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NASCAR Hall of Fame: Charlotte, NC (www.belongshere.org)

Interaction Design

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Document Overview

This document contains a site map and interaction flows.

It is intended as a reference guide for all stake holders in this project to use during the development of the NASCAR web site design.

If you have any questions regarding this document please contact

Audience:

Core audiences for the web site are the community of Charlotte, North Carolina and surrounding communities, and NASCAR fans in general. Other key audiences will be the NASCAR Hall of Fame decision committee and the press. The assumption is that buy addressing the first two constituencies (Charlotte and NASCAR fans) that we will more than adequately address the needs of the decision committee and the press.

Launch:

April 15, 2005

Primary Objectives:

The design of the NASCAR Hall of Fame Charlotte Candidate City.

Born here. Built here. Belongs here.

Strategy

How to Make Charlotte have a successful bid for the NASCAR Hall of Fame?

♦ Be Relevant

Give users an active sense of participation in the site.

- The site should be optimized to let the fans show their support for the bid -- and to discreetly encourage them to do so. Education (one-way) is an enabling component, but ways should be explored to have Charlotte citizens actively participate in off-line activities (gather for meetings/events, order signs to put up in front yard, etc.).
- Achieving a goal of active participation from Charlotte citizens will demonstrate to the HOF selection committee that Charlotte is the obvious choice for the Hall of Fame
- Our other core audience NASCAR fans should also be encouraged in the web site; however, the experience should be structured to subtly encourage to support a bid for Charlotte as the obvious choice for a NASCAR Hall of Fame
- -Co-opt the Chamber of Commerce into providing as much support as possible. Want to give the sense the city is behind this 100%

Be Simple and Engaging

Provide clear and easy access to information.

- Scanability reduce (or push back) heavy text descriptions, telegraph key messages in a short concise manner
- Register users we need to create a reasons for users to register (premium content).
 Also this registration process should be made as smooth and seamless as possible
- Provide site-wide search functionality
- Provide distributional functionality such "Email This Page" and "Print This Page"

Be Entertaining and Informative

Position the site not only as a destination for entertainment but as useful informational source for NASCAR fans.

- Testimonials from NASCAR fans
- Interactive map of NASCAR valley
 -a city, a tradition, NASCAR Valley.
 Could be the possibility of tieing
 this into the interactive map of
 NASCAR valley

STATIC EDUCATION ELEMENTS (

push-efforts "newsletter"

Explanation of bid effort, leadership committee

information (Chamber of Commerce). connec-

tion to offline events/efforts, e-mail capture for

- blogs

-photo submissions (i.e. contests)

- Online petition for support of Charlotte as HOF city
- -Banner add that would appear on home page similar to London 2012 site, that highlights each user that signs the petition
- -"what we'd do for HOF" section where businesses pledge support for discounts given to people with proof of HOF admission
- -trivia "game" that ties Charlotte/ NASCAR Valley to NASCAR and HOF
- -PODCAST
- -polls & surveys (as per IPG)
- -e-Commerce (as per IPG)
- -highlighted press section of relevant material
- -static educational elements (as per IPG)

Stimulate Feedback

Take pro-active approach by collecting user information.

Ask users to sign up for premium content such as a online competitions, opinions on the criteria for voting...

per IPG)

Be Unique

Separate the site from competition.

- Provide unique visual style
- Provide additional ways for content distribution and aggregation (such as RSS)
- -Have a strong tie-in to offline components to such as links with Radio ads; Getting local stations and DJs involved with sponsoring rallies, shows of support, ultimate fan stuff, call-in shows, interviews bumper stickers, antenna hangers

Phase Two Proposals

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Audience Overview

COMMUNITY of CHARLOTTE NC (& surrounding communities)

-Charlotte is to a vibrant and quickly growing community. It has large concentration of Fortune 500 companies, and is the second largest financial center after NYC.

Besides NASCAR the only other major sports franchise in the area is the Charlotte Hornets (NBA).

- -Settled approximately in 1730
- -5th largest metropolitan area in the country
- -2nd largest financial center in the country (over \$1.3 trillion in financial assets)
- -7th highest new & expanded business activity
- -286 Fortune 500 firms represented
- -Cost of living below the national average

NASCAR FANS

- -NASCAR fans appear to cut across most socioeconomic lines, so in that sense it is hard to come up with a "typical" fan.
- -Brief overview of NASCAR.com indicates a user base that is technically savvy. Some of the content that is included on the current site includes (chat, message boards, downloads (screensavers, wallpaper), e-commerce, and Trackpass a premium service).

