



# What if Spartanburg, SC

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Had a crosswalk across Church Street (north of Dunbar) so no one runs over the Jay walking oldies.

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Autumn  
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What if Spartanburg had activities geared more towards deaf young adults?

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RHONDA  
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had another coffee shop in downtown open late.

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Marty  
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Had more food trucks in downtown

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Marty  
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had more creative/artistic bike racks.

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Stephen  
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Changed its name to Sparkle City.

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Bill  
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Created an enclosed area for kids to play (next to the volleyball courts).

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Bill  
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Built beach volleyball courts downtown.

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Bill  
5 years ago 

Beautiful street art around Spartanburg that only appears when it's raining : [0]

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Amy  
5 years ago 

Good public transportation system that would allow us to drive less, read more, save \$ on gas!

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evelyn  
5 years ago 

had a slackchat channel

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Marty  
5 years ago 

Had a classic downtown butcher shop or deli, artisan meats and cheeses

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Had monthly Neighborhood Art Parades w/musicians, dancers, poets, and art installations

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Cate  
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Had a dine in upscale dinner movie theater , 21 and over only after 7pm

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Yvonda  
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Had a dine in upscale movie theater, 21 and older only after 7pm

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Yvonda  
5 years ago 

Had a dine in unscale dinner

Created a Union Station similar

A Discovery Place based on

Had a time in upscale dinner movie theater , 21 and over only after 7pm



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Yvonda  
5 years ago



Created a Union Station similar to ones in big cities with restaurants, stores with a southern feel



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A Discovery Place based on history (like Smithsonian) with a Disney/Universal feel small world/HPot



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A Discovery Place based on history (like Smithsonian) with a Disney/Universal feel small world/HPot



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Yvonda  
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What if spartanburg made a man made waterfall downtown



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Yvonda  
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had a long off-road paved trail for cyclists to use like Swamp Rabbit Trail? (MBRT way too short)



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Emily  
5 years ago



What if Spartanburg embraced ideas instead of censoring thoughts and options?



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Ican  
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Had a billboard that counted the number of BMWs born in Spartanburg



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A nice steak house for adults with dinner music



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We need an art house movie theater downtown



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An indoor / outdoor aquatic center. A Trader Joes. More community parks with community gatherings.



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What if Spartanburg had an auditorium that could compete with Greenville. We need concerts too.



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What if Spartanburg had a minor league baseball team.



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What if Spartanburg quit saying downtown is booming when so many buildings are empty



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Community vegetable, sculpture & flower garden @ Chapman Center. Plein air painting & performances.



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Susan  
5 years ago



Support the arts organizations that are here by attending their events.



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Susan  
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A Gymboree Play & Music



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Crystal  
5 years ago



Build a man-made water feature and park in the grain district - beside the new hotel that's coming.



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mandy  
5 years ago



Apply the same rules to empty buildings downtown they apply to empty homes. Use 'em or lose 'em..



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Rick  
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Created a balance of chain retail (Gap, JCrew) and restaurants downtown.



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A wi-fi coffee shop filled with O'Reilly books for programmers.



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Amy  
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Create a family attraction such as Miniature World in Victoria, BC. Big project but profitable.



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Full-service Non-Buffer elegant Chinese Restaurant downtown where you can talk while dining.



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I'd love to see a nice gift shop with SC gifts and arts crafts by local artists in downtown Sptbg.



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Rita  
5 years ago



Get crime under control



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Vince  
5 years ago



build up instead of horizontal,  
how great would it be 2 see  
more than Dennys driving  
downtown??????



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Sean  
5 years ago



A children's museum such as  
KidSenses in Rutherfordton.  
We go often & spend \$ in  
downtown there!



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Convert one of the lg. empty  
stores into international mall  
with lots of small open indie  
stalls.



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would like to see a white  
tablecloth dinner restaurant,  
quiet music, separate cocktail  
lounge.



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Had a reggae weekend at  
Denny's Plaza. A great venue  
being wasted.



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John  
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Lower the rent and let the  
business stay open later



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Businesses that stay open  
past 9pm on the weekends  
that are not bars.



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What if Spartanburg had its  
own Six Flags?



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Developed a restaurant and  
bar on top of the Montgomery  
Building. Colleges, Hotel,  
Mountains,Sunset



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Focus more on developing  
businesses by the Rail Trail,  
where high foot traffic exists  
already.



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Downtown storefronts were  
painted in colors similar to  
what one would see in typical  
Irish towns



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Dan  
5 years ago



What if..... sparkleburg looked  
FORWARD instead of  
backward?



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Ican  
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Riverwalk at Lawson Fork  
Creek on Main with Shops,  
Restaurants, Coffee/Book  
Shop, etc.



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Need dollar general store in  
one of the open buildings on  
main street and little Caesars  
pizza



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What if Spartanburg quit  
copying what Greenville did 20  
years ago?



