



Center of the City

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Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Summary Of On Forum Responses

As of February 25, 2020, 11:44 AM, this forum had: **Topic Start**

Topic End

Attendees:	1474	November 12, 2019, 9:49 AM	December 9, 2019, 12:56 PM
On Forum Responses:	534		
Minutes of Public Comment:	0		

QUESTION 1

What does your ideal commons look like?

Answered	469
Skipped	65

QUESTION 2

What experiences support your ideal commons?

Answered	422
Skipped	112

QUESTION 3

(1=A good idea, 4=Not in favor)

Sit and talk with friends


		%	Count
1		64.9%	342
2		11.4%	60
3		5.3%	28

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		%	Count
4		16.1%	85





Buy from a food vendor

		%	Count
1		40.8%	215
2		20.7%	109
3		16.9%	89
4		19.2%	101

Meditate in a garden or grassy area

		%	Count
1		41.0%	216
2		13.5%	71
3		15.2%	80
4		28.1%	148

Get help

		%	Count
1		14.4%	76
2		19.0%	100
3		20.7%	109
4		40.8%	215

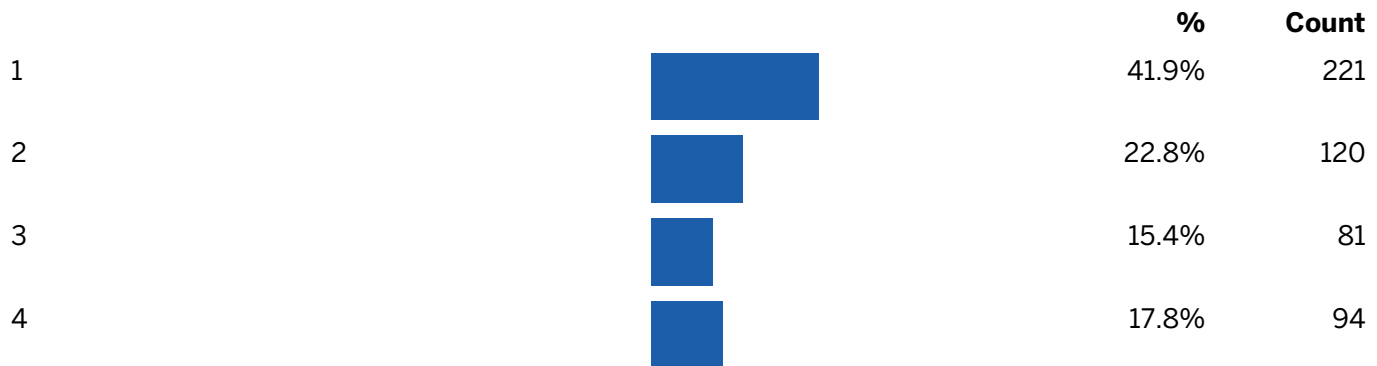
Work at an office

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Listen to live music



Watch children at play

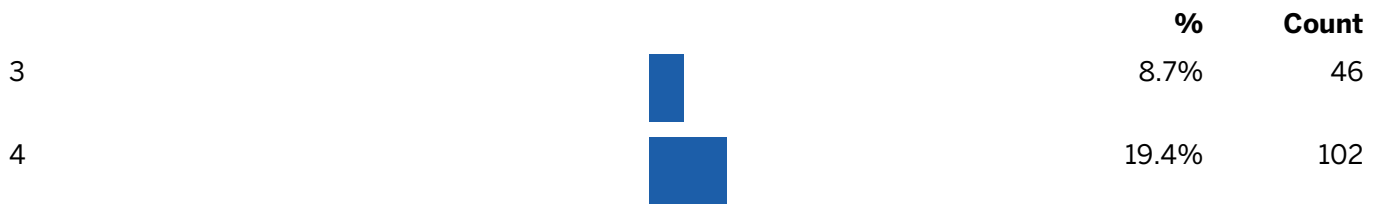


Sit quietly and read a book



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Use a public rest room



Visit the downtown library







Attend a private/public celebration






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Skate on an ice rink

		%	Count
1		26.0%	137
2		22.8%	120
3		15.9%	84
4		32.4%	171

Experience a water fountain

		%	Count
1		38.3%	202
2		21.6%	114
3		14.6%	77
4		22.0%	116

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe

		%	Count
1		39.5%	208
2		25.6%	135
3		12.9%	68
4		20.1%	106

Learn about the city's history





		%	Count
1		21.8%	115
2		25.0%	132

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		%	Count
3		26.0%	137
4		24.1%	127

Attend a kid's program

		%	Count
1		28.3%	149
2		26.6%	140
3		19.5%	103
4		22.0%	116

Catch the time at a clock tower

		%	Count
1		18.4%	97
2		20.1%	106
3		18.0%	95
4		39.8%	210

Come home to your apartment

		%	Count
1		33.4%	176
2		9.5%	50
3		13.3%	70
4		39.8%	210

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Appreciate an artistic sculpture

		%	Count
1		31.5%	166
2		26.6%	140
3		18.6%	98
4		19.9%	105

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot"

		%	Count
1		28.5%	150
2		22.8%	120
3		17.8%	94
4		27.9%	147

Experience a memorial

		%	Count
1		12.7%	67
2		22.2%	117
3		25.8%	136
4		35.3%	186

Attend a conference

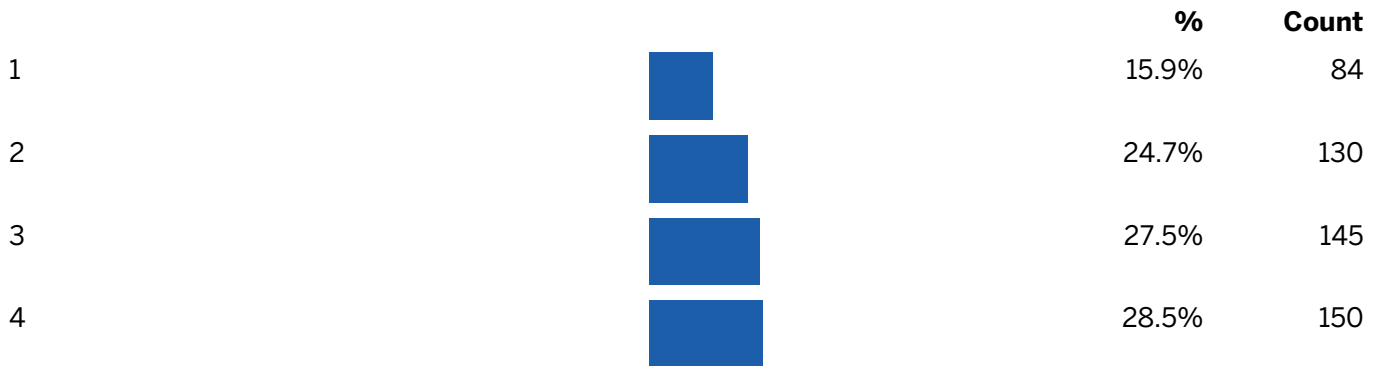
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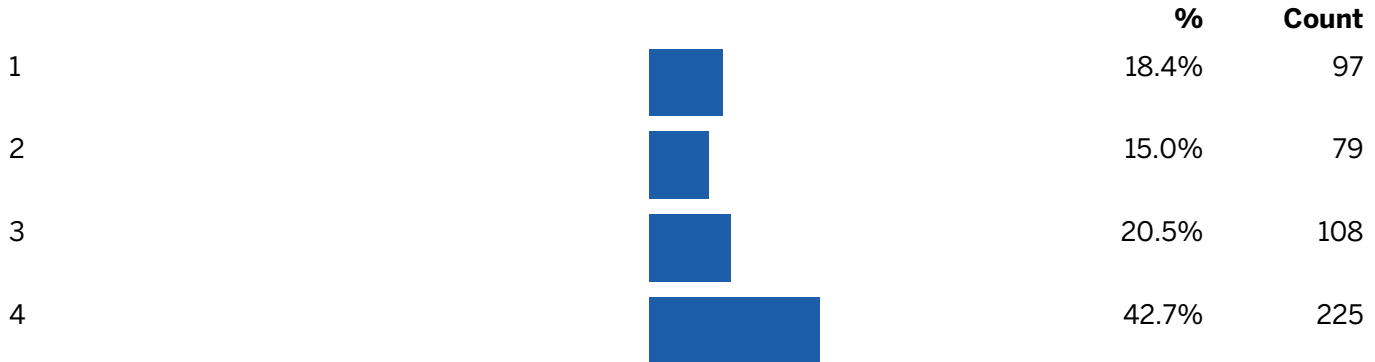
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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity



Buy incidentals from a store



QUESTION 4

Do you have any comments on the listed activities?

Answered	346
Skipped	188

QUESTION 5

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What type of activity would you especially imagine for yourself?

Answered	408
Skipped	126

QUESTION 6

Name a potential audience/user group of the Commons. (For example, senior citizens, children, etc.).

Answered	425
Skipped	109

QUESTION 7

What does this user hear in the Commons?

Answered	380
Skipped	154

QUESTION 8

What does this user see in the Commons?

Answered	376
Skipped	158

QUESTION 9

What does this user do in the Commons?

Answered	365
Skipped	169

QUESTION 10

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What does this user feel in the Commons?

Answered	355
Skipped	179

QUESTION 11

Besides the user group you named above, what additional audiences do you think might use the Commons?

Answered	300
Skipped	234

QUESTION 12

Do you have other ideas that would help create an inspirational Community Commons leaving a lasting legacy?

Answered	260
Skipped	274

QUESTION 13

Are there any additional thoughts about the Commons you would like to share with the Task Force?

Answered	251
Skipped	283

QUESTION 14

What would make it easier for you to engage with the City of Ann Arbor?

Answered	202
Skipped	332

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Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

What does your ideal commons look like?

QUESTION 2

What experiences support your ideal commons?

QUESTION 3

(1=A good idea, 4=Not in favor)

Row choices

- Sit and talk with friends
- Buy from a food vendor
- Meditate in a garden or grassy area
- Get help
- Work at an office
- Listen to live music
- Watch children at play
- Sit quietly and read a book
- Use a public rest room
- Visit the downtown library
- Attend a private/public celebration
- Skate on an ice rink
- Experience a water fountain
- Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe
- Learn about the city's history
- Attend a kid's program
- Catch the time at a clock tower
- Come home to your apartment
- Appreciate an artistic sculpture
- Use a computer in an internet "hot spot"
- Experience a memorial
- Attend a conference
- Participate in a hands-on crafts activity
- Buy incidentals from a store

Column choices

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

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QUESTION 6

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QUESTION 7

What does this user hear in the Commons?

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What does this user see in the Commons?

QUESTION 9

What does this user do in the Commons?

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Individual On Forum Responses

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inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 7:12 AM

Question 1

The Terrace in Madison

Question 2

The huge success that the Terrace has become in Madison.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

It's missing watch a movie outdoors.

Question 5

Something that involved a fun eating experience combined with a festival of some sort.

Question 6

To be successful, it needs to be accessible and amenable to all.

Question 7

Laughter, chatter...NO BACKGROUND MUSIC.

Question 8

People passing through, people lounging, people interacting.

Question 9

Just have fun.

Question 10

Like they've found an oasis.

Question 11

All should feel equally welcome and engaged.

Question 12

Look to see what other midwestern cities have that has worked...don't compare to cities in areas that are dissimilar to A2.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

More frequent and informative emails.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 7:13 AM

Question 1

Affordable housing for citizens first and foremost, with a public easement for a shared plaza. I think an indoor or outdoor playground for children would be great as part of the housing, a la St Louis City Museum.

Question 2

Affordable living for folks near their place of work, increased sense of community by a sense of belonging. Much of this, except for housing, is already provided by the downtown Public Library. I would support an

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expansion of the Library which includes housing.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

There are lots of places to eat and work nearby already. The top of the garage is not an ideal place for a green space and a concrete park is already at Liberty nearby. If you want green spaces then walk a few blocks east or west.

Question 5

Coming downtown to the library mostly. Don't waste money trying to duplicate things the Library already provides.

Question 6

children, people in need of housing

Question 7

children at play

Question 8

children playing, people coming home from work

Question 9

they live there, go to the library there, meet friends at their doorstep

Question 10

a sense of ownership and pride in their city

Question 11

Everyone uses the Library!

Question 12

Invest in housing and the library for proven community benefits.

Question 13

This center of the city was sold to Ann Arbor as a donor-funded green space. If donors will not fund the project, and we are asking taxpayers to foot the bill, it will have to be better and more ambitious than a simple city park. Our housing crisis can and should be addressed in this space!

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 7:16 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4

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Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 7:18 AM

Question 1

Like Campus Martius in Detroit or Rockefeller Center in NYC—dynamic, changing with each season, always something to do.

Question 2

Immersive activities, stuff for kids, games, a skating rink maybe, other sports, but also quiet places, food

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

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Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 7:19 AM

Question 1

Green area with activities for kids and adults. Food/drink vendors at small shops with indoor/outdoor seating. Shaded by trees.

Question 2

Small social gatherings (seating), food/drink (vendors), and experiential learning through games.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 3

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 1

Attend a kid's program: 4

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 2

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Experience a memorial: 2

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Reading outdoors with a beverage

Question 6

Young professionals

Question 7

Birds, water splashing, people walking and talking

Question 8

Fountain, comfortable seating, people

Question 9

Read, chat with friends, enjoy green area

Question 10

Comfort, inclusion, peacefulness

Question 11

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Children, students

Question 12

Ann Arbor city history using experiential learning

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Meetings outside the middle of the day

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 7:23 AM

Question 1

A safe place for young professionals, older adults and families to spend time in between other downtown activities. Having a cafe, bookshop and residences in surrounding the area would be great. Avoid providing basic public services (e.g. public restrooms). Prohibit smoking (tobacco and marijuana) and drinking alcohol.

Question 2

The liberty plaza is a disaster; essentially a hangout spot for homeless and their friends which makes for an environment that families and young professionals don't want to be a part of. If the city center must happen, we should avoid the outcome of liberty plaza.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1

Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Young professionals, senior citizens, children and families

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

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inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 7:25 AM

Question 1

My ideal commons is in a different location. An ideal commons would look like the diag at u of m.

Question 2

Living in a2 for 20+ years.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

The spot is ideal for a large building that would contribute to tax revenue.

Question 5

I can't imagine traveling downtown to visit this specific park when we have so many parks already.

Question 6

The spot is ideal for a large building that would contribute to tax revenue.

Question 7

The spot is ideal for a large building that would contribute to tax revenue.

Question 8

The spot is ideal for a large building that would contribute to tax revenue.

Question 9

The spot is ideal for a large building that would contribute to tax revenue.

Question 10

The spot is ideal for a large building that would contribute to tax revenue.

Question 11

The spot is ideal for a large building that would contribute to tax revenue.

Question 12

I'd really rather have a the revenue from a building in this space to contribute to my children's education. That's much more valuable to the city given the number of parks nearby.

Question 13

I hope you can figure out a way to utilize the top of the parking structure as it was intended, to hold a building. Think how much money was put into engineering to support a building.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 7:25 AM

Question 1

Garden oasis

Question 2

Lack of green space downtown. The current greenery in that spot creating a good feeling when walking downtown.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

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Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Nature and water, quiet and calm reading or working on computer in the summer. Winter is hard part. Evergreens would be good, colorful grasses that make a nice sound on the wind. Maybe a warming station.

