating members
- Include wayfinding signage to push folks into Old Town retail & restaurants
- Thank you for planning for parking here & all over Old Town
- Love the green space concept between (existing) Sanctuary + Chapel

Comment 4:

Y'all these ideas are great. I love it
All roads lead to Tomball

Comment 5:

Build BIG! For the next 25 years so we don't see similar issues in 10 years

Concerns Category

Comment 1:

Please consider the inconvenience that two large buildings... if on a concert day on 1,000 tables, this would not bring in revenue only 4 days a month, and the Tomball Art League comes.

Second, we suggest that a portion of the building be set aside also for an art gallery... or a portion be set aside for paintings, the planners would not suffice for long... cramming over cars.

Actually the building would lose capacity.

Comment 2:

Buffer/Brick wall near back of alley

Sound barrier for residence on Epps St. Please

Comment 3:

Keep the house next to the playground a residential home.

Be extremely transparent to the public.

Notify surrounding homeowners of any changes in advance.

Keep in mind that this is a residential area of homes passed from the very foundation of Tomball, TX.

No community center or homeless shelters.

Comment 4:

I work with the visually impaired community.

Would be happy to bring more information about more access to Art Community & Tactile Art.

Comment 5:

Long term: How will it stay profitable?

Will you sell it to a promoter?

15 years from now who will do the upkeep & maintenance — will it affect our tax rate?

Comment 6:

Safety of Visually Impaired Community

- White cane walkers – sidewalk

- Braille/tactile map of area

Comment 7:

What an atrocity!

Multi-level parking lots?

1,000 seat venue?

Flattening the little kids park?

If you do this, you will be cursed for eternity

Comment 8:

Cooking classes

Keep “Old Town” feel (Nothing Modern - throws off the feel)

Sound barrier for back houses

Be sensitive to back homeowners

Involve citizens in Committee Focus Group

I don't think many know the “current” plan as EDC controlling it all.

Comment 9:

I know it costs to keep up green spaces, but we need them for our climate.

We need shade & spaces for rains when it rains. I like the nods to German heritage even modernized.

All of our old timers in this area & Klein knew the families who settled & farmed these spaces.

Would love performing arts spaces & social spaces to make Tomball a destination + something unique.

I also like the globe in the steeple — perhaps it can be preserved & included somehow to represent our current multicultural population. Thanks! ■

Comment 10:

I'm very concerned about the noise this development will bring and how it will affect nearby houses.

This development borders a residential area — do you care about people who live here?

No screens. Stick with existing noise ordinance laws — quiet after 10.

Pocket park on existing playground.

(Margin note: looks like it is already named.)

Uses Category

Comment 1:

Relocate City/County building from south of Main Street to new church property complex. Re-purpose city, county property to commercial use. Link all the existing detention ponds with hike/bike trails for recreational use. Landscape the wet bottom detention ponds for water powl, butterfly gardens,

Comment 2:

Preserve the natural atmosphere of the chapel. It would make a lovely wedding and reception venue. For Building B, if it needs to be torn down that's ok. But if it could be repurposed into a conference center, or event center that would be great. Currently, Tomball does not have a useful place for small to mid-size events and meetings.

Comment 3:

Tomball Art Destination.

Comment 4:

Excited about the prospect of a Tomball Art Destination! Love the idea of local concerts, an art gallery, classes, dance exhibitions. Tomball needs to be an art destination. Visual and performing arts center.

Comment 5:

Bavarian Main Street Disney. Performing arts for all ages. Family-friendly place to enjoy - playscapes without playgrounds, seating comfort for all, landscape that is easily maintained (plant and structure wise).

Comment 6:

So - please keep the playground and upgrade it to a pocket park. Something for all the kids on the other side of Main Street. Food venues/etc not acceptable. I'm all for music/art/farmers market/etc but not what I'm seeing on these boards. Lastly a 10 foot tall brick or stucco barrier to the homes behind it.

Comment 7:

1) Keep church playground and make it public. 2) Keep the trees! 3) Need more sidewalks in neighborhood area surrounding new space.

Comment 8:

Involve citizens in the development committee. Please protect the park on Pine. Community center, arts space with studios for local artists, art class, music classes for young people.

Comment 9:

Mostly interested in seeing unique restaurants & beer garden. Not commercial and plastic. Looking for German feel to architecture. Alsace/Lorain style.

Comment 10:

Tomball Art Gallery a must.

Venue Category

Comment 1:

I would love to see a place for performances like the symphony, concerts, or theater/ballet. I think outdoor spaces with shade and places to sit are important. It would be great to have outdoor art too. Perhaps art that could be interacted with. Sculpture (modern), some greenery (not just concrete).

Comment 2:

Exterior table/chairs (comfy) with fans and/or heaters.

Comment 3:

1,000 seats venue? In Tomball? This is a beautiful peaceful artistic place. Your idea is ugly.

Comment 4:

I do not believe Tomball should plan for 1,000 seating music venue – 300, yes... maybe. Who is going to run these venue items... personnel, salaries, benefits...

Comment 5:

Before you build that theatre you should think about building community spaces like a maker's space, artist's studios, spaces for music gatherings. There is a music circle in Tomball that doesn't have a place to meet.

Comment 6:

We need to make Tomball art destination that includes a gallery and a space for classes/exhibitions. Need a venue for concerts, plays, and musicals.

Comment 7:

No thousand seat venue. Multi-use w/ green space – eat, shop, dine, art.

Comment 8:

No 1,000 seat music venue. A small music venue which seats 300 people. Have shows on Thurs, Fri, Sat & maybe a Sunday afternoon. You can use the gym – have tables & chairs. Tomball cannot support a 1,000 seat venue.