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Ican  
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A carousel to attract families  
to our downtown. Our local  
artists can design the horses.



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Encourage Denny's to open  
their restaurant to the public.  
There's no place to eat in that  
area.



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John  
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Had more restaurants and  
bars downtown that stayed  
open until at least 2am.



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Alena  
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Chili's !!!!



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What if downtown  
Spartanburg had an inside  
arcade play area for kids like  
the Big E in Gaffney.



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Brooke  
5 years ago



Had an indoor trampoline  
park!!



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Anonymous Lee  
5 years ago



Ikea asap



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Turn my land at Moore into a  
game park and raptor center.  
Offer training on Tyger River.



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have homeowners and business owners clean up , paint, clear debris and create a cleaner Sptbg



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keeping the ice skating rink open till Feb.



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I would like to see a skateboard park & teen center so they will have somewhere to go on weekends.



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wanda  
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Reduced I-85 traffic jams by a job swap program for people working in one city, living in the other



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David  
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Had a zoo and park like Greenville has



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Something 4 teens such as a place to play pool, dance, serve, food and non alcoholic drinks



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Catered to all people and not just certain segments of the population?



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Anonymous Lee  
5 years ago



Current down town restaurants need to have outside bistro seating on nice days at lunch and evening.



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Turn Cleveland Park on Ashville Hwy. into a dog park



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Open an indoor ice skating rink and bring in a team to represent the update.



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Sptbg should have a straight Main St with no built in Obstacle course



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Please build a pool to replace the Swim Center. Also, our roads are in dire need of repair.



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Colleen  
5 years ago



Trader Joes, Five Guy's, Big water park, Food Truck space, Kilwyns Chocolate store, Please get these



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Make Sptbg famous with the first of its kind "Retirement Communities" designed by senior citizens!!



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Janet  
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Drive-in movie theater! My kids have never been to one and I would love to take them!



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Megan  
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Extend Rail Trail all the way to Camp Croft Park, Barnes & Noble, German Restaurant downtown.



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we need more retail shops opened after 6pm downtown



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Cary  
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Connect the rail trail to glendal shoals via country club rd



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sara  
5 years ago



Had a variety of restaurants on a strip with beautiful bright lights at night.



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We had a indoor toddler play area with slides, houses, climbing structures..



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Crystal  
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Created a multicultural center downtown with Indian/Latino/Middle east dance, arts, languages.



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Had a women's co-op that provided child care so artistic moms could do art without guilt



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Had a minor league baseball team



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Had a tea shop like Dobra Tea in Asheville



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<p>Had a Zoë's Kitchen. Amazing food!!!</p> <p>4 likes 0 comments 5 years ago </p>	<p>Bring in a Casino,hotel.</p> <p>0 likes 0 comments 5 years ago </p>	<p>Multipurpose venue for live music, etc, larger than hub bub but smaller than SMA.</p> <p>3 likes 1 comment 5 years ago Alison </p>
<p>Had a Zoë's Kitchen downtown</p> <p>3 likes 0 comments 5 years ago </p>	<p>More health food stores in small towns</p> <p>1 like 0 comments 5 years ago </p>	<p>Ruth's Chris come to downtown!</p> <p>1 like 0 comments 5 years ago Anonymous Lee </p>
<p>Bring a retail store like Mast General Store doentown.</p> <p>5 likes 1 comment 5 years ago </p>	<p>Brought a retro bowling alley to downtown</p> <p>6 likes 3 comments 5 years ago </p>	<p>I would love to see a water park near the vacant land next to the Marriott Hotel.</p> <p>1 like 0 comments 5 years ago Philip </p>
<p>Renovate the Montgomery building, including the Carolina Theatre</p> <p>4 likes 0 comments 5 years ago Robert </p>	<p>Bring a "dine in" movie theater to downtown area</p> <p>8 likes 0 comments 5 years ago Robert </p>	<p>Turn vacant lot downtown (main st.) into biergarten/gastropub/outdoor event space</p> <p>3 likes 0 comments 5 years ago Robert </p>
<p>Bring more healthy and quick dining options to the greater downtown area</p> <p>3 likes 0 comments 5 years ago Robert </p>	<p>Spartanburg known for its music and the music walk the downtown area should center around this</p> <p>2 likes 0 comments 5 years ago </p>	<p>Need a plan commission to regulate and enforce the billboards and signs cluttering the county</p> <p>2 likes 1 comment 5 years ago Bob </p>
<p>Had folks who want to help save Bon Haven House which is across from hospital. Built in 1889.</p> <p>2 likes 0 comments 5 years ago Sharaine </p>	<p>Opened a Barnes and Noble, Cheesecake Factory, and Bath and Body Works in some of the empty lots.</p> <p>1 like 1 comment 5 years ago </p>	<p>Had a White Castles restaurant!</p> <p>0 likes 0 comments 5 years ago </p>
<p>Allowed food trucks or/ and Concession Trailers to park downtown on the weekends (with permits).</p> <p>9 likes 0 comments 5 years ago </p>	<p>Had more hotels within walking distance of the downtown restaurants and bars.</p> <p>2 likes 1 comment 5 years ago kathryn </p>	<p>A cooperative garden for free produce in exchanges for working the gardens.</p> <p>4 likes 0 comments 5 years ago Daryl </p>
<p>Had more ethnic food restaurants downtown, especially Vietnamese!</p>	<p>Had murals on every block downtown.</p>	<p>Had a place that sold macaroons downtown</p>