Question 6

Everyone

Question 7

Wind in trees and grasses, water flowing

Question 8

Greenery, cobblestones, fountains

Question 9

Take a break, chat with friends, read, work

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 7:26 AM

Question 1

A privately supported plaza next to a high rise commercial building. Ann Arbor is not a New England town nor a village in England.

Question 2

Traveling through out USA, Canada, and Mexico.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

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Question 4

There is currently an existing library there.

Question 5

Enjoying walking through or by and observing what is there.

Question 6

People engaged in the commerce of the city.

Question 7

Buskers.

Question 8

People coming and going and entering a well lite commercial high rise.

Question 9

Enjoy observing.

Question 10

Being part of a vibrant small city.

Question 11

Visitors.

Question 12

Have a revoke.

Question 13

This is no longer the 1960s, so let the city move forward.

Question 14

I believe that I am already engaged.

Radley Smith

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 7:28 AM

Question 1

A civic center building, either by itself or as part of a commercial structure such as a hotel.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Sit down, relax and watch the City go by.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

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Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 7:29 AM

Question 1

Lots of open space, with green grass and trees around. A place to go and sit during lunch, run around with kids, and, above all, feel safe doing so.

Question 2

Music, demonstrations, exhibits, and the ability to buy a coffee or an ice cream cone from a mobile vendor

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1

Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

I think there are issues with attaching apartments and offices to this space, as that invites selective inclusion--those who can afford to live/work there set a part of the tone of the space.

Question 5

Biking from our neighborhood 2mi away to downtown, parking the bike and seeing something / listening to something with our child

Question 6

workers on break, kids, parents, students studying/playing frisbee, seniors relaxing

Question 7

Any type of music that is allowed for in Ann Arbor public spaces. Also interested to see street musicians

Question 8

open space, nice benches or fixed chairs, grass and trees. maybe some rotating art installation or mural

Question 9

relax, enjoy some open space in an otherwise built up downtown zone

Question 10

fresh air, sunlight, and a sense of safety in the space

Question 11

possibly groups that want to reserve a part of the space for private functions (beer tent, etc)

Question 12

Consistent funding from the city to sustain and maintain the space

Question 13

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No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 7:30 AM

Question 1

This is a mistake. We should have sold the site. We do not need another park.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Who is going to put on all of these programs? Is everything moving to this plaza? So we can close Liberty Plaza? Top of the Park is going to move here? Sonic Lunch? So what are we going to use the other green spaces for?

Question 5

Would not use

Question 6

No response

Question 7

Traffic

Question 8

Cement?

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Frustrated because they can't afford to live in Ann Arbor

Question 11

No response

Question 12

A lasting legacy like Liberty Plaza? Which is filled with homeless people, day drinking and fights? No thanks.

Question 13

We have hundreds of wonderful parks already. Rather than bow to the NIMBY faction in Ann Arbor who oppose multi-unit, affordable Housing, we should be using this very valuable piece of land for development and increased tax revenue for the city. This ballot initiative was a coup.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 7:31 AM

Question 1

No response

Center of the City

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Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Would like a place that isn't used for festivals and such

Question 5

Reading, meeting friends

Question 6

Book clubs and such

Question 7

Live music

Question 8

Grass, plants, seating

Question 9

Talk, enjoy live music, eat,

Question 10

Relaxed, safe, comfortable friendly

Question 11

Individuals!!!!

Question 12

Needs to express cultural diversity

Question 13

Needs to be well-maintained, welcoming and environmentally friendly.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 7:34 AM

Question 1

I don't have a specific vision

Question 2

Safety

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Question 4

Not sure what "get help" means. One of those blue lighted kiosks like at UM, or sit with a psychotherapist, or have a police officer on duty 24/7?

Question 5

Walking by a space that people are enjoying that is safe. Seeing the space

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utilized.

Question 6

Parents and children

Question 7

busses and general city noise, people talking and laughing

Question 8

Cars going by on 5th Ave and in/out of the parking garage underneath
Other families
People waiting to take busses

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Lack of safety. I don't see many families using Liberty Plaza so I think this user group would not utilize the space

Question 11

Those who currently hang at Liberty Plaza

Question 12

No. I think the space would have been better utilized as a private building with some public space.

Question 13

My imagination is challenged right now as I visualize those who use Liberty Plaza using the Common, as well as people waiting for busses. I'm also challenged by the practicality of putting a park on top of concrete. How will trees/plants survive if they aren't able to develop deep roots?

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 7:38 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Would like several restaurants to choose from that open up onto the commons.

Question 5

Free city provided shoulder massage service during warm season.

Question 6

Services for all, no special interest uses.

Question 7

Quiet. No yelling, no screaming, no foul language.

Question 8

A mini police station to keep the commons safe for all, and smoke free.

Question 9

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Read and rest. Quietly talk with friends and meet new acquaintances.

Question 10

Quiet contentment. Also a full belly from high quality gourmet food.

Question 11

Designed for year round city residents.

Question 12

No

Question 13

Need to keep a sense of safety and security at the Commons.

Currently, Liberty Plaza is mostly not welcoming to average citizens. I see fights at Liberty Plaza too often. And insufficient police presence. I see angry outbursts. Even though there are many no smoking signs, there is never any enforcement of the ordinance. I've seen police talking with persons in Liberty Plaza while those persons are smoking right next to No Smoking signs and officers don't say anything. Allowing de facto smoking makes a community commons unfriendly and unpleasant to many city residents.

Question 14

It's already easy.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 7:40 AM

Question 1

An open space park.

Question 2

National Mall in DC. Central Park in NYC.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Just a place to go and relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Question 6

Everyone

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Center of the City

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Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 7:43 AM

Question 1

Green space. No skate boarding. Place to sit and relax. A green space where we can take refuge from the increasing number of high density high rise buildings that were previously not a part of the city plan. There are plenty of private restaurants in the vicinity that can offer food. No need to clutter with vendors, but I am sure the city will view the opportunity as yet another way to make money.

Question 2

The central park experience on a miniature scale - provide a green place where high quality quiet time can be spent in a natural area - Mission Delores park in San Francisco is another example.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

"Come home to my apartment" seems to suggest a question specifically tailored to those living downtown. The city and its tax base is larger than the concrete jungle that is being created downtown based on the "new" city plan.

The city needs to address the "eyesore" of Liberty Park.

Question 5

I feel that this park will be practically difficult for many people in Ann Arbor to access and enjoy. Traffic management and lack of parking prevents many of those who pay taxes from enjoying the central space in the middle of increasingly high density housing - the city is geographically and tax base large and the survey reflects an bias toward serving the needs of those "who live downtown" - it would be nice to create a place that would be a "destination" the whole city would enjoy.

Question 6

Empty nesters who spent their entire life in AA raising kids-

Question 7

Traffic? Street noise? What do you think this space will have? It would be nice to create a place to enjoy trees, and grass in downtown. Live street music without amplification.

Question 8

Flowers, birds, winter lighting in the trees. Tables, chairs, and people enjoying the time away from the hustle and bustle. Food vendors in the periphery but not inside.

Question 9

Read, use technology wi-fi, chat with friends, picnic lunch, ice cream in the evening, listen to non amplified music, open air - fresh space.

Question 10

Relaxed, connected with friends and connected with the city that prides itself on being "tree city"

Question 11

All people.

Question 12

Do not put the names of city politicians here. Please.

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The legacy of our city is the appreciation for nature and our legacy of being "tree city" -

Question 13

Make sure that the "entire" city not just the downtown area is benefitted -

Question 14

Finding a city leadership that honors the promise to not over develop the city. Over the 34 years I have lived here, the city in the past told citizens that any new housing would be impossible due to constraints on sewage treatment capacity, the leaders told us that high rise downtown was not the "city plan" - and now we have both - high density housing and high rise downtown. These decisions are motivated by the city's greed to increase its tax base.

All too often, the City engages its constituents after the "deal is done" response rates are relatively poor and the city uses these surveys to validate what it wants to do anyway.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 7:45 AM

Question 1

I would like to see mixed uses on the site that would draw more people to use it. Buildings with housing above but public space below and some performance space would make more efficient use of the site.

Question 2

Something like Campus Martius in Detroit but with some residential component to address the lack of residents in the area.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

I would favor a mix of activities so that the site is consistently utilized and busy. Ann Arbor has many parks that are very underutilized currently.

Question 5

Stopping for a coffee, a drink or dinner. Attending a concert or show.
Reading a book from the library.

Question 6

I would like to see it broadly used by many age groups.

Question 7

The sound of people having fun and engaging in community activities.

Question 8

I would like it to have an activity level similat to Campus Martius with many ages present.

Question 9

Listen to music or performance, skate, kids playing, have coffee or a drink, a snack or dinner.

Question 10

Safe and part of a community.

Question 11

Local residents that live above the site or nearby.

Question 12

Liberty Plaza nearby should be improved and incorporated into this vision.

Question 13

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Liberty Plaza nearby has had many public safety issues over the years. It needs to be taken into consideration when planning any use for the Commons space, and lessons learned from it.

Question 14

Better mobile device access.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 7:45 AM

Question 1

A safe, open, green space. Lots of plants, maybe some community gardens, and space for learning about how food grows too. Some little paths, a place to sit and think and read

Question 2

Arb in Peony season, engagement with city-center urban food gardens

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 7:48 AM

Question 1

A park like setting for people to do things and things like the art fair and music events to be held.

Question 2

Hanging out with friends, art fair and similar events.

Center of the City

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Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

These surveys are a great start.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 7:49 AM

Question 1

As much affordable housing as possible

Question 2

The un-affordability of renting in Ann Arbor

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1

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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

Construction, then very little from the people living in the tower and not having to commute from out of town

Question 8

A tower people can affordably live in.

Question 9

Marvel at how green it is for people to live densely.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Build affordable housing

Question 13

Build affordable housing

Question 14

Elected officials that recognize that dense development helps the environment more than sprawl

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 7:49 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

all ages and groups

Question 7

birds music softly some time

Question 8

trees sky art others enjoying themselves

Center of the City

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Question 9

talk to others relax

Question 10

friendly happy

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 7:50 AM

Question 1

A building that doesn't leave a big vacant hole in the center of the city, but instead contributes to the vibrancy of downtown by serving residents and/or visitors with housing, retail, restaurants, etc. Since I think the sensible choice lost the vote, it should be a food truck mall.

Question 2

Visiting cities all over the world, and the poorly used Liberty Plaza.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2

Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Downtown residents and workers.

Question 7

Traffic noise. Discussions at adjoining tables.

Question 8

Picnic areas surrounded by food trucks.

Question 9

Eat lunch.

Question 10

Hungry.

Question 11

Library visitors.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 7:53 AM

Question 1

Boston Commons - green space in the middle of the city with a vibrant living, cultural and shopping areas surrounding. The central area in Bergen Norway is also a good model.

Question 2

Living in Boston and Bergen demonstrated the power of pedestrian green spaces. Several streets could be closed to traffic to connect the shopping, dining and commercial with the commons.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

A public space that is used by kids to retirees as a place to bring out of town guests and for folks to use.

Question 6

Ann Arborite working at UM

Question 7

laughter, music, conversation

Question 8

places to sit, hangout, drink coffee

Question 9

meeting place to enjoy the weather and people watch

Question 10

sense of small town commons

Question 11

all

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I voted against the commons idea and thought that the library lot could have been a hub of living and commercial space, but now that we have a commons - might as well make it the most incredible (not concrete parking lot surface) that we can.

Question 14

No response

Ken Westerman

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 7:54 AM

Question 1

A park

Question 2

Center of the City

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What does this mean?

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
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Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

There are enough commercial and residential activities already

Question 5

All of those I rated 1

Question 6

The entire city would come to all of the activities I rated 1

Question 7

As little "city noise " as possible

Question 8

Nature, places to sit, a small stage.

Question 9

Sit, read, watch, listen, skate in winter.

Question 10

Peaceful.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Avoid "trendy" art

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Reestablish working links to actual projects instead of a web site requiring input to get to the information about the project announced.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 7:57 AM

Question 1

A plaza with a central feature such as a fountain, gazebo, bandstand, perhaps with some greenery or plantings on the outside. It should be inviting as a place to cross diagonally, so that people could see each other in passing, and there could be a few benches or low walls to sit on and perhaps a place for a couple of food or coffee vendors. It should be a versatile space where various community events could be held. It should be beautiful and simple.

Question 2

A recent trip to Italy has shown me how important a central "piazza" or commons can be to a town or a neighborhood, simply by virtue of having a dedicated space with some sort of central focus, and a defined boundary. The restaurants, cafes and shops operated on the edges of these common spaces, which were often nothing more than a square paved with stones, sometimes with a couple trees. The only other space that works in this way in Ann Arbor is perhaps the Farmer's market in Kerrytown, which is a great place to run into friends and neighbors. It would be great to capture some of that feeling of a commons where one could run into other people. I think of the townie street party before the Art Fairs, too, and wonder if that might be a model for how the commons can function-- just an inviting public space where people feel welcome.

Question 3

Center of the City

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Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Almost all the activities sound great-- my concern would be about trying to ask too much from the space. I would be most interested in getting the "Hardscaping" right. Making it beautiful, inviting and safe without too much maintenance required.

Question 5

Meeting a friend, walking through, watching a performance, having coffee.

Question 6

Children

Question 7

music, quiet, other children

Question 8

open space, greenery, gardens, something to climb on

Question 9

Run, play, climb, walk, have a treat.

Question 10

Ownership, belonging, a safe space to move

Question 11

Downtown workers, senior citizens, tourists, families, homeless people, shoppers

Question 12

I remember reading "A Pattern Language" years ago about what makes inviting public and private spaces, and I can recommend it to the task force if they have not already encountered it. The idea, as I recall was to look at successful spaces and their commonalities and then apply those ideas as general principles for designing new spaces. I think we can learn a lot from older towns and cities around the world that have vibrant public spaces.

Question 13

I appreciate the open-ended questions on this survey, and I appreciate the opportunity for input. The last public project I participated in that really incorporated the public's ideas and concerns was the Broadway Bridge, and I think that it turned out really well because the community really had a say and the design reflected the community's wishes. Thank you all for your hard work on this!

Question 14

More communication like this survey, where one gets the feeling that one's thoughts are actually welcome and valued.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 7:58 AM

Question 1

Gardens. Outdoor artwork. Places to sit. Accessible. Walkable. No bikes, skateboards (unless a walled off skate park is included). Food kiosk or nearby. Events.

Question 2

Denver 16th Street Mall; Union Square San Francisco; UM North Campus outdoor art; New England central squares in small towns.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Coffee with friends near a garden.

Question 6

Visitors from out of town.