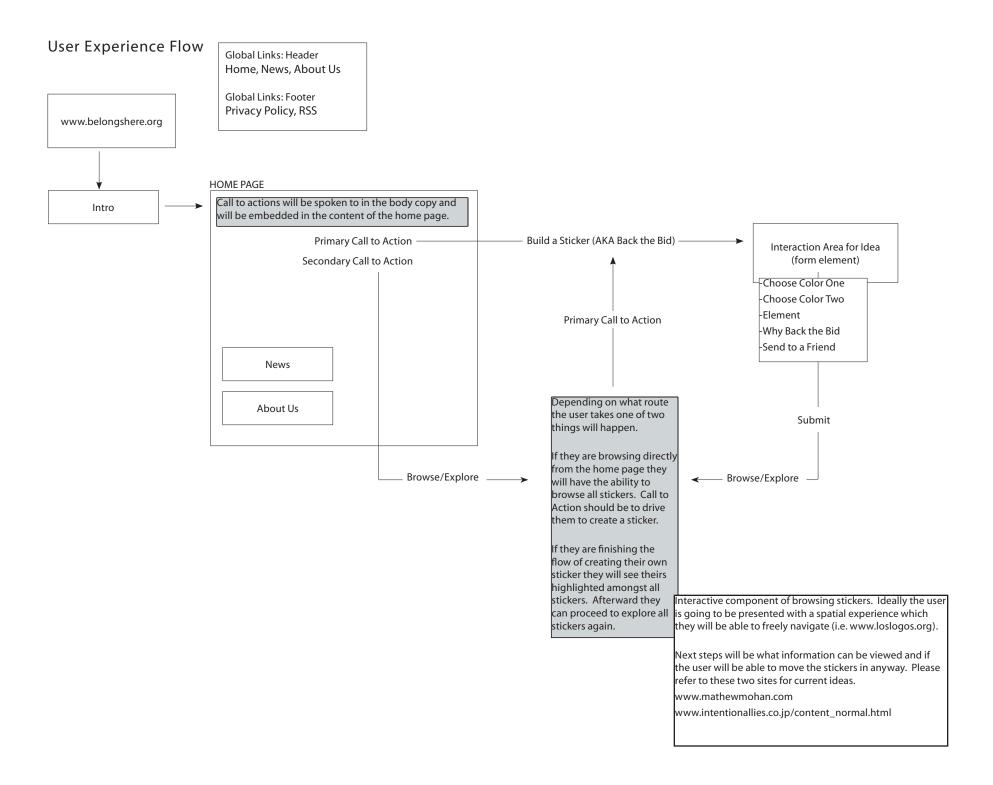
PRESS

-For obvious reasons press will be an important core audience. The more press that we can generate from the site the better.

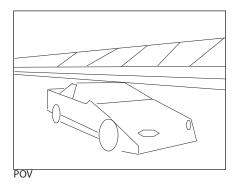
NASCAR DECISION

COMMITTEE

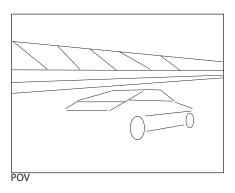
There is a committee; however, there is one central decision maker Brian France (NASCAR is a private company). His sister is also on the committee as well as Mike Dyer and George Pine.



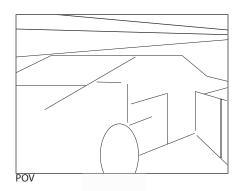
Intro Flow: Homepage



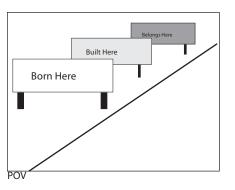
-Passive: user sees car racing through city from screen left to screen right, the idea is to open the "Teaser" site with a cinematic experience.



-Passive to Active transition: user will see the car go by on a cut.



-Active viewing: the car door opens and the camera shot takes the user into the interior of the car.



-Active viewing: user is now in the interior of the car watching as the city scape goes by. Large billboards will appear with the "Born Here, Built Here, Belongs Here" theme.



FULLY INTERACTIVE

The car pulls up and stops in an empty lot, with bulldozers and dump trucks, anything to give the general appearance of construction.

Some verbiage should appear along the lines of "Come Back April 15, 2005 (real date TBD) to help build The NASCAR Hall of Fame...