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Had an aquatics center on east side for local / regional swim meets

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Had a couple great vegetarian restraunts?!


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a breakfast place downtown that offered bagels, biscuits and English muffins with toppings.

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had a food truck lot with tables, bathrooms and a commissary.

♥ 7    💬 0    Cate 5 years ago 


Had a children's play area at the Farmer's Market

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Incentives and or penalties for owners of long empty downtown commercial buildings.

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Had community gardens. We have the space and expertise

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Utilize Beaumont Mills

♥ 1    💬 0    5 years ago 


used Nextdoor to network neighborhoods together for free? It's already happening. Join now!

♥    💬 0    Jane 5 years ago 


Keep the ice skating rink up thru February!

♥ 6    💬 0    5 years ago 

Had a city wide Humans vs. Zombies game!

♥ 4    💬 0    Kandice 5 years ago 


Put up "screens" depicting stores/restaurants on empty buildings like they do in new developments

♥ 5    💬 0    Lisa 5 years ago 


Had a street fair once a month downtown with artists, musicians, food vendors and sidewalk sales

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had a Noodles & Co downtown!

♥ 2    💬 0    Lisa 5 years ago 


Had more tech jobs for all range of experience levels.

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TRADER JOES

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had a rooftop bar like Sip in Greenville

♥ 11    💬 4    Leigh Anne 5 years ago 


Spartanburg had a children's museum?!!

♥ 2    💬 3    Leigh Anne 5 years ago 


Spartanburg needs Water Surfing Lessons downtown..... It's called A Wave Machine!

♥    💬 0    Wanda 5 years ago 

Had a wholefoods!

♥ 7    💬 0    5 years ago 

Had a target on the east side!

♥ 10    💬 1    5 years ago 

Had a Zoe's Kitchen on the Eastside. Great food at a great price

Had a reliable taxi service/Uber?

had a map of all the startups in town

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had a monthly or bimonthly startup event

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Need more often weekend events to bring people into downtown

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Some areas are too dark for pedestrians along Church St. Need better lighting.

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Franchise restaurants and stores would bring more people downtown in evenings, weekends

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Need quality, moderate priced hotels to attract travelers downtown.

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There needs to be more chain restaurants downtown that have longer hours.

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1% of funding for all public infrastructure projects is dedicated to public art.

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Had a cheap bus service that went from downtown areas to areas around the mall.

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Make the people who own buildings downtown rent them out instead of keeping them for tax purposes

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Dog friendly shops & restaurants

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Had an urban flea market

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Had a literary festival?

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had a followed a medically supervised optimal health program at no charge

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Eat and shop local Sundays with special discounts and sidewalk sales to bring people to downtown.

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Frozen yogurt place downtown!

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Have food trucks in Morgan Square

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Have food trucks in Morgan Square

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had solar-powered, compacting trash/recycling receptacles around town and in parks [0]

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had longer bike trails that stretched into more rural & scenic areas

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brought back the Preservation Trust & completed the work in Hampton Heights and other areas

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had yoga on the square on Saturday mornings

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Created financial penalties for buildings that became a public danger

had a Renovation Hardware like store around the square




had comedy club or comedy night rotation at some place around the square

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 Corry  
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had a dessert restaurant/coffee shop on the square open late?

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had a culture festival celebrating art of all types pre or post Spoleto

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Launched a national campaign, 50/50 business program..50 percent tech 50 percent brick mortar

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 Jeremy  
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All VCOM medical students learned about healthy cooking/eating


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Every family defined wellness and then a map was created to track results

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 Robyn  
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All of Spartanburg's infrastructure allowed for safe bicycling.

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 Matt  
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Had a mobile cooking truck to teach healthy eating for families

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 Kerri  
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Had more businesses that were open on Sundays.

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Had college/high school music classes on the square periodically?

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Had a new pop up shop @ a fixed location every few months, with rent subsidized by the City/Chamber

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 Cate  
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Rewired the city with Fiber optics to bring in High speed internet

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 Jeremy  
5 years ago 




had NO empty storefronts downtown

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 Lydia  
5 years ago 




Every parent committed to be outside playing with children for 60 minutes

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 Elizabeth  
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Had a public orchard!