Question 7

Laughter, music

Question 8

Interesting & challenging outdoor art; Information; Well looked after, inviting, taste of Ann Arbor

Question 9

Walk, figure out what Ann Arbor is like, rest, get directions & info on Ann Arbor

Question 10

Sense of being in a community, peaceful, a little whacky.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

It is in a town meets gown area, perhaps should build on that.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Parking. EPark app helps a lot-- no rushing back to a meter before you're ready.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 7:59 AM

Question 1

mixed use of residential, retail, and public

Question 2

living downtown

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 4

needs sunshine, residents, and retail so that it is not just an extension of Liberty Park, which has never been a great city space

Question 5

residential, retail, and quiet sitting with friends or reading

Question 6

mostly downtown residents and workers

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

joy

Question 11

all Ann Arbor residents and visitors

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:00 AM

Question 1

Ideally it will be a space of native trees and other plantings, water features, a children's space, and space for community gatherings.

Question 2

West Park and Burns Park are two current A2 parks that at least partially fit this description, mainly in that they are used heavily by residents in those area of town, and represent, to me, a coming together of community members in those places.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

While not strictly opposed, I am not generally in favor of commercial activities in any city park. The current circumstances at Liberty Plaza indicate a need for some form of outreach in public space downtown, perhaps in the form of community enforcement officers along with visits from representatives of city housing and mental health agencies.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Downtown workers in the daytime, families and children on weekends and holidays, out-of-town visitors in the evening and during events. Downtown residents at all times.

Question 7

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Children playing, the sound of moving water, songbirds in trees.
Unfortunately, also traffic.

Question 8

A multi-leveled arrangement of the hardscape, softened by native plantings, and a water feature.

Question 9

Visit with friends, rest at mid-day or in the evening, engage with fellow citizens.

Question 10

For citizens of Ann Arbor, a connection to their city. For visitors a sense of our community as a welcoming place.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No.

Question 13

No.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:01 AM

Question 1

No street people begging.

Question 2

Having been bothered by this for years.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4

Buy from a food vendor: 2

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

Get help: 1

Work at an office: 1

Listen to live music: 4

Watch children at play: 4

Sit quietly and read a book: 4

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 4

Attend a private/public celebration: 4

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 3

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2

Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 3

Catch the time at a clock tower: 3

Come home to your apartment: 1

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 1

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1

Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

peace and quiet w/kids as well

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:06 AM

Question 1

Something that will bring revenue

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Don't let it become another liberty/division park that you feel unsafe to walk by because of the vagrants and drug use.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 8:08 AM

Question 1

Similar to European "squares".

Question 2

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

I am an active volunteer caring for existing City "common" properties.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Safety and comfort should be a consideration.

Question 5

A place for rest, relaxation and light conversation.

Question 6

Seniors.

Question 7

Reduced noise and/or Quiet areas.

Question 8

Many plantings and gardens.

Question 9

Walk, rest, converse with friends.

Question 10

Comfort.

Question 11

Children, activists, anyone just passing through, People enjoying good weather.

Question 12

Relocate a small Ann Arbor Historical building here.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Parking.

Elizabeth Collins

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:08 AM

Question 1

A place for activities to take place, people to meet, benches, tables, maybe a fountain, an ice rink, a covered or even indoor area. Green planters throughout, filled with flowers and butterflies. We definitely need more green area downtown.

Question 2

Campus Martius in Detroit.

Most the monument parks in DC are on concrete, with lots of activity in them.

From protests, to parties, to school field trips, they are used in an urban setting.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3

Buy from a food vendor: 4

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 2

Listen to live music: 4

Watch children at play: 4

Sit quietly and read a book: 4

Use a public rest room: 4

Visit the downtown library: 3

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

While I like food, food vendor, we already have so many restaurants in downtown, but if it's a cart or food truck, maybe.?

Question 5

I think I would use the library more if I had a space adjacent to also browse through.
Would use the ice rink.
Would use the area to meet and attend activities.

Question 6

All of them,
Seniors, we need places to walk to and relax if we live downtown, especially seniors. They need community, and to people watch.
Children, yes....this is important if you want families to live downtown.
Downtown cannot be all restaurants and bars. Hands on museum is nice, but need a fountain, green space, butterfly area.
Activists and community rallies. Ann Arbor has many wonderful activists and our elected officials have coffee hours and meetings. Great if we could be outside or in a covered area. Look how busy Argus always is. We need more areas like that where we can discuss important political issues and come together as a community, while not being indoors.

Question 7

Laughing, music, and city sounds too.
City green space is vital in a livable city. This area of town has none. Let's make it one. Use our "thinking outside the box" for the concrete part that we cannot change.

Question 8

People of all ages and income levels.

Question 9

Meet friends before an outing.
Take my granddaughter to story time and library and then to the park and fountain.
Attend a concert.
Attend a rally or protest.

Question 10

Safe, or I will not go there. ie:Liberty plaza. :(
Happy, and green, or I will not go there.

Question 11

Tourists?

Question 12

Make it as green as possible, with our cities climate crisis and goals, this is a must.

Question 13

Thank you for serving on this difficult body.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:09 AM

Question 1

Lots of benches and grassy areas, a small amphitheater, restrooms, an ice skating rink. Some of the grassy areas are large enough to hold yoga and movement classes. A few food vendors, vegan included. Water fountain!

Question 2

Sometimes, after navigating parking and so many people in the downtown area, I need a place to sit down and relax to balance out what has become "Ann Arbor chaos". There's not much serenity downtown...this could be a welcome respite. Friends could easily meet here. Ingalls Mall on campus is nice, the tiny park in downtown Glen Arbor, Mi. is lovely...while visiting these places recently I was inspired with ideas for the Center of the City Commons.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Finding a calm haven to sit and read, get something to eat, meet a friend.
Watching a pretty fountain.
Watching kids playing.
Taking a Yoga class outside.

Question 6

Senior Citizen

Question 7

Kids playing, City sounds (since it is right downtown), the splashing of a central water fountain.

Question 8

Trees, grass, paved paths, many benches, people of all sorts, the fountain, amphitheater, the sky, vendor stalls.

Question 9

Rest, read, meet with people, use the nice clean restroom, go to a concert, watch the kids ice skating, gets a bite to eat from a food vendor.

Question 10

Happy that there is a place in the City for everyone. Feels like a part of the City again, after a decade or so of feeling alienated.

Question 11

Everyone. Please, let's make it for everyone.

Question 12

Just make it useful and comfortable for ALL people.

Question 13

I was personally very conflicted about how to vote on this issue. I went back and forth in my mind for weeks. But now that we have this, let's stop fighting with each other and make it beautiful...something our town can be happy about.

Question 14

A public Commons that was created with ALL citizens in mind. Not everyone is in their 30s and 40s.

A less chaotic downtown, or maybe just if people drove, walked, and bicycled more mindfully.

Sadly, as things are now, I avoid downtown Ann Arbor if I can. Feels like I'm risking my life to walk or drive there. And many of the small businesses are gone..

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:10 AM

Question 1

Green space with trees, and a water feature like a splash pad for kids to play in and adults to enjoy. A few park benches. Maybe a small refreshment stand. Something that is designed to attract all ages, and designed to unwind and detach from the fast pace of the city.

Question 2

Traverse City's clinch park. Segments of the Detroit Zoo's green spaces. Gallup Park.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4

Buy from a food vendor: 3

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4

Get help: 2

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Enjoying a water feature like a fountain or a splash pad.

Question 6

Families. Seniors and children alike.

Question 7

Ideally, a water feature and hopefully some birds.

Question 8

Nature in the city.

Question 9

Relax.

Question 10

A mental break.

Question 11

Everyone who passes through the downtown area — workers, public employees, homeless, those looking for jobs, students, anyone who's passing through.

Question 12

We don't have public green space that is family friendly downtown. Nothing for kids to run around a bit outside. This is a huge opportunity to solve for that.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 8:11 AM

Question 1

A place for music festivals and a green space

Question 2

I don't understand that question

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Community art and education

Question 6

All ages

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Art installations

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 8:11 AM

Question 1

Green with lots of flowers, bushes, trees

Question 2

The Japanese notion of "forest bathing" and the data that shows hospital patients heal more quickly when they can see green outside their windows.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Many of them sound potentially too busy or too loud or even too commercial. I think the space should promote peace and tranquility.

Question 5

Sitting and admiring the space.

Question 6

Ordinary citizens

Question 7

Water fountain, bird song, silence

Question 8

Green, green, green, others peacefully enjoying the space. It should be open and easily visible from all aspects to promote good behavior

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 9

Listen, rest, meditate

Question 10

Calm, serene

Question 11

Senior citizens, well-supervised children, no pets, bicycles, scooters, skates

Question 12

Sculpture and fountain should be modest and small. The space should inspire peace, kindness, serenity, and not busyness.

Question 13

We have lots and lots of "useful" spaces. This one should inspire quiet.

Question 14

No thoughts on this

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:12 AM

Question 1

Lots of trees, a fountain and benches or tables.

Question 2

I have been to England and France where there are many such parks, full of trees and places for people to sit. They are much larger than this area. Food vendors, craft activities, etc. should be offered in a much larger venue.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3

Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I would hate to see such an area taken over by laptops. Plenty of other places for this downtown. No vendors!

Question 5

Reading a book. Relaxing after shopping.

Question 6

Seniors, children, adults, students.

Question 7

Birdsong, fountain.

Question 8

Trees. Areas for wildlife.

Question 9

Read or relax.

Question 10

Peace. We need it.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 13

I think this should provide a well lit area at night.

Question 14

No response

Jennifer Martin

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 8:13 AM

Question 1

Pedestrian space that can be covered if needed in spots. Comfortable spaces to sit, plants, maybe vendors.

Question 2

Political events that are not on UM campus or the federal building. Concerts, performing artists, other artists, picnics, inclusive space.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

clock tower and fountain seem unnecessary and like major space suckers

Question 5

concerts

Question 6

everyone

Question 7

music, quiet conversations

Question 8

green space, recycling bins, cafes, performance artists, massage chairs, (think 16th St. ma;; in Denver, Pearl Street mall in Boulder, Fremont experience in Vegas

Question 9

people watch, relax

Question 10

part of the hustle and bustle of the city and a quiet peaceful moment in a cool town

Question 11

all of them

Question 12

opportunity for community members to purchase bricks or something with their names. \$50 or so to start so it is not only for rich people. Like in Depot Town Ypsi

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 8:13 AM

Question 1

Activated. Full of people.

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 2

Frequent travel to large cities.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Clock tower?

Question 5

People watching

Question 6

Young adults

Question 7

Old people complaining

Question 8

Their screens

Question 9

Sit and watch their screens

Question 10

No response

Question 11

People on their way to the library, the homeless,

Question 12

Sell the air rights

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Christine Brummer

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:14 AM

Question 1

Mixed-use facilities ringed by green, open space which can be used for multiple activities with easy access.

Question 2

Time spent in Missoula, MT; Saratoga Springs, NY; Portland, ME; Portland, OR, Ithaca, NY; Chapel Hill, NC; Kalamazoo, MI; Grand Rapids, MI; Boston, MA; Charlevoix, MI and Cortona, Italy using central open areas for concerts, markets, plays, speeches or debates, picnics, strolling, sitting, fairs and sunning.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Although "getting help" is mentioned, any activity or use must somehow be able to be made safe...and that becomes more difficult if no one has eyes on the site after business hours.

Question 5

Almost all of the listed activities.

Question 6

Senior citizens, students performing, political candidates, neighborhood organizations, individuals of all ages as part of patronizing nearby sites, visitors, people with babies to be aired, etc. and potentially all at the same time—not looking for dogs or sports activities

Question 7

Chatter, performance sounds, babies, and maybe someone yelling to get attention.

Question 8

Fellow users see enough personal space (in an urban environment) to pursue a given activity while also noting the varied other, simultaneous uses to which the commons might be put.

Question 9

Sit or lie while listening plus whatever other activity is on tap

Question 10

Sense of community, safeness if not haven and openness.

Question 11

By definition a Commons has myriad audiences which could be all or some of the above. It is difficult to imagine exclusive use.

Question 12

The thought that resonates is that the Community should have a stake in the Commons. This might take the form of participating in scheduling (if that is needed), maintenance and making sure the space is used.

Question 13

Thank you for your efforts. Although space is limited, thought might be given as to how to foster a commons where uses are not rivalrous.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 8:15 AM

Question 1

small independently owned shops/restaurants, small garden/open green area with paths through it, apartments above retail possibly,

Question 2

smallish exhibits/fairs - local art/crafts, free outdoor concerts
out door yoga or tai chi on occasion, drop off stations for community
food or clothing banks

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

drink at cafe, library, listen to live music
If I had children I would additionally do the hands on crafts, maybe skate

Question 6

families, adults, Seniors depending on accessibility - how easy is it to park close by? Affordable apartments (incl senior) close by with a dedicated bus stop would be nice!

Question 7

occasional music, people talking, some traffic noise

Question 8

some trees and gardens/green space, the library, cafes and small stores around the perimeter. Perhaps a small covered (but not enclosed) area for local art or cultural exhibits - from the schools, UM students, other artists or communities.
ALSO - PUBLIC DRINKING FOUNTAINS or TAPS - let's limit need for plastic bottles, and recycle bins with the trash bins if practical.

Question 9

Sit and read or eat or listen to concerts, stroll through on way to the library or cafe.
Stop to view some local art or history exhibit. Do yoga or tai chi in a group.

Question 10

community, diversity, some green space in the city

Question 11

The homeless - so a discreet place for help to be offered/obtained or a roving social worker to offer services might be useful.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 8:15 AM

Question 1

Green spaces, a center garden featuring native plants and small trees/shrubs, a wind chime garden, maybe four separate (but obviously small, given the size of the space) features for each of the four corners--celebrating water, wind, earth, sky
NO COMMERCE

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

No response

Question 5

to enjoy a welcoming green space within the heart of the city featuring native plants and shrubs

Question 6

everyone

Question 7

wind chimes, voices, birds

Question 8

a center garden with paths leading to the four corners; a telescope for star gazing, a small water feature, a native plant garden, a wind chime "garden"

Question 9

walk, meditate, relax

Question 10

at peace

Question 11

visitors to AA

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 8:15 AM

Question 1

Grass park with paths and tree. Not benches or places for the druggies to

hang like liberty park.

Question 2

A spot for nature in the city.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 4

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 4

Visit the downtown library: 2

Attend a private/public celebration: 4

Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4

Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 3

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

The bus station is right there. That is loud... natural barriers will help

Question 5

Visiting the area and then deciding to get some food downtown

Question 6

Families, Adults

Question 7

Maybe a break from the hustle and bustle of the city

Question 8

Green, families

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 9

Enjoy the space, relax or play

Question 10

Safe

Question 11

Anyone heading downtowna

Question 12

Ann Arbor is a tree city. Can there be some trees?

Question 13

The drug users are making walking and hanging downtown bothersome. How to prevent this space from being a desirable place to spend their day like they do at liberty park and by the farmers market and by the starbucks on main....

Question 14

No response

Robertson Davenport

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 8:16 AM

Question 1

Open green space

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 2
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Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Please do not make it a commercial space.

