

Downtown Plaza Project Engagement Session Notes – 2nd Round

Adjacent Property Owner Session – April 20, 2023

- Rideshare pickup
 - Already naturally occurring at Center and Fifth or Washington and Fifth
- Green turf areas are a great idea but also its important to potential incorporate
- Furniture
 - Stay away from bench and move more towards table and seating
 - Moveable furniture is key
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- Trees
 - Keep trees on side rather than in the middle
 - Upsets sight lines
 - Prevents changing area for fairs and such
 - Would be nice to activate as a movie night
- Stage
 - Businesses want a stage area
 - Aim from Washington towards Center
 - Would make the music go away from
- Colored circle areas
 - Like that they provide a splash of color to the concrete area
- Lighting
 - Can be transformational to areas
- Ensure visibility on both sides of Washington street
- Do not eliminate any parking
- Activate the Center Space, create an open environment
- Stand out piece of art, we want a social media piece

Downtown Business Owner Session – May 10, 2023

- Ensure lighting is pointing downward (light pollution and impact on residents)
- Loading zone maybe set back the Center and Fifth interaction and direct deliveries
- Old L'Esprit would be ideal for like a Rust Belt Market (Ferndale).
- 212 W Fifth >> Is it owned by KW? Possible for more retail space?
- Ensure Loading zone for the Fifth is maintained
- Have to maintain access for the alley by Stagecrafters
- Interactive Kiosk for business registry
- Signalized for pedestrian crossing

General Public Session – May 10, 2023

- Want to ensure emergency access
- Can the curbs and street level be flush?
- Tabletop intersections (a person applauded, very favorable for safety)

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- Shaded area and nice lighting, not necessarily trees since they can be an obstacle
- Express support for the walkability aspect
- Love that the design bottlenecks and creates a great traffic calming opportunity
- Try out some micro forest type aspects, small grouping without spreading trees out
- Love the connection between the parking structure and the Washington corridor
- Bike racks are definitely wanted in the design
- Archways perhaps in an East to West directional
- Camera security could be a good idea
- Melbourne, Australia >> Special permission to certain vendors where they have to be open for set hours. Certain concession vendors that are in place and contact with police but less intimidating than police.
- Wayfinding; heads up signage that points where you are going. (London)
- Signs that are not digital.
- Charging and wifi
- Something to break the wind on the promenade
- Plan for dark and cold of winter on the promenade
- Can we do heated concrete that will help with melting the snow
- Texture would be good to ensure that it helps with sight mobility issues
- Consider lifecycle of materials
- Ensure communicating green aspects
- No petroleum or plastic based turf, use coconut husk
- Ensure we are pulling Baker students in
- Diagonal walk space to connect Baker and structure to the space
- No need for a bandstand on fifth, street buskers don't need a stage
- Eliminate the water feature
- Misting station would be nice for the water feature area