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 Rebecca  
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Every child learned how to safely ride a bicycle and had a safe place to ride

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 Ned  
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Had food trucks!

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Had a voucher system for the homeless where people giving knew gifts went for food vs alcohol/drugs

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Had a guerrilla gardening brigade! [0]

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Had one platform for all events, activities

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 Robyn  
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There was more incentive to donate property for recreational properties.

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 Jon  
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had buskers

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 Lydia  
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Every third grade student was taught how to swim.

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 Sherry  
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Had musicians playing on the square more often

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Had a concert venue downtown.



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Had a gay bar downtown.

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Had an interactive sculpture park in the vacant lot next to the Kress Bldg on E Main Street.

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improve curb appeal/sidewalks, etc. of Pine St., Church St. & Main St.

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Had a bluegrass festival.

12 0 5 years ago

Willy Taco, Two Samuels, and/or Gerhards moved downtown.

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Need trees/hedge n front of Hillcrest Apts (E.Main) 2 screen cars on road & visa versa

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Jersey mikes

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Dog park with space for small

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Every time 1 of us left Spbg, we told 1 person in another city how awesome Spbg is! #spreadthelove

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Weekend long Bluegrass Festival.

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had a movie theatre showing classic and current films.

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Speakeasy opened back up downtown near Morgan Square.

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Had a great salad restaurant downtown.

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Had a grocery store downtown.

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Real and consistent traffic calming measures

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A downtown park where there

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The buildings that have been vacant for 5+ years downtown had temporary pop up shops in them.

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Make Church Street a two lane road with more parking and green space so it doesn't divide downtown.

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More extensions of the rail trail and additional similar trails to increase connectivity.

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Rooftop bar downtown.

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Had the courage to take down the Montgomery building for further development

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Which wich superior sandwiches

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Had another hotel downtown, AND near the Mall

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Had regular concerts at Barnet

<p>dogs, and lights along the rail trail!</p> <p>  2  0 5 years ago  </p>	<p>is a playground, dog park, concert venue and water feature.</p> <p>  14  2 Liz 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Park</p> <p>  20  0 5 years ago  </p>
<p>A permanent outdoor music venue in Morgan Square.</p> <p>  4  0 Joe 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Made-to-order burrito shop downtown</p> <p>  7  5 Sauce 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Had a five guys downtown</p> <p>  7  0 5 years ago  </p>
<p>Had a baseball stadium near downtown</p> <p>  3  0 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Had a bowling alley with a bar downtown</p> <p>  15  0 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Had a Dave and busters downtown</p> <p>  1  0 5 years ago  </p>
<p>Had real-time bus tracking available via website and/or app</p> <p>  6  2 Stephen 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Had safer pedestrian crossings across large streets (medians/refuges, signals, etc)</p> <p>  9  1 Stephen 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Solar twinkle lights in all of the trees on Main Street. Increases safety and walkability!</p> <p>  5  0 Mary 5 years ago  </p>
<p>Had three more breweries downtown...(or just one more!)</p> <p>  7  0 Cate 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Had a restaurant week!</p> <p>  8  0 Cate 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Downtown grocery store</p> <p>  9  0 5 years ago  </p>
<p>Rooftop restaurant downtown</p> <p>  19  0 5 years ago  </p>	<p>WISH a trolley service Thursday To Sat nights in the spring summer fall. Neighborhoods to downtown</p> <p>  5  0 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Had light rail connecting it to Asheville, Charlotte, and Greenville.</p> <p>  9  0 Kate 5 years ago  </p>
<p>Had a flower shop downtown.</p> <p>  3  1 Kate 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Had a park or trail within a quarter mile of every person in the city. #playability</p> <p>  6  0 Cate 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Had a play area for kids near Morgan Square.</p> <p>  6  0 Cate 5 years ago  </p>
<p>Had a dedicated funding stream for public art in downtown.</p> <p>  7  2 Cate 5 years ago  </p>	<p>Public transportation and walk routes posted on Google maps when searching for directions in city</p> <p>  4  0 Autumn 5 years ago  </p>	<p>more shopping / eating places in the downtown area</p> <p>  4  0 5 years ago  </p>
<p>Chili's downtown Spartanburg</p>	<p>Citizens had access to Uber as</p>	<p>Had a bike park with dirt jumps</p>

Chairs downtown Spartanburg

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Citizens had access to Uber as a means of transportation from downtown.

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Had a bike park with air jumps and a pump track.

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Had a calendar with all events going on in and around downtown

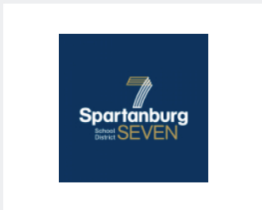
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