Question 5

A quiet place to experience a natural environment

Question 6

shopper, downtown visitor, or downtown worker

Question 7

Bird songs

Question 8

Trees, native plants

Question 9

have quite time away from the noise and commotion of the city

Question 10

recharged, at peace

Question 11

Children, community groups

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 8:16 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Better parking

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 8:18 AM

Question 1

Lots of places to sit; lots of shade (increasingly important given our climate); room for a food carts section; a music venue (e.g., small band shell); a garden would be nice but a grassy area is going to be a waste and will simply become a dirt patch; police presence

Question 2

parks in other cities;

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Center of the City

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Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
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Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Not in favor of cafe but food carts would be great - important to support the existing downtown businesses. Really ambivalent about public restrooms - needed but also asking for trouble. Cramming too much into this space is going to take away from the intent to have an open space for socializing, reading etc. Love the idea of free wifi access. City rinks are a waste with climate change. Re city history - would be great to include the historic house in the plans. Begging here - please include a lot of shade!!!

Question 5

Sitting with friends

Question 6

Senior citizens; children; local workers

Question 7

Quiet in much of it; live music in a section.

Question 8

Garden, art (please don't put up any more garbage art), fountain, trees

Question 9

sit, talk, eat, listen to music, play

Question 10

relaxed, safe

Question 11

homeless people

Question 12

Really great artwork and some statues of inspirational people like Rosa Parks, Bill Milliken, Algonquian peoples

Question 13

Many Ann Arborites voted against this, with desire for development in that spot and concern about whether this would truly be a welcome spot for all.

Question 14

No response

Peter Hochgraf

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 8:19 AM

Question 1

I really like the look & feel of these urban trail systems that cities are converting of rail lines into, while I know the Center of the City isn't a trail, I think some visual inspiration can be brought in from them. In addition, a place for live music would be nice. I'd even be open to having a bar-like area.

Question 2

NYC's Highline, Chicago's 606, Tulsa has a river-side park with a small pavilion that serves basic food & beverages and has live music in the evenings (Tulsa recently built a newer restaurant next to the pavilion, ignore the restaurant & look at the smaller "shack")

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 3

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Use a public rest room: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Work at an office, Come home to your apartment, Attend a conference; listen, I know you're still bitter that you didn't get the massive payout you were hoping for by selling the lot; but the residents have spoken & it's not going to be any of those things. Stop trying to shove the idea down our throats.

Question 5

I think an open green space in the spot would be nice, something with a similar feel to like NYC's Highline, or Chicago's 606. While our Center of the City isn't a trail system, having some narrower pathways, and green spaces (with more than just a few trees & grass) would be nice.

Question 6

Everyone.

Question 7

You're going to hear city noises period, there is no way around that. But the occasional concert would be nice, 107.1 already has their Thursday concert series there, would be nice to have a weekend-evening concert series as well.

Question 8

Green, little areas to step away

Question 9

walk, relax, read, on certian days listen to a concert, eat

Question 10

calm, connected, energized

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:19 AM

Question 1

The farmers market

Question 2

Community with a reason

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1

Center of the City

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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Housing if it were available, or farmers market.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:21 AM

Question 1

Much more greenery, a park which is free and soothing to the eye. Check out the work of Fredrick Law Olmstead....the architect of Central Park in NYC. Walk the Emerald Necklace in Boston. Stroll in NYCCentral Park, Union Square or Prospect Park in Brooklyn to get ideas.

Question 2

I have always lived in cities which have curtailed development to accommodate gree and free spaces. Of course this took vision, political will and citizen involvement (NYC, Boston, San Fran, Berkeley). Seems like Ann Arbor is for sale to the highest bidder so my experience is to terminate the vision less and greedy individuals who are ignorant and incapable of understanding the public health need and demand for a green common space.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Come home to your apartment is a non-sequitor. What is meant by get help? The idea of such a space is that it be non-commercial, quiet. a place to turn off the news, cell phones, not drive or be interrupted by the constant chaos which surrounds us most of the time.

Question 5

Quietly reading and sitting. Being still.. "Go placidity amidst the noise and haste and remember what Peace there may be in silence " a public chessboard could be considered.

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 6

Seniors. Office workers having a quiet lunch. All who wish to quietly rest and respect others who wish to do the same. All well behaved persons and seekers of peace and quiet and beauty welcome. Birdsongs encouraged.

Question 7

Private for profit greedy developers not welcome. The Commons is a place to take a break and experience some moments of peacefulness. One should not hear much as it is a quiet zone.

Question 8

Green space and the opportunity to feel some serenity Cell phone free zone. No plastic allowed. There are recycle bins. Nothing for sale.

Question 9

Nothing. Meditate. Read. Do a cross word puzzle. Be quiet. Be respectful of others wanting a break from the incessant shopping, eating, and never ending fixation with social media and games and texting, selfies, and and and...

Question 10

Feels like city and municipal planners for once did something right and healthy and in the interest of We the people.

Question 11

The birds and butterflies.

Question 12

Visit the gardens and green space at the Zen Temple on Packard. Get creative in using all recycled materials for park benches.

Question 13

Have local citizens and artisans donate time and expertise to create this space. Their contributions/ gifts can be recognized with a small placard it can be anonymous. Allow the concepts of fame and fortune to recede from thought.

Question 14

Get rid of your pro development mayor and city Council members who are clueless about climate change and its global effects. Ann Arbor is quite provincial yet it doesn't have to be so myopic and adherent to so much silly development. Bricks and mortar won't solve the growing asthma epidemics, anxiety disorders, and hopefully not unalterable toxic air, water and soil. Listen to the science. Clean up the toxic plume in the water. Stop the cutting of growth trees. Clean up the messes which have

been already created before making new messes. Many municipalities around the globe have vision and commitment Ann Arbor needs to go back to school to take time and study the practitioners of amplifying beauty, truth, and mutual aid and practice these principles. We, the planet, are running out of time.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 8:21 AM

Question 1

lovely plantings, comfortable seating, architecturally interesting and pleasing.

A respite area- or an area to meet and greet and wait awhile

Question 2

Parks in Cleveland, NYC, Europe...

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Learn about the city's history: 1

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Question 4

I think of a spot like Bryant park or central park - but this is much smaller.

Question 5

Sitting, resting, enjoying nature in the city, maybe chatting, maybe listening to music.

Question 6

Everyone

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Peace and community

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Carolyn Christopher

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:22 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Art exhibits of local artists

Question 5

Participation

Question 6

Seniors

Question 7

Music from the University and local groups
Quiet spaces near library for reading

Question 8

Clock, comfortable seating
Art exhibits by local artists

Question 9

Read, listen and talk with others
Refreshments available
Story telling
Listen to music

Question 10

Safe and comfortable and at home

Question 11

People who live downtown and all of the residents of Ann Arbor

Question 12

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Continue Parking free after 6:00

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:22 AM

Question 1

A Town Square with some green space where people can relax and/or take part in activities. Friendly open atmosphere.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Relaxing peacefully or listening to music like at Top of the Park.

Question 6

Everyone

Question 7

Birds, people chatting, laughing; sometimes live music impromptu like buskers or organized. Water from a fountain.

Question 8

Some green space; a bench overlooking a flower garden dedicated to Mary Hathaway; the sky so no tall buildings. A drinking fountain with clean water for people and pets.

Question 9

Meet up with friends; read a book - perhaps one from the library; just relax; eat lunch; in the evening watch a movie/listen to music; eat from a food cart, etc.

Question 10

Peaceful, joyful, gratitude.

Question 11

Everyone

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 8:23 AM

Question 1

An urban park for people to mingle, meet and enjoy.

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 2

Chicago's Grant Park area

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No

Question 5

Listen to live music, have a drink in a cafe or just watch people.

Question 6

Senior citizens

Question 7

Happy noises, children playing, etc.

Question 8

People moving and enjoying

Question 9

Sit, walk visit

Question 10

comfort an companionship

Question 11

Teenagers

Question 12

No

Question 13

No

Question 14

No response

Norm Kerr

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 8:23 AM

Question 1

Grass and trees. And it must be a large enough area to actually feel like a common area and not just a grassy spot.

Question 2

The diag.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

There is already plenty of retail around town. The commons should be free of retail.

Question 5

sit and enjoy the sun, chat with friends

Question 6

students, adults, children, visitors on a stroll

Question 7

as little traffic noise as possible

Question 8

trees, birds, grass, other folks strolling by

Question 9

walk, stroll, sit, visit with each other

Question 10

quiet, separation from the rest of the town

Question 11

No response

Question 12

for a truly lasting legacy, look to central park: it was built to stand in contrast with the urban environment all around it

Question 13

No response

Question 14

this survey seems like a really good start

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:24 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

We need great public meeting space.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:26 AM

Question 1

The Boston Public Garden (not the Boston Common) recently struck me as a place to which many groups of people were drawn—both peaceful and beautiful but also vibrant. But places with activities such as Hart Plaza and Campus Martius in Detroit may be more appropriate. Maybe an amphitheater type structure for performances.

Question 2

Skating in winter at Hart Plaza, plus concerts and the riverfront. Hearing the history of Pershing Park in Los Angeles that went from a vibrant Park to a bleak cement space when a parking structure was built underneath. Seeing it today with security guards patrolling to discourage drug dealing, and the loss of surrounding businesses is a cautionary tale. The Millennium Baltimore Hotel closed its entrance facing the Park. There may be a skating rink or amphitheater, and trees remain in a small corner—like the Library Lot, trees can't be planted above the parking structure.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

There should be links/access to adjacent businesses so people in the Center are drawn in to enjoy meals and other services.

Question 5

I don't think I'd make a special trip unless, maybe, for a performance or maybe to skate. But if already downtown, it might be a place to stop and read or do work.

Question 6

The "audience" should be a mix. This series of questions doesn't make sense. Absent a decision on the basic elements of what will be there it is really not possible to answer.

Question 7

Avoid chaos and loud noises unless a specific performance.

Question 8

Plantings and architecture should be intriguing and, if possible, peaceful—but must be functional.

Question 9

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Depends what is there.

Question 10

Safe.

Question 11

Some will be regulars, but need to welcome one-time or occasional visitors.

Question 12

Striving for inspiration could undermine the need for a functional space. A functional space is more likely to be used, and become and remain vibrant.

Question 13

A building with living and working spaces to anchor a commons area would result in a more secure and vibrant commons area.

Question 14

No response

Ryan Minnema

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 8:26 AM

Question 1

Build a hotel or a condominium building or an apartment and put retail shops on the ground floor.

Question 2

place to shop and buy things

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 3

Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

More housing in Ann Arbor, especially downtown would be great. It would help with traffic congestion and promote growth in the city.

Question 5

living downtown

Question 6

adults

Question 7

nothing

Question 8

other people

Question 9

provide tax money to the city

Question 10

n/a

Question 11

kids

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Center of the City

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Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:27 AM

Question 1

Ingalls Mall is a beautiful designed commons, as is the Diag.

Question 2

Top of the Park and Summerfest concerts and movies. Protests and vigils on the Diag.

The library hosts many large events.

The space that sits atop the underground parking structure is too small for large gatherings or a park.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
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Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
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Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

All of the outdoor activities could be done in Liberty Plaza. Is there a

reason why we're not focused on Liberty Plaza?

Question 5

Hotel for downtown and University conferences, or housing, ground level retail (grocery store)

Question 6

People who want to live downtown

Question 7

I hear urban noises. I also hear buses, since it's across the street from the bus station.

Question 8

Ground level retail (preferably grocery store), apartments, or hotel

Question 9

Shop and live

Question 10

Happy to invest city money wisely, to be close to work, to not have to drive or park downtown, to be close to the bus.

Question 11

Seniors, young professionals, people who currently commute to work in Ann Arbor

Question 12

Housing and retail

Question 13

I'm so incredibly saddened and disappointed by the process that led up to our current conversation. It will take years for our community to recover.

Question 14

For City Council to be respectful of the City staff's expertise. For the people who sued the City to keep the land above the parking structure to be owned by the city in perpetuity to replace the millions of dollars that were lost.

Name not shown

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Question 1

Open area with benches, soft surfaces for kids to play, maybe a stage for musicians.

Question 2

Cincinnati River walk, Chicago Millennium Park, Memphis river walk.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
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Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

An open community space

Question 6

Everyone

Question 7

Music, people, birds

Question 8

Trees, benches, sound stage

Question 9

Relax, have fun

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Joseph McConnell

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 8:31 AM

Question 1

Green. Focusing on evergreen foliage, partly for esthetics and partly to avoid adding leaf litter to the city's compost problem.

Question 2

Every city I've visited and enjoyed has featured one or more "squares" in its central places.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3

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Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I down-checked the public art items because of Ann Arbor's dreadful choices in that area, historically.

Question 5

Just being in an adult, humane, reasonable space without being reminded too vividly of the primacy of capitalism in the US.

Question 6

Everyone who is prepared to simply be there without striving or seeking or achieving.

Question 7

Birds, wind, perhaps a dog or two.

Question 8

As above. No signs beyond the absolute minimum, no promotion, no one selling anything, physical or psychological.

Question 9

Not much. Sit, stand, walk. Look around at things that don't reinforce the divisions in society.

Question 10

Slightly better than they did elsewhere. Much better than they did walking on Main or Liberty. Or driving anywhere.

Question 11

Wildlife, I hope.

Question 12

Rus in urbe.

Question 13

I came to Ann Arbor in the Seventies, and one of the first things I thought of was "This place has no center."

Question 14

I'm plenty engaged. Just ask the compost collection people.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 8:32 AM

Question 1

Plenty of benches; small but shady trees; slender fountains that kids can run through; recycle, compost, and trash bins; a small, uplifting statue; a nearby ice cream vendor.

Question 2

Similar areas in other cities in the USA and Europe.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

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Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

It's a spot to get away, talk, relax--not be on computers or buy stuff (except ice cream).

Question 5

Same as above.

Question 6

Everyone.

Question 7

Fountains, laughter, talking. Not canned music.

Question 8

People relaxing, sitting on benches, eating ice cream; an uplifting sculpture; birds; butterflies; small trees; children running through slender fountains.

Question 9

Relax, talk, read, contemplate, smile.

Question 10

Relaxed.

Question 11

Everyone.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5
November 13, 2019, 8:32 AM

Question 1

trees, relaxing, places to sit, fountain, gravel paths, maybe a children's play ground - NOT A LOT OF CONCRETE or pavement!! Make it have more the vibe of Bryant Park in NYC, please.

Question 2

I did not vote for this park, I think it will just attract homeless, and it is NOT in the center of town or a busy pedestrian area. it is a stupid waste of MY TAXES!! Ann Arbor has enough parks, and upkeep is expensive. I want real outdoor space, where I can walk, ride a bike for miles!! Pls spend more time & money on connecting the rails to trails bike path to Dexter!!

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
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Question 4

like the idea of an outdoor oriented coffee shop, keep it simple like Bill's beer garden, community tables. like the idea of a children's playground. Please consider tall trees, and gravel as the walking base - like Bryant Park in NYC, very relaxing.

Any city could use more public restrooms, but how do you keep clean and safe??

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Question 5

just a pretty place to walk thru when heading downtown from the west side. The way the east side can walk thru UM campus.

Maybe allow food trucks, that would be a great addition to AA. Kerrytown food trucks isn't that close to the west side and is only a couple days a week.

Question 6

hopefully downtown lunch crowd

Question 7

fountain, fresh air breeze, people chatting, kids playing, music after work

Question 8

trees blowing in wind, wild flower and ornamental grasses, more shade than sun, fountain

Question 9

relax, eat and drink to go food, watch kids play, people watch

Question 10

relaxing, nature, community

Question 11

I do not want it to be a homeless hangout, smell like urine, pot, and alcohol, or see sketchy transactions!!