In turn pop-up navigation

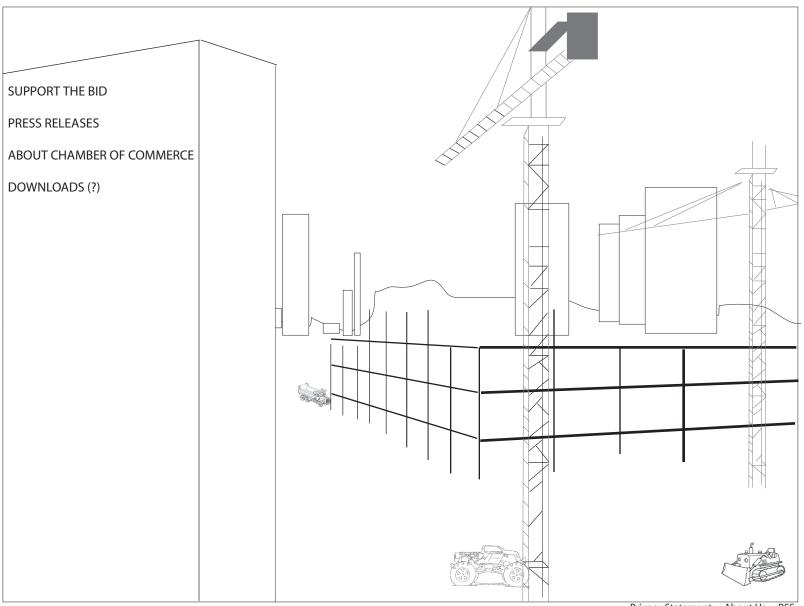
THINGS TO DO ...

NAVIGATION FOR THE Press Releases, Chamber of Congress, Countdown, RSS, and the "Support the Bid"

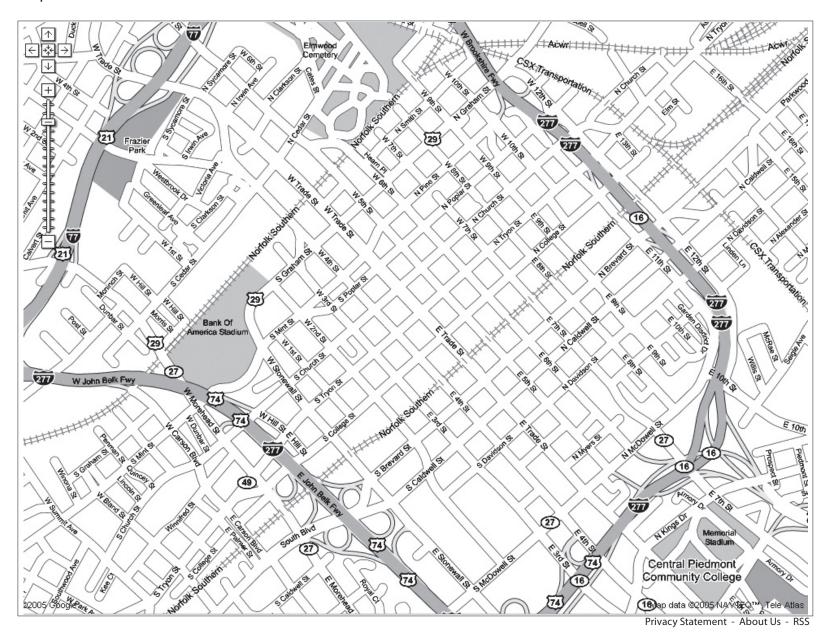
Raise questions about the physical space of the building how will it be represented. Will there be any pushback if the users are expecting this to be the actual building.

Work in the idea of the Interactive Map, fly up directly from the site (i.e. have the camera zoom up)

Home Page



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Navigation Overview & Form Element

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Creative Directions

STRONG BRAND (Born Here, Built Here, Belongs Here)

(marathon)

http://www.asicsmarathon.com/en/marathon/index.html

The idea here is to play off the idea of motion.

DASHBOARD

http://www.matthewmahon.com/

Ideas to be leveraged more for the phase two release.

COMMUNITY VIRAL

https://www.ecotonoha.com/index_en.html

-Support the Bid

-Downloads: ● skins

wallpaper

sticker collections (adbuster.org idea)

OPENING ANIMATION (interactive?)

OTHER MUST HAVE CONTENT FOR Teaser Release

- press releases
- chamber of commerce page
- countdown (? need to know decision date)
- RSS feed for easy syndication of this page for those users who would like to track page updates.

Idea is that the Teaser Release (aka Phase 1) will be a combination of Strong Brand & Community Viral ideas. The branding will be a combination of whatever logo the Charlotte HOF bids ends up using and the "Born Here, Built Here, Belongs Here" logo.

The major effort we need now is idea generation around the opening interactive animation that will build the sense anticipation for the Hall of Fame bid. The animation should lead the user directly into the Viral/Lead Generation aspect. The Lead Generation should be thought more along the lines of showing to the decision committee how much support and enthusiasm there is for the Charlotte HOF Bid.

IN SUM WE NEED CONCEPT GENERATION.