Break-out Session: Public Projects

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Convention Center
Focus on long-term solutions
Develop PR campaign that includes downtown venues
Solve parking issues

Market Square
Install interpretative spaces
Resolve creek and fountain issues
Consider concrete staining

Knox County
Continue joint efforts, i.e.:
  - Beck Cultural Center
  - new downtown library efforts
  - Knoxville Central Station
  - Movie complex
Keep in mind the allocation of County tax dollars within the City

Construction issues
Consider sidewalk and alley access during construction
Consider alternatives that favor public safety and pedestrian access

Design Standards
Employ long-range thinking for aesthetics
Initiate public process for review
Encourage, but not impose on, private property owners to comply
Integrate lighting plans review into permit review process

Finish the Plan
Get beyond the Presentation... Plan... Presentation... Plan... of the last 25 years
Aim for organized, sustained implementation
Aim for broad buy-in and community ownership of process and results

World's Fair Park
RFP is out and due November 30
Renovations and management to be driven by the private sector
Generate new creativity and energy
Maintain a family-oriented, arts & entertainment element

Cinema
Details: 500 Block of Gay Street, 8 screens, free evening and weekend parking
  - Expert consultants on-board
  - Capital project is in City budget
  - Overall project will go to Council
Review and discuss viability of keeping facades: structural and financial issues

Knoxville as Destination?
Should development be focused on making Knoxville a destination?
Is there community support for Big projects?
How do Big projects impact neighborhoods?
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Old City
Consider Old City as extension of downtown
Integrate Magnolia improvements as part of I-40 project
Tie any Jackson/100 Block improvements to Old City
Review potential expansion of CBID to the north
Be creative and supportive of community ideas

South Waterfront
Develop and then communicate planning process

Daylight Block
Maximize potential to expand the downtown demographic with another residential product

Transportation
Consider how roadway designs divide the city
Establish regional approach with TDOT

Gay Street Viaduct
When is Volunteer Ministry moving?
Communicate TDOT's construction plans once finalized

UT Housing
Facilitate moving graduate students downtown