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:32 AM

Question 1

Open space (indoor and outdoor) where families and people of all generations can actively use their mind and body - so play ground or space, walking path, maybe posted conversation starters, exercise spots, postings of events at the AADL so people can go to those events

Question 2

I have kids and older parents, so finding ways to support and engage both of them

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
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Attend a private/public celebration: 4
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Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
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Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Generations against most commercial efforts for this space, but if they are included, make sure they are accessible for all income levels and particularly low income people and families

Question 5

Safe (enclosed) space for kids to play while I can get a coffee

Question 6

No response

Question 7

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No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 8:32 AM

Question 1

A representation of what I like best about Ann Arbor - a beautiful, somewhat eclectic space to gather peacefully with others in a tree-filled informal that celebrates our diverse community.

Question 2

Places to sit, gather with friends, play, walk.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
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Attend a kid's program: 2
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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
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Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

If the community decides that retail businesses will be part of the space, my hope is that the businesses are local and unique.

Question 5

Meeting friends there, coming to read a book/on the computer, attending a community event.

Question 6

Well, everyone. Therefore, it should be safe, wheelchair friendly, easy to walk on, etc.

Question 7

Neighbors talking and laughing. Children playing. The toll of a clock tower. Music from a local band or radio station. Plays/poetry readings.

Question 8

Lots of nature with trees, plants that are native to the area, lots of comfortable seating options, wide paths/walking surfaces, play areas for kids AND adults, a stage for performances, etc.

Question 9

Meeting friends, read a book, study, access the internet, attend a community event, have a picnic,

Question 10

Meet friends, read a book, play, access the internet, study, attend a

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community event, bring visitors from out of town and soak up the Ann Arbor eclectic, diverse vibe.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

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Question 1

It is a green space with a playground, winding path, deciduous and conifer trees, well-down-lighted at night, shallow splash pool for toddlers and a playground, bicycle racks, plenty of seating. Any nearby buildings would not overshadow this space.

Question 2

We used to come downtown a lot, primarily to use the library, but also just to walk around. Now it feels as though the buildings are looming down on us, there is little green space between the buildings and the streets, the scale is off. (See the book A Pattern Language, about people-friendly spaces.) Our downtown no longer feels pedestrian friendly.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2

Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I don't want it to be a largely commercial space -- I'd like it to be a safe space for children and adults. If that requires some businesses, some carts that attract people on into the evening, so be it -- ice cream vendors, taco trucks, waffle makers, etc. But a large commercial space -- no. We have that elsewhere.

Question 5

I would want to feel as though I could walk safely downtown, even as an older person.

Question 6

families, students and older folks

Question 7

children laughing, birds, traffic, people talking but no extraneous music except on concert days.

Question 8

a fountain and shallow splash pool for toddlers, some deciduous and conifer trees that can be decorated for holidays, playground equipment and lots of seating for adults.

Question 9

It's a place to congregate for adults and families, to read, to attend summer outdoor concerts.

Question 10

Safe, relaxed, and a sense of community.

Question 11

No response

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Question 12

artwork by local artists. We have so many talented people right here in the city who could produce accessible, public art of the kind you see in city centers in Europe -- not large imposing art, but people-centered art that children can also enjoy.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Install wider sidewalks and fewer buildings that loom over the humans. Build more to scale. Mix commercial and residential use.

Aaron King

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:34 AM

Question 1

A glassed-in public market, with year round retail shops, cafes, bars, and restaurants, with easy access to public transit (including streetcars eventually). With such infrastructure in place, the overhead costs to small retail establishments will be smaller, thus facilitating a diversity of small businesses. Critically, the space should have plenty of public or common seating, so that one is not obligated to make a purchase to occupy the space. Such a space would draw in a broad cross section of the populace.

Question 2

I have seen such spaces, immensely popular, in many cities: DC (Eastern Mkt in Capital Hill), Boston (Faneuil Hall), Toronto (St. Lawrence Mkt), NY (Essex Mkt, and others), Florence (Mercato Centrale), Seattle (Pike St Mkt). Our own Sparrow Mkt is a smaller version of this, though it lacks the common space that would broaden its appeal within the community. More generally, the idea is to adapt the concept of the S. European or Latin American plaza or piazza to our particular climatic conditions.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

For such a space to serve as the Center of the City, it must appeal to the whole society. Educational and children's activities are better handled through the public library, which is adjacent of course. The concept of a green space, facilitating contemplation or quiet reading, I find unconvincing, since it is an urban space and such use would squander the opportunities it represents as such. A2 is also already richly endowed with natural spaces. Similarly, inclusion of housing or office space would act to "privatize" the space, diminishing its value to the community (and contravening the spirit of the law). There are better spaces for children's playgrounds.

Question 5

I, and many people I know, would be there 4 nights out of 7. People would gather there to meet friends, shop, eat, drink, people-watch. Teenagers would gather to meet friends and hang out. People would stop in before or after catching a bus. Library usage would go up, and the strain on the library as the sole provider of certain necessary social services would be partly alleviated.

Question 6

People who eat and drink and sit and talk and like to be among their fellow citizens.

Question 7

Voices, perhaps live music.

Question 8

Many people interacting as they eat, shop, etc.

Question 9

Eat, drink, shop, chat, people-watch.

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Question 10

Inclusion in a vibrant city.

Question 11

The audience I've described in perhaps as broad as one could hope for. Could it be broader? Birds?

Question 12

No response

Question 13

The debate about this space leading up to the ballot initiative was for many years too unidimensional in my opinion. The desire for a public space vs the fear of expanding Liberty Plaza, public vs commercial. A2 has a vibrant pedestrian scene: all that is needed is to draw it into this space. Downtown's high rents price out many kinds of small businesses and its high prices keep out big segments of society: this is an opportunity to foster small businesses, which will broaden the appeal to segments of society that are not currently drawn downtown.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

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Question 1

Lots of trees benches and a performance space

Question 2

Music, activities, flowers and greenery

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 4

Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Not too commercial

Question 5

Meditation

Question 6

General population

Question 7

Live music

Question 8

Flowers

Question 9

Sit

Question 10

Peace

Question 11

Kids

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 14

No response

Laura George

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:34 AM

Question 1

It looks like a place open and inviting to all -- with plants -- trees, grass, anything green -- adding oxygen to the air. Park benches, Flowers. A place to eat your lunch on break from work. Trash and recycling cans both if any waste is left from your lunch. A green space -- a city "lung" like central park -- in the midst of buildings and cars and exhaust.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
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Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Question 4

Yes -- offices, apartments -- horrible ideas --

Question 5

a green lung for the city center -- breathing and slowing down

Question 6

All of us -- not just those who live in the luxury condos that are taking over every thing

Question 7

wind through trees, kids laughing, human voices, human scale

Question 8

green

Question 9

read, relax, work quietly, enjoy quality of life peace in a small city

Question 10

That they can breathe deeply.

Question 11

anyone, of course -- like Central Park in NYC -- mixing of all kinds of people

Question 12

plants -- symbolic resistance to global warming

Question 13

No response

Question 14

A place that invites folks beyond conference attendees

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:35 AM

Question 1

My ideal commons would contain lots of affordable high-rise housing. Alas, that was not the wish of the voters!

Question 2

No response

Center of the City

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Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Question 4

The trick is to avoid making it a venue for drug addicts and panhandler's.

Question 5

Reading, resting, waiting for my bus or listening to music

Question 6

Both seniors and children would benefit.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 8:36 AM

Question 1

Vibrant-safe-comfortable-with water to wade/walk in, not just to look at

Question 2

Time spent in other commons such as an enormous fountain pool in DC with edges wide enough to sit on and dip feet in, the wading pool/water feature in Chicago outside the art museum, these types of spaces with plenty of seating,

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

I would prefer to see a recreational space with enough programming to keep it safe but not so busy that it can't be used spontaneously. Any kind of housing, work space, wifi for computer use, doesn't really fit with the relaxed, open and readily available recreational use of the space that I am imagining.

Question 5

A safe, clean, well maintained, usable water feature!!!

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Question 6

An adult resting between other activities- work, shopping, etc, or waiting to meet someone.

Question 7

Laughter, water, all the regular sounds of the city. not too loud but pleasantly busy background sounds.

Question 8

People resting, children playing, people talking or reading

Question 9

Rest! Rejuvenate. Socialize. Sit in the fresh air.

Question 10

Safe comfortable restful but energetic

Question 11

Families, seniors, teens, college students, workers, everyone! But not large groups (classes, etc) such that they overtake the area for any lengthy period of time.

Question 12

There should be one main feature- I am worried that the space is small and that nothing will seem grand or legacy-worthy if too many competing features are in the space.

Question 13

Whatever we do, the space needs to feel safer, more usable, and more vibrant than Liberty Plaza.

Question 14

I do ok online. I wish we had a daily in print newspaper, to read legal notices and other news from the City. I would enjoy it more that way and would be more likely to read it and stay informed/engaged.

Jo Ann Marcoux

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:37 AM

Question 1

It has shade (trees, if possible), plants, seating options, a fountain to provide a peaceful space for mindful contemplation.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I can imagine visiting the Downtown Library then sitting in the commons with a book by a fountain and resting/renewing my spirit there.

Question 6

Senior citizens and all age groups.

Question 7

The sound of a running fountain (in season), birds, live music (in season), groups of people talking, perhaps a play being performed outdoors (in season). Ice skaters on an outdoor rink.

Question 8

All ages of people enjoying the space.

Question 9

Gets together with friends, sits by the fountain, skates on the ice rink, sits and reads or listens to live music or a play.

Question 10

Connected to the City, happy, refreshed.

Center of the City

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Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Free parking

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:38 AM

Question 1

Outdoor usage space with vending for various activities, maybe winter activities like skating rink, without having to hide from beggars.

Question 2

Things for the public, not business or worse, the city.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Some of them don't seem like activities. More like passive aggressive suggestions to sell the space for development.

Question 5

Something that you could actually take kids to downtown that doesn't block traffic.

Question 6

Kids, families. People who avoid downtown normally and could pair with library.

Question 7

Laughter. Fun.

Question 8

Safety. Fun.

Question 9

Skate, play, listen to music, see shows.

Question 10

That Ann Arbor actually does something for them and not special interests.

Question 11

Students, seniors, business people needing a break.

Question 12

Don't be shortsighted, trendy. Create something timeless that will last and appeal to everyone.

Question 13

Your biggest problem downtown is the lack of manpower or will to create a safe environment. Current common area downtown needs literal armed protection for a few booths in the Fall/Winter cold. City cares more about philosophy than citizens.

Question 14

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A new mayor not part of a political machine who actually listens to voters and not his special interests.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 8:42 AM

Question 1

A clean, green space with places to sit, maybe some well designed informational landmarks, some art - something inviting.

Question 2

I like to live in a place where all people can share in beautiful spaces. It is just a good thing that people have a place to feel safe and part of a community and proud of what their community stands for.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Just enjoying the beauty of a space, and seeing people be happy.

Question 6

ALL people of Ann Arbor.

Question 7

Music, children playing.

Question 8

Green things and beautiful art.

Question 9

Hang out, learn about Ann Arbor.

Question 10

Safe and happy.

Question 11

Visitors to Ann Arbor.

Question 12

Just that maintenance is a big deal. And also making sure that people in Ann Arbor are made aware of the space.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:43 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Get help: 3
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

The homeless already occupy this space. It should be designed in a way that acknowledges they won't go away, but still attracts non homeless folks to use the park.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

This space will only actually become useful and desirable if there are significant attractions to people who do not live nearby, or if significant new housing and office space are built adjacent to the park.

Question 14

No response

James Summers

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 8:43 AM

Question 1

The commons should be designed such that there is no space for cars, trucks or any other type of fossil fuel vehicles. This would include the absence of any electric automobiles or trucks. Transport within the commons should be designed for pedestrian, bike, ebike, scooter, or other types of clean micro-mobility (human-scale) devices. The biggest reasons NOT to go to downtown Ann Arbor for eating, shopping, etc. includes the presence of noisy, stinky traffic.

Question 2

The experience of having visited many European shopping and eating districts that contain several city blocks where auto, truck traffic is prohibited. I imagine a downtown area that does not include the noise of a Harley or choking fumes from diesel trucks while trying to enjoy a meal at a restaurants' outdoor eating space.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1

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Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Public celebrations and that are secular in nature could take place there. No private, nor "rental" areas should be available at any time that would exclude anyone from any area of the commons.

Question 5

Walking, biking to dinner or a meal at a nice cafe' in a park setting. Where a meal and music can be enjoyed free from the annoyances of traffic.

Question 6

Everyone.

Question 7

People chatting, children playing, dogs barking, birds singing, unoffensive music, distant clock chimes

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Smaller questionnaires, or the ability to "save progress" while working on questionnaires.

Karin Blazier

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:44 AM

Question 1

A park with trees, benches and possibly a shaded area.

Question 2

Pocket parks in NYC and other cities.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

What do you mean, come home to your apartment. work at an office, attend a conference, buy incidentals from a store?

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Are you trying to trick some people into saying that they want the 17 story building.

No response

Question 5

Visiting with friends and resting in a quiet place in the middle of the city.

Question 6

Everyone!!

Question 7

Birds, traffic, kids, and dogs.

Question 8

Trees, benches, possibly a fountain and a shade element.

Question 9

Relax, watch people, read, rest, talk with friends.

Question 10

Rest, and interaction with others.

Question 11

Include people with dogs.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

An open dialogue instead of stonewalling.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:48 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 3

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 1

Attend a kid's program: 1

Catch the time at a clock tower: 1

Come home to your apartment: 1

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 1

Attend a conference: 1

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

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Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:48 AM

Question 1

A bustling hub where many people congregate.

Question 2

Have a market.....another farmers market, have vendors selling items.....provide outdoor eating and drinking seating, add a restaurant or two.

Question 3

Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Question 4

Not a good fit for mixing kids and conferences. Not a good place for quite time. The center of the city should be loud and vibrant.....and place that is moving and shaking. Anymore there aren't a lot of reasons to come

downtown other than to eat. An area with live music and concerts, bar and restaurant, vendors selling art and kitchy stuff.....

Question 5

I see Chicago....Interactive art! Food and Music! Merchandise being sold!

Question 6

ALL AGES

Question 7

Voices and laughter and music

Question 8

Lots of people milling around, interacting with art, shopping, eating, thinking about their next stop in AA

Question 9

Play with Interactive Art...THINK CHICAGO! Have a water fountain! Buying Ice cream and icee's from carts, stop and look at vendors selling stuff, eat, sit and eat, listen to over flowing music

Question 10

Happy and vibrant....

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Go Big or Go Home. This is the cities chance to ADD a major highlight attraction! THINK CHICAGO! THINK BIG!

Question 14

More parking. Easy access parking.

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outside wards

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Question 1

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No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 8:51 AM

Question 1

Ideally I would like it to have shops and restaurants around it and the commons itself is a combination of green space and maybe spaces for shows or events. I enjoy city commons but they need to be in a part of the city that people frequent, the library lot seems a bit far from shopping and eating/drinking to make it a real ideal location.

Question 2

I lived in Madison, WI and they have quite a bit of common areas in the city. Whether it be a very wide alley/staircase or a mini park in the heart of downtown. Plus the Capital square is used for events and gatherings. The Lisa Link Peace Park is a fun spot in Madison where they have some events, sometimes some shows, and it is a nice area to go relax after grabbing dinner or a drink down on State Street. It is right in the heart of a busy area so it is frequently used.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1

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Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

I would avoid having private celebrations in a common area unless it is an event space. I am not sure what the plans are for this space but if it is an outdoor park that would be quite disappointing having it privately reserved. If there was an outdoor portion and some indoor space then reserving some indoor space would be fine.

I really like some of these ideas

Question 5

A place to get together and relax after work/dinner/drinks/shopping. A place to go see a live performance or enjoy a festival. When I have kids it would be nice to bring them for some children's programs or events.

Question 6

It really should be for everybody and there should be events aimed at everyone.

Question 7

People, sometimes music or shows.

Question 8

People relaxing, green space, people walking through or enjoying dinner/drinks around the commons.

Question 9

I feel like I have answered this already. Relax with family/friends after walking around town and eating/drinking. Taking in a show or festival/event happening in the area.

Question 10

A breeze and the sun.

Question 11

Like I said, anyone.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 8:55 AM

Question 1

There is a splash pad; the one in traverse city is pretty awesome, but even a simple one, like the one in charlevoix is still fun! Picnic tables in the shade. An area with various food trucks so you can come with your kids on a summer day for some fun and have lunch. Grass.

Question 2

We use the two aforementioned splash pads regularly when we are up north for the summer. They are always busy. They are always fun! There is nothing like it in Ann Arbor.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1

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Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Meditating and reading a book are lovely, but common areas are for all (and I'm talking about children here!) These are lovely ideas, and in my opinion, can be done just about anywhere, but I don't need anyone giving my kids the side eye for being kids because this is some sort of "outdoor quiet zone."

Question 5

Splash pad. Eating lunch. Sitting with friends and talking.

Question 6

Kids and families.

Question 7

Laughing and talking. Glee! Fun!

Question 8

Kids playing, people gathering to eat together; buying food. Beer.

Question 9

Hang out and meet up with other families. Let the kids play. Eat. Walk around and see some shops.

Question 10

Safe.

Question 11

Senior citizens. They can be eating and meeting too!

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Ann Arbor doesn't have anything for kids downtown on a summer day to do outdoors. It would be nice to be able to go downtown, let them play for a bit and then grab a bite to eat or shop around. The hands on museum is indoors and I don't want to spend a nice summer afternoon there. Same goes for the library. Although we would visit the library to check out our weekly books at this time if we were down there to hang out.

Question 14

A safe outdoor space that is fun for the whole family.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:56 AM

Question 1

Housing

Question 2

this is a really bad question. What does this mean. "What experiences should your ideal commons support?" I think it should support more public transit and housing like a bus stations that is not over flowing onto the street.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1

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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

good list

Question 5

It would be nice to have an ice rink or a nice park but we have a lot of parks and not enough housing so we should build houses.

Question 6

people that need houses

Question 7

buses or cooking

Question 8

buses or people going home to a house

Question 9

sleep get on a bus

Question 10

what does this mean.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

supporting our community to have more homes and public transit

Question 13

No response

Question 14

This is a great idea to get a survey but I doubt you will listen but thanks for trying. Also this survey is not very clear, we have a big university here that has people who design surveys you should look into it.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:56 AM

Question 1

What we don't need is another place for people who have drug addictions to hang out, or panhandlers to beg. I'm not insensitive to people who are down on their luck and we need to address the needs of all our citizens, but this is what keeps me away from Liberty Plaza. If the commons becomes another Liberty Plaza it will be a failure.

Question 2

Just about any summer day in Liberty Plaza, or any number of times I've been approached by panhandlers while out for dinner or an event in the city.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Keep events and activities to a minimum. It should be a quiet place for people to get away from traffic/noise/activities and just relax in a natural area.

Question 5

Meeting with friends before/after dinner. Just being a place to stop and

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relax.

Question 6

A playground would be great for families who chose to live downtown.

Question 7

Nothing but other humans talking, laughing.... We all need more quiet places.

Question 8

Nature.

Question 9

Relax, play with their kids.

Question 10

Safe.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Don't put in any paved sidewalks, create walking paths using wood chips or gravel. This will prevent skating boarding and electric scooters in the commons. Put up simple barriers to prevent cyclist from using it as a shortcut from one street to another. I'm a cyclist but I believe there needs to be places free of cyclists so pedestrians can wander lost in thought and not get run over.

Question 14

No response

Josh Pasek

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:57 AM

Question 1

An enclosed park with a playground and cafe tables, preferably also some kind of cafe.

Ideally, I think this should be housed in a large atrium-like space with some greenery and lots of windows.

Ann Arbor needs to create a space that facilitates interaction between people that works during the winter across age groups.

Question 2

- The 24/7 Church has become a hot spot for families with children (including many who are not members) because it has an indoor playground that kids can use during the winter. Having a city-owned space like this would democratize access to a winter play space, would promote health, and would not have the problems of liberty plaza because it could be closed at night.

- <https://mommypoppins.com/newyorkcitykids/nyc-indoor-public-spaces> (590 Madison)

- Piazza culture in Italy.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

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I would take my kids here, I would also plan to meet people here if there were nice tables to chat at with a cafe-type vendor. We really lack outdoor cafe spaces.

Question 6

I think children are the most critical community to serve in this area. Winter/indoor activities with kids either require consistent attention by parents or cost money.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Play structure, tables nearby where parents can watch them.

Question 9

Play at the playground, run around in the winter or in bad weather, escape cabin fever.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

I think it would have a pretty broad audience if we aim for more of a piazza feel than some kind of traditional park. That means that there really needs to be some provision of food/drink there.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Stewart Nelson

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 8:59 AM

Question 1

A place open to all that encourage people from all backgrounds to mingle

with each other to build bonds between individuals and groups.

Question 2

Having the Greek Festival back in the city. Events that reinforce our common goals instead of exacerbating our differences.

A world class library.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I don't want a convention center downtown.

Question 5

Winter skating and summer reading

Question 6

Seniors and Children for sure

Question 7

Many different genre's of music.

Question 8

Center of the City

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Celebrations of Life

Question 9

No response

Question 10

A sense of pride in my birth city.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

A special fountain that children can play in in the warmer months.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Free parking.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 9:02 AM

Question 1

I liked the suggestion of Ali Ramlawi to put a new library on the site and a common area around it. In my mind, the common area would ideally have both green and hardscaped sections, trees, benches, and maybe a fountain. It would be nice if there could be a space for free concerts, plays, and movies.

Question 2

Thriving, heavily used, urban public parks in Detroit, St. Louis, Chicago, Toronto, and NYC.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2

Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Some of these suggestions still seem to be seeking support for a private development on the site - "Come home to your apartment" "Work at an office" "Attend a conference" "Buy incidentals from a store" - it is disappointing that these were even included.

I really like the suggestions of a way to engage with history and including public art.

Question 5

Having a space to stop and relax in between activities downtown - like between work and dinner with a friend, taking a break from shopping, killing time before a movie. Given the proximity to Blake, it would also be wonderful to take the bus down and attend community events.

Question 6

Millennials (not college students - young professionals and young families)

Question 7

On an average day, water in a fountain, kids playing, traffic, trees rustling, a diverse range of people interacting.

Question 8

Grass, trees, water, cement, benches, a diverse community, art, the library, history.

Question 9

Read, reflect, learn, observe, meet friends, have a picnic, watch their kids

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play, experience their community.

Question 10

Happy, included, safe, welcome, relaxed.

Question 11

Every sector of our diverse community should be considered and welcome in the commons. The only community I would give less attention to in the planning process is the student community - they already have the diag.

Question 12

Ann Arbor needs a space to come together, a space to interact, a space to take pride in the singular place we call home. This space needs to be public and it needs to reflect the diverse community that is Ann Arbor - that means creating a space that welcomes a range of nationalities, ethnicities, ages, abilities, and income levels. Talk to AADL - they are already serving this wide ranging community - they should be a key voice in the planning process.

Question 13

Keep doing and further promoting surveys like this one, it is a great way for community members who can't attend city council meetings etc to have a voice in the planning process.

Question 14

More surveys like this one.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 9:07 AM

Question 1

The kind of place you find on a travel website. Where locals gather to have a drink, listen to music, buy a trinket from a local artisan, watch children play, converse.

Question 2

I travel frequently and see these spots in many other communities. Ann Arbor often feels like it's only for the commuters and college folks. We need a place of our own as Ann Arborites.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3

Buy from a food vendor: 2

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 3

Use a public rest room: 3

Visit the downtown library: 3

Attend a private/public celebration: 2

Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 1

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Experience a memorial: 4

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I voted against this proposal because we don't need another Liberty Square. No matter what you do, if you don't have people using the space, it will become another homeless hangout.

Question 5

I would love a space to sit and have a coffee or food while watching children play. We have a lot to do downtown for adults and college kids, but little outdoors for children.

Question 6

Families, the people who actually choose to live in this city and raise children. We compete for families with surrounding communities that have better recreation facilities, sprinkler parks, parades, small community events and the like which make a place feel like home. Ann Arbor tends to focus on those huge events like UM Football and the Art Fair which often cater more to outsiders than actual taxpaying residents of the city.

Question 7

Live music. Vendors. Police just saying hello.

Question 8

Their neighbors. A cool funky space, not a hard, cold modern structure.

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Question 9

Buy a coffee, play a board game, watch the children play, purchase a locally crafted seasonal gift.

Question 10

A sense of belonging and community like a small town where people know their neighbors and gather to share experiences with them.

Question 11

Drug dealers.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

A city news paper. In the absence of that, a periodic newsletter could help keep residents informed of city activities.

Grant Alpert

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:08 AM

Question 1

A large plaza surrounded by a high rise mixed use apartment building with event spaces on the lower levels

Question 2

Any city with a dense, walkable downtown.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Fountains are pointless

Question 5

Living and working in the same building

Question 6

Young professionals who want to make the city better

Question 7

A live/work space with activities

Question 8

A live/work space with activities

Question 9

Live and work

Question 10

Content and happy that the commons got build

Question 11

N/A

Question 12

Sell it to Core Spaces to make a mixed use high rise

Question 13

Sell it to Core Spaces to make a mixed use high rise

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Question 14

If the city actually clarified what Prop A meant and ran it through next election cycle.

Andy Noverr

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 9:10 AM

Question 1

Open space with tables/cafés to eat/drink and playground for children.

Question 2

Having spent years in Spain, this is quite common and a big attraction for families and businesses. Where my wife's family is from, there is center plaza w/ a playground and area to run around, ride bikes, etc. surrounded by cafes. Grown ups meet friends, socialize while the young ones play.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Meeting friends at a cafe, socializing while the kids play.

Question 6

Everyone aside from the typical folks looking to party.

Question 7

People socializing, kids playing, perhaps some live music every now and then.

Question 8

People socializing, kids playing, perhaps some live music every now and then.

Question 9

Socialize, play.

Question 10

Welcome, safe & relaxed.

Question 11

I don't know.

Question 12

No idea.

Question 13

No matter what is decided, there will be people unhappy with the space not fitting their pre-conceived idea. I am glad we were even having the conversation.

Question 14

I don't know - better weather?

Anna O'Connell

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 9:10 AM

Question 1

There should be trees for shade, a medium-sized amphitheater or band stand with lawns and some seating, walkways, and areas for community displays (art exhibits, farmer's market, ice or snow sculptures, school or community group decoration contests, etc.) A designated location for 2-

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3 food carts, also with seating or adjoining the amphitheater seating would be nice. No or only one permanent art installation.

Question 2

My experiences with Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, and the village commons along Lake Erie / Detroit River in Amherstbuergh, Ontario.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I do not favor building any "edifices" such as fountains, clock towers, or retail food or merchandise stores that are permanent on this site.

Question 5

Reading a book or listening to live music in this site.

Question 6

Citizens who live or work downtown, especially at lunchtime. Families after school / work, and on weekends. Children if you build a playground / play structure.

Question 7

Voices of other Commons users, music / performance from the band-

stand or amphitheater, buses from the adjoining Transit Center. Traffic noises from nearby city streets.

Question 8

Foliage, preferably mainly evergreen foliage. Limited, Master-Gardener maintained flower beds/seasonal plantings. Playground equipment. Walking paths, Food carts and seating. Amphitheater and seating. Community-based temporary exhibits (prize produce, snow or ice sculptures, jack o'lanterns or scarecrows, etc.)

Question 9

Eat lunch or dinner. Enjoy performances. Walk for exercise or pleasure. Play catch, frisbee, tag, etc. games with friends or family members, read or listen to a book or recorded music (with headphones or at low volume).

Question 10

Relaxed. Safe.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Either better parking options for those with limited mobility, or significantly improved access to mass transit outside the city limits.

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 9:10 AM

Question 1

I like the model (not exact, of course) of Campus Martius Park in Detroit; a permanent public space with changable features for the seasons: ice rink in winter, "beach" with sand in the summer, outdoor seating and popup food stands/trucks, stage, etc. Hire employees to be a physical park presence for maintenance and serve as city ambassador/info center.

Question 2

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No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 9:12 AM

Question 1

Activated by a mix of immediately adjacent, facing uses including commercial and residential for 24 hours eyes in the street and public space.

Publicly accessible space for sitting & for kids to play (not necessarily a playground)

Question 2

Spending time in other cities; urban plazas & pocket parks work best when surrounded by active uses and not isolated from them ... And this site isn't big or well located enough for secluded green space

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1

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Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Site is way too small for an ice rink

Question 5

Taking my elementary school she's kid to run around outside after a stop at the library while waiting to meet friends for dinner downtown

Question 6

Traveler leaving town on the flyer

Question 7

Kids playing, buses, people discussing their day

Question 8

A cafe to grab a sandwich & a place to sit to eat it. Residents, hotel guests & office workers coming & going

Question 9

Eats outside while waiting for their bus to the airport.

Question 10

A comfortable respite before leaving town & the stress of travel

Question 11

Kids, downtown workers

Question 12

I thought the Core Spaces plan was pretty good. Given the charter restriction on selling the air rights why not work out a similar deal with a long term lease instead?

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Ashley Vaduva

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 9:13 AM

Question 1

Green space with lots of grass

Question 2

Place to relax and play

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

To have a nice grassy spot to relax and let kids run

Question 5

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Walking, kids playing and running, picnic

Question 6

Families

Question 7

Nothing extra, just the ambient sounds of downtown

Question 8

Grassy area, small flower gardens,

Question 9

Walk, picnic

Question 10

Calm and peaceful

Question 11

Grassy areas appeal to a wide variety of people

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:15 AM

Question 1

Paths, shade, seating, water feature, nicely maintained grassy area for additional seating, dog-friendly..

Question 2

My imagination of where I might want to spend time with my kids downtown. I love the feel of the Diag.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 3

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 3

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 3

Attend a kid's program: 1

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 2

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Consider "pet-friendly"

Question 5

Family-friendly time. Easy and affordable food options.

Question 6

Families

Question 7

Water sounds, people-watching sounds, chatter, music

Question 8

People milling and sitting, climbable spaces, water feature - would LOVE a splash pad!!!!!!

Question 9

Visits for some out of the house time. Kills time. Sees a concert or performance. Plays in the water.

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Question 10

Concrete floors surrounded by grassier areas. Sunshine.

Question 11

People who work downtown. College kids studying.

Question 12

Splash pad, please please please. Also, family-friendly vendors selling little trinkets, glow merch, stuffies, etc. similar to those you would see at festivals or fireworks shows.

Question 13

I feel the downtown needs something to draw in families. Restaurants are expensive and overly fancy, there are no kid-friendly/kid-genre stores. There is no good reason for me to walk my family down there aside from the library and we walk past spaces like smoke shops, and piercing stations to get there.

Question 14

A reason to bring my family downtown again.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 9:15 AM

Question 1

Washington Square Park in NYC, with a central fountain.

Question 2

Travel throughout Europe where every city and town has a square where people gather to meet that isn't just a shopping district.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2

Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Anyone on foot.

Question 7

Quiet, just the fountain.

Question 8

A fountain, benches, paths, greenery.

Question 9

Meet friends

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Center of the City

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Free parking times and rerouting traffic around Main St a la Boulder Co.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 9:16 AM

Question 1

Affordable housing.

I suppose that a "commons" area on the surface lot could serve as a space for protests like the federal building across the street does now. Or perhaps as a place for small concerts if west park is too big, or as overflow for bums from liberty and division...

Question 2

See above.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

These options reflect a wide range of visions. What options are actually available?

Question 5

That's a good question

Question 6

Bums

Question 7

Each other. Cars. Buses.

Question 8

Each other. Cars. Buses.

Question 9

Sleep. Eat food. Panhandler. Bicker. Tap dance.

Question 10

Sad and tired.

Question 11

Library patrons. Alan Haber.

Question 12

Nope.

Question 13

If low income housing or affordable retail space was included in the plan then the city would benefit.

Question 14

Lower taxes.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 9:17 AM

Question 1

Active spot with a reason for people to be there.

Question 2

NYC Central Park

Center of the City

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Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Since the library offers some of the activities already, no need for duplicating them in the park. Ann Arbor doesn't have the year round good weather so the park will be unused for many months. Also, parking is so difficult downtown that the park will be mostly for nearby workers.

Question 5

I stop at the downtown library often but, if I worked downtown, I'd like a place to eat lunch outside in the summer.

Question 6

downtown office workers

Question 7

buskers

Question 8

sculpture, food vendors, loud people from the bus station

Question 9

sit and eat lunch, scroll through their phone

Question 10

it's nice to eat outside

Question 11

homeless

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 9:19 AM

Question 1

My ideal commons involves affordable housing, a community space for the AADL, and a civic plaza. I believe that a mix of uses will allow for the best use of this space, especially with the constraints that are presented by the underground parking garage. I believe that a large, open plaza would fail to engage with its surrounding context. Rather, a use that encourages a mix of uses and 24 hour engagement will create a lively and vibrant space for a variety of people.

Question 2

I believe that Liberty Plaza provides a template for what not to do with the Center of the City. Any open plaza without a variety of active uses (including housing, businesses, etc) will be a dead zone hostile to most users. I believe that a downtown park space needs to take into consideration the context in which it lies. We need a civic commons that takes the downtown context into consideration. Instead of creating an open park (which would not be very pleasant due to the parking garage and lack of large trees), there should be a combination of a mixed-use civic commons building with a plaza.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3

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Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I believe that a mix of both outdoor and indoor spaces will be most successful.

Question 5

I could imagine visiting a store, eating at a restaurant, and going home to an apartment. I think all of the activities make sense in the context of a downtown environment.

Question 6

Low-income population

Question 7

Different types of people enjoying the space at all times

Question 8

A mixed-use building accompanied by a public plaza with active uses, like people dining at a restaurant or cafe.

Question 9

Access affordable housing and resources at a library space

Question 10

They feel a sense of civic pride in a space that provides something for everyone in the community.

Question 11

Average adults, children

Question 12

Do not follow the example of Liberty Plaza and create only a public plaza. That space fails to engage with the surrounding area and is hostile to most populations. The Center of the City space needs a mix of active uses to be successful and engaging for all audiences.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 9:19 AM

Question 1

Green, beautiful, oasis amid the buildings. Not shops, offices or housing. Kind of like a miniature Central Park.

Question 2

paths, benches, water (pond or fountain), art, trees and grass, flowers

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4

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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

reading or talking with a friend

Question 6

senior citizens, business people on breaks, families in town on the weekend.

Question 7

Traffic unfortunately, but maybe a fountain and music in the summer

Question 8

Green spaces and trees

Question 9

Walk, read, talk

Question 10

Calm, soothed

Question 11

homeless

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 9:20 AM

Question 1

I enjoy campus martius in Detroit, where the park has a mixed use for events, pop up shops, festivals and traditional park experience. I think it will be a huge swing and a miss for A2 if the park doesn't allow mixed use. Please do not let it become Liberty Plaza, a park that outside of sonic lunch has little public appeal.

Question 2

Concerts, picnic/lunch areas with shade, green infrastructure, love the idea of allowing pop-up shops and food truck rally's on site.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
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Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

sitting outside of a cafe with my dog and friends, enjoying some natural space within the city. Bryant Park in NYC does a great job of incorporating shops/cafes with the recreation/ease of a park.

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Question 6

Everyone

Question 7

cars, birds, people

Question 8

I know these questions are supposed to help shape the commons but I feel they are silly and obvious.

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

As you might be able to tell, I think the commons is a huge mistake and did not vote for it. Please don't squander this opportunity and allow another Liberty Plaza, a park with no natural space and limited use.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 9:20 AM

Question 1

High density affordable housing with retail shop space on the first floor of whatever building ends up getting built. Open air multi-use areas outside of the building that allow for community gatherings, play areas for children, and the like.

Question 2

Similar spaces in other mid-size midwestern cities, like Madison, WI,

Detroit, MI, St. Louis, MO, and the like.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
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Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Whoever thought that an Ice Rink was a good idea is an idiot. Talk about high-expense, high maintenance, low benefit projects...

Question 5

Living in downtown would be fantastic, but right now, I can't afford to live there.

Question 6

Senior citizens, children, low-income property renters/buyers.

Question 7

Home. A community space that allows me to connect with other people in my community in a tangible and meaningful (non-electronic) manner. An area where we can live with a very diverse group of people from different backgrounds and different financial means.

Question 8

Home. A community space that allows me to connect with other people in

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Question 11

Other people in the city, visitors from out-of-town, etc.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Having a less regressive, less conservative city council would help. Right now they seem to be shilling the same swill that has been the status quo in conservative politics for a generation now. There's a definite "things were better back when..." or "we need to get back to how things were..." sense to the city council's makeup and public communications (including this survey). If we don't move on from those ideals, we are going to be left behind. We can't just have restaurants and boutique shops downtown. We need high-density, low income housing, along with groceries and public transit to support it or the city is going to become the next SF or Seattle, and nobody will be able to live here anymore.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 9:20 AM

Question 1

Since it's in the heart of the downtown, DEVELOPMENT. But since we voted against that, my idea is to build a new downtown library branch on the "Commons". Then tear down the old branch next door and sell that

lot to a developer in an effort to atone for the grave, generational mistake made by voters last November.

It just better not be one of those grifter huts the city was bilked into building there over the last month.

Question 2

Liberty Plaza, right next door, is and has been a nuisance for decades. Please don't make this another Liberty Plaza. This is in the heart of the heart of the heart of downtown so for god's sake, develop it! If it can't be private then use it for a city project like a (needed) new downtown library branch. There's an underground structure so it can't be turned into a park with trees and grass and such, anyway.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

If it can't be a new library branch or developed into a building of some sort, then I guess I'd like it to be family friendly (i.e., NOT like Liberty Plaza currently). How you do that given the continued existence of Liberty Plaza as a nuisance for decades, I have no clue. Good luck with that, ya!!!!

Question 5

Enjoying any of the MANY other city-wide amenities that could have been purchased by the sale of this lot to a developer and the ensuing property tax income. I would also have loved to enjoy those amenities with my

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hundreds of new neighbors that could have found housing at such a new development, taking cars, congestion, and CO2 off the road, while supporting local businesses downtown. But since we somehow voted against that, I wish you good luck in scrounging around for some currently-unavailable funds to make Liberty Plaza, Part II. Underused, dangerous waste of prime space downtown. Best of luck in turning this into something positive.

Question 6

Everyone

Question 7

Activity, hustle and bustle since it's in the heart of what should be a busy, well-developed downtown area.

Question 8

All of the things that should be in the heart of a city's downtown: restaurants, offices, apartments, city services like libraries, bus stops, people walking and biking. Not a bunch of people fighting and taking drugs like Liberty Plaza is and has been for a long time.

Question 9

Live their life in their apartment, restaurants, shops, and offices, while using city services like the library.

Question 10

Safety from vagrants fighting and taking drugs which is something the city has been utterly incapable of providing at Liberty Plaza for decades.

Question 11

Everyone should feel safe there and be able to use it without fear.

Question 12

Develop the heart of the downtown. Like this lot. Especially since we already have a (failed) park right next door (Liberty Plaza).

Question 13

We gave up so much with this decision (money, apartments, offices, etc) so please just don't screw this up by making it Liberty Plaza Part II. I don't see how that's feasible, though. I'm very disappointed by the direction the city took with this property. Please just build a new downtown library branch on the lot and develop whatever else you can.

Question 14

Nothing; we love watching the city council meetings and appreciate all

that the city staff do on a daily basis. We love being engaged with the city!

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 9:21 AM

Question 1

Playground and splash pad and food trucks or shopping container restaurants! (and maybe the splash pad could also double as an ice rink)

Question 2

There is not a single splash pad in Ann Arbor and not a single playground downtown

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

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Question 6

Families

Question 7

Kids and happiness

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Play eat visit

Question 10

Centered, present, happy

Question 11

All people

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 9:21 AM

Question 1

Public space with some green area, seating and shade. If possible, it would also contain an area for performances, a small play area for children and tables that could be used for dominos or other table games. It also might be nice to have an area that food trucks could park that would be easily accessible to people in the commons.

Question 2

Visiting various central city parks in other locals.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 2

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 2

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 2

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 2

Attend a kid's program: 2

Catch the time at a clock tower: 2

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Attend a conference: 3

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Visiting for a public performance/event or a place to relax, have a coffee or a bite to eat while downtown.

Question 6

The commons should be welcoming to all visitors coming to downtown: families, seniors, children.

Question 7

Sounds of the city, except when special events are occurring .

Question 8

It would be nice to have a calming environment with grass, gardens, possibly a fountain, historic plaques - rather than mostly concrete.

Question 9

Relax, take a break, read, play a table game, have a snack.

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Question 10

Safe and at ease.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

The Commons should be a place where people feel safe and where they want to go and take their families or meet their friends.

Question 14

No response

Trevor Staples

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:23 AM

Question 1

Mixed use development with housing, retail, and small public area. Would like to see restaurants/coffee shops with take out to take to Liberty Plaza in warmer times of the year. Liberty Plaza is very underutilized as a park and public commons.

Question 2

A downtown hotel is needed, as well as amenities that go with that. More housing units will help lower high rents downtown. Nearby landlords benefit from fewer rental units being available.

Affordable retail/restaurants/grocery store would be beneficial to those using the AADL, and who live close to downtown.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3

Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

There's really no activity I need on that parking lot. There are many parks within a short walk's distance that suit the needs of the community.

Question 6

People seeking housing close to downtown. People looking for overnight lodging for local events.

Question 7

Traffic going by, construction, buses.

Question 8

Traffic, other buildings, construction cranes.

Question 9

Walks through on way to AADL.

Question 10

Frustrated that they were sold a peaceful place to meditate, when in reality, whatever is built (or not) is right next to a busy road and bus station. The user would probably feel like going to an actual park.

Question 11

Other groups use Liberty Plaza, the Diag, West Park, Wheeler Park, and the many other "community commons" that we already have.

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Question 12

Scrap this crazy idea and go back to original plan for the parking lot.

Question 13

Who is paying for this, and where will the funding come from? What will the ongoing maintenance costs be?

Question 14

It's very easy to engage with the city of Ann Arbor. I wish Haber, Hathaway, and the other anti-development folks would have taken an honest path to get what they want. It's shameful the way they sold this debacle to the community.

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inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 9:24 AM

Question 1

A park with a water pad families can use during the summer or maybe an ice rink in the winter

Question 2

Downtown Detroit for the ice rink and canton's water pads

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Families

Question 7

Music

Question 8

Play structures, water pads

Question 9

Play

Question 10

Happiness

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

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inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:26 AM

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Question 1

I think the ideal commons exists not as a parking lot cum "park" but a broader approach toward caring for our community, welcoming new neighbors in through ADUs and denser development, and supporting the development of housing affordable through financial contributions. Schools also serve as good commons as do existing public structures like the library (who has asked in the past for financial support in expanding this capacity and been shot down), the University whose Diag and other spaces are already the go-to commons for many communal and public activities throughout the year, and repurposed space like the street which turns into a space for art, vendors, vintage cars, music performances, and other festivals throughout the year.

Question 2

Living in many cities around the world and interacting with the common spaces that exist here already. You know where I rarely went while living in Chicago? The massive park downtown. You know where I did go to meet friends, picnic, and hang out? The small parks in my neighborhood. Ann Arbor has those. We do not need another concrete park downtown.

Question 3

Visit the downtown library: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1

Question 4

I am deeply disappointed in this process. Liberty Plaza exists as a vibrant and active community space used for many of the activities on this list. The library similarly provides many of these opportunities. None of these provide affordable housing or contribute meaningful to supporting the physical and measurable needs of both residents in our community and former residents of our community who have been pushed out or otherwise excluded due to our failures to make movement on developing affordable housing in this city.

Question 5

None. I use the library or existing commons for these activities. At best, I would attend a rally to support an amendment to overturn this foolish park.

Question 6

The people who already use the available commons on this lot. The Housing and Human Services Advisory Board. The Library. Residents from outside of Ann Arbor who wish they could live her/formerly lived here but can't due to housing costs.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

Would love to see an "Occupy the Commons" Camp

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Please put this issue on the ballot again.

Question 14

If Council Member representing my ward wasn't openly hostile to opinions of constituents.

Justin Wise

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:26 AM

Question 1

An open plaza with fountain and splash pad in the center but surrounded by active retail, dining, and housing.

Question 2

Experiencing active piazza spaces in Europe. Union square in San Francisco.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 1

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Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Any space should be surrounded by new retail, office, and housing so it's active and does not become like liberty plaza.

Question 5

Taking my kids to a splash pad in an active space

Question 6

All

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Active space with many people shopping, dining, letting their kids play

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Please add some buildings to the properties to draw people in and give them some life. Right now the area is a dead zone and that won't change

with a concrete plaza with occasional events (i.e., "peace day")

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

David Steiner

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 9:27 AM

Question 1

activities during all the seasons. Playground. A hill to climb?
An artificial stream perhaps

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Garden areas and mature plantings (mostly native plants) are a must to attract people to an area such as this. A big concern is providing for the

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needs of the homeless so this area does not become a magnet for them.

Question 5

Water fountain and or sit in a shady area on a hot summer day. Skating in the winter.

A space to build snowmen. Food truck events in the summer. Something to attract the football game attendees in the fall.

Question 6

concert on the commons before/after dinner or lunch for office people and those living or visiting the downtown area

Question 7

Classical music, soft jazz. Children playing. Maybe a few dogs

Question 8

a disperse demographic of users.

Question 9

relax, enjoy the outdoor space. People watch

Question 10

peace and tranquility. A place you WANT to visit or walk through on your way to wherever

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

This will not be a large space but a significant open area nevertheless. A challenge to make judicious use of it.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 9:27 AM

Question 1

A park

Question 2

Boston common, Grant Park Chicago

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4

Buy from a food vendor: 4

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4

Get help: 1

Work at an office: 1

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 3

Sit quietly and read a book: 3

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 3

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 2

Experience a water fountain: 4

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 1

Attend a kid's program: 1

Catch the time at a clock tower: 1

Come home to your apartment: 1

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 1

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1

Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Center of the City

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Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:29 AM

Question 1

Park with picnic tables, possibly a picnic shelter, play equipment (accessible to various ages and abilities), sand box area, trees, possibly a basketball court or a water play area. I'd like the play area to have a safety fence, since there are busy city roads and presumably a lot of foot traffic (a tall fence with a single entrance/exit point, so that kids can play freely without parents worrying). Putting in fruit trees that are open to all could be interesting. Paved paths that are maintained in the winter would be nice. Lots of lighting (but not lighting the sky, lighting the park) so that it can be used into the late evening.

Question 2

Ann Arbor's fantastic parks, New York City's smaller parks

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
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Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

An ice rink sounds expensive and seasonal. A winter space would be nice, but expensive hobbies aren't accessible to all. Maybe ice sculptures along a path, or holiday lights could be enjoyed by everyone.

Question 5

After visiting the library, eating our (home packed) lunch in the park and then playing on the play equipment and reading our books.

Question 6

Everyone

Question 7

People playing and chatting. Probably corner musicians.

Question 8

Park, trees, flowers, people

Question 9

Relax or play

Question 10

Relaxed

Question 11

It's already everyone, but there will probably be considerations for keeping the homeless population from becoming a "nuisance."

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Question 12

Free fruit trees and community garden

Question 13

It should be accessible to all, without the expectation that anyone has to spend money to be there (like a library, unlike a coffee shop). Although food trucks or a coffee stand might be nice, they shouldn't be the focus or the purpose.

Question 14

No response

Dave Gee

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:30 AM

Question 1

Pedestrian friendly, accessible, all-season. Feeling of community. Clean, safe, inviting. Able to accommodate many people without feeling crowded.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
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Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 2

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Space constraints are going to substantially dictate what can happen here. I think that priority should be given to flexible, multi-use features. There should also be an open, transparent and accessible process for obtaining the use of the space.

Question 5

Concerts, outdoor theater, children's activities. As someone who lives in the Abbot neighborhood coming to this space would be a destination event. I can imagine that people who live close would appreciate the space as a place for impromptu conversation, play, relaxation, etc.

Question 6

I'd like to see the space appeal to all age groups. In particular, families with children are a signal of a welcoming space.

Question 7

There should be a mix of impromptu sounds of life and planned sounds such as concerts or dramatic presentations.

Question 8

Buskers add considerable value to a common space. Green features, water features, sunlight and shade.

Question 9

Sit, watch, listen, converse.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Vehicle traffic, including cars, scooters, bicycles, etc. should be limited. It's hard to be in community if you're always worried about being run over.

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Question 14

The first obstacle to engagement is not knowing where to start. City services should offer many methods for people to discover how to engage. Start with the assumption that I don't know anything. The second obstacle is busy lives. People who want to engage with the city also have full time jobs, children, etc. They need a way to engage that is compatible with their lives.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 9:32 AM

Question 1

Mini-oasis in an area lacking green space. Trees, water feature with soothing sound like a water wall, practical landscaping for the site, seating for relaxation and eating outdoors, mini play structure for children. Art feature. Ex. Paley Park in NYC.

Question 2

See above, Paley Park in NYC. Recent experience in Arlington, VA at waterfront park on Potomac; interactive art installation, swings for grownups, toddler lawn area. Seattle: sculpture park wedged into a small area near highway, with pavilion for eating, restrooms, coffee cart.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I think the city uses other outdoor spaces well for concert, kids' events and that this space should be minimally programmed. I envision people using it for less stimulation, not more. There are many establishments within a block or two that could already provide food, so keep it simple. Leave the educational programming to the library next door.

Question 5

Regrouping, enjoying fine weather, meeting up with others on the way to other activities downtown. And especially, we show a huge amount of international visitors around the city, and spaces like these add to their experience here. Few international visitors start out with the specific desire to see A2 because they haven't necessarily heard of it, but many bring their friends and family members back for return visits because we've shown them the resources available here. Such a park would benefit visitor experiences and impressions.

Question 6

Hopefully, anyone and everyone who finds themselves downtown.

Question 7

As above, a water feature helps neutralize traffic and bus noises. Sounds of children playing, especially nice for downtown workers and university students cut off from regular family life for long periods of time. Sounds of people chatting with each other live time, not just texting. No bombardment of loud music because all the restaurants are already full of that.

Question 8

Aesthetic features, both designed and nature-derived. Paving, landscape containers, beds, etc. attractive as well as practical. Accessibility for all on the mobility spectrum. Shade for the summer heat. Seating for both groups and individuals. Kid/family friendly area or feature. A variety of fellow users.

Question 9

Hopefully, unplug from their phone for a while and let the fresh air cleanse them from the confinement of their car, busy office, stressful home situation or pressure of running errands or dealing with bureaucracy. Listen to rustling leaves and water sounds and think of nature excursions. Watch children playing and enjoying their freedom.

Question 10

Like they're getting a BREAK from something.

Question 11

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I feel like I'm being prodded to opine on concerns about homeless persons, persons in crisis, and/or security issues. I realize this is complicated and challenging. It brings up issues of poverty, addiction and mental health being criminalized so that people of privilege don't have to feel discomfort. I realize that I've often fallen into the latter group. It's something this community just has to keep working on, whether we have another park or not. I don't have answers that fit into this box.

Question 12

I think it would be great to incorporate stories of the community's historical efforts at social justice and inclusion in the aesthetic features, including instances where we fell short and had to rededicate ourselves to do better. Designers should consult with underrepresented constituencies in the city to understand and reflect what they would like to see and take pride in.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:33 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Buy from a food vendor: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Ryan Callahan

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:35 AM

Question 1

I would like to see an appropriate use of the structure in place. This means a taller, mixed-use structure with housing, retail, and some sort of public plaza.

Question 2

Increased density. I want to live in a city that is more walkable with people living close to downtown. I think this makes for a more ideal city. I have

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traveled quite a bit and cities that do high density well feel the best to me. Passes through. May occasionally sit and eat.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I think that you can have some public space while also building up and increasing density. It does not have to be one or the other.

Question 5

Buying incidentals from a store, having a drink, attending a conference, work at an office.

Question 6

Young professionals

Question 7

Bustling city.

Question 8

People walking to/from work, going out to eat.

Question 9

Question 10

They should feel like they're in a city.

Question 11

Young children and seniors.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I believe we need to work toward a solution that allows us to use the underground structure for its intended purpose. Give some public plaza, but build up as well.

Question 14

More surveys like this. Though, you always need to make sure you're able to reach a wide enough demographic.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:35 AM

Question 1

A shaded space, with a common area for events, a water feature that could be played in (like squirting up from the pavement), perhaps even ice skating in winter. Areas for food trucks or booths and for vendor booths for special occasions or pop ups. Maybe an occasional farmers market.

Question 2

Events here in Kerrytown, Campus Martius park in Detroit, some of the recent downtown development in Grand Rapids, Christkindlemarkt in Chicago, and the ice skating at Rockefeller center

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1

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Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

I think a place to ice skate would be great, and maybe bring in sand like they do at Campus Martius

Question 5

Listening to live music, eating food, sitting in the shade.

Question 6

Families, visitors, seniors (with adequate seating).

Question 7

People, a fountain, and live music

Question 8

People, families skating or playing in a fountain/water feature

Question 9

Sit down, enjoy a drink or food, listen to live music, watch kids play or ice skate, read a book, sit in the shade, cool off in a sprinkler.

Question 10

A sense of community and relaxation

Question 11

Artists, musicians, food vendors, people who want to sit outside and work.

Question 12

Maybe include a garden of flowers or vegetables for people to pick.

Question 13

Work with surrounding property owners to make a space that improves the area for them also.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 9:35 AM

Question 1

Lots of trees, clean, safe, with benches or other shady places to sit. An oasis of quiet in the middle of a city.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

The ice skating rink in downtown Detroit has been a big hit and it might be

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nice to replicate that here. More likely to see winter usage with that kind of activity. With the main library right there, live music events are a bad fit unless it is after closing, which is pretty late.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Michelle Peet

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 9:35 AM

Question 1

It is mostly green space with a playground for children that also allows for those with disabilities to take part. Perhaps items for hearing/vision

impaired and areas for those on the spectrum who suffer from sensory overload. It should be a place to unwind from the chaos of an urban setting. Ideally it would utilize varying elevations too.

Question 2

While I'm unsure exactly what this question is asking, I can say I love my experiences in Chicago's parks and paths along the lake and into the city center. Same with NYC's central park, although our space is nowhere near these in scale, we should be able to have some of these same elements: green, art, water, gardens, etc.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

There's enough area surrounding the park space for vendors, wifi (library), etc. so the city center itself should be a haven away from those distractions.

Question 5

Strolling among green/garden/sculpture/water areas--which makes me think of the Salt Lake City urban stream that runs through their city (I didn't think of it earlier as it's not particularly green, but the water elements are great!). This should be pedestrian only space--no bikes (space to lock them in the periphery is good), scooters, skateboards, etc. Windchimes, fruit trees/urban gardens would be great too. Play space

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for kids is really needed in order to encourage families to live downtown.

Question 6

Families, kids, seniors, workers who need a break, those with disabilities, artists looking for inspiration, nature lovers, gardeners, and even our homeless population should be considered in this planning. In the winter, ice skaters would be great!

Question 7

Birds, water, kids' laughter, perhaps music, soft conversation, wind chimes to block the sounds of vehicles.

Question 8

Green, various elevations, sculptures and gardens, water, play space, seating, small & tasteful signs directing visitors. Beautiful lighting in the evenings!!!!

Question 9

Relax and unwind.

Question 10

Relaxed, connected, recharged.

Question 11

Already listed.

Question 12

This is an opportunity to make something good for both people and the environment. Lighting that's solar powered from sculptures or awnings that incorporate solar panels would be good, for example. Drinking fountains are a must--including the lower access for pets. Recycling and trash receptors that are super clearly marked are needed too.

Question 13

Please don't forget our homeless population when planning.

Question 14

Extended business hours at least one day/week and/or Saturdays.

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 9:36 AM

Question 1

An area supporting several gathering spaces of different sizes, shade for people using the commons, a small performance space such as a band shell, and areas for food carts or displays.

Question 2

Small city-center parks such as those found in Plymouth, MI, Medina, OH, or Stamford, CT.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

This is a very small space so it will be difficult to make the space "all things to all people." The space is also covered in concrete which limits certain options. One issue that hasn't been brought up in this survey is potential design linkage between this space and Liberty Square, which is located adjacent to this space.

Question 5

Meeting friends at a live concert or taking grandchildren to activities.

Question 6

Local business owners.

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Question 7

N/A

Question 8

N/A

Question 9

Sell refreshments or snacks.

Question 10

N/A

Question 11

Condo and apartment residents, AATA customers, Library patrons.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

The notion of a small public Commons atop a parking structure is not to me inspirational on its face. The adjacent Liberty Square park is not a place that we take our grandchildren to or frequent on our own .. I do not understand how the proposed Commons will attract a different crowd than the present Liberty Square park, and no questions about this issue have been raised in this survey.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 9:38 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Work at an office: 3

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 2

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 3

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 3

Attend a kid's program: 2

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 3

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

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Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:39 AM

Question 1

I am getting the sense that too much of downtown and central campus is concrete, brick, asphalt surface. Would like to see the commons support some greenery and seasonal color, although this is a challenge both in terms of the trend to more vertical development and of a feeling of security/management of loitering.

Question 2

Honestly, Liberty Plaza works well. The issue there is many residents are intimidated or unwelcome due to panhandling and the large number of mentally ill and chronically unemployed. Perhaps consider locating a police substation in the area or designate either the commons or liberty plaza as more welcoming to that community and "training" residents to respect one location as being more tolerant/open/liberal and the other location being 'safer'. Prefer not to see a Giuliani NYC solution of brooming folks out. I think the trends the city has made to divert this away from Wheeler and West Park has been pretty successful. Maybe budget/plan for a fluid or evolving or modular design so that the Commons is intended to evolve in response to user feedback and what types of activities or features users favor. Committing to a static and pricey design may create a timeless classic, but puts a lot of pressure on getting it right.

If possible, would be great to have smooth pedestrian/scooter access from central campus to 1st street with as much covered/car-free stretch as possible. Integrating the arcade and commons into this, possibly along with William Street upgrades seems to make sense.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1

Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Weigh input from local businesses and residents more highly.

Question 5

Being able to sit and grab a bite appeals or read, particularly if that can be integrated with library materials and story telling or demonstration events. Find ways to extend the season.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

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Question 12

I know there is a world of difference with NYC, but look to High Line for inspiration. I presume that is a model for the Greenway. The commons will be about 3 blocks from that - might be worth thinking how they will complement each other.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Marianna Kerppola

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 9:41 AM

Question 1

An open gathering space where community members from all walks of life can gather. In many ways, I think of the commons as an outdoor library, where community members can enjoy collaborative activities (e.g., music, crafts, etc.) and learn new things (e.g., environment, historical, etc.). For example, Helsinki recently opened their downtown library, for which the design objective was "the city's living room." In the same vein, I imagine the ideal commons being "Ann Arbor's front yard."

Here are some references to Oodi:

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Europe/2019/0124/Welcome-to-Oodi-Helsinki-s-new-living-room>

<https://www.oodihelsinki.fi/en/what-is-oodi/>

Question 2

Music, dancing, crafts, playground, performances, food trucks, markets/fairs

Examples from other cities that come to mind are Millennium Park in Chicago, Esplanade in Helsinki, Jardin des Tuileries in Paris

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I would advocate for open access opportunities that all community members can enjoy. Apartments and working spaces seem closed off to the community

Question 5

A playground to where we could meet up with other families. Music and other kid-friendly activities. I think of the ethos of events like Fool Moon. How might the community space bring this kind of reverie into the every day?

Question 6

Children

Question 7

Music, laughter, instruments

Question 8

An art sculpture that is also a play sculpture.
A stage where musical events and other performances take place (e.g., weekly dance gathers -- like Lindy in the Park <http://www.lindyinthepark.com/>).
Food trucks on dedicated nights

Question 9

Play, laugh, experiment, learn, meet friends, crafts

Question 10

Joy, delight, peace, belonging, togetherness

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Question 11

Everyone... It would be incredible to think about how the space can evolve throughout the day for different users. For example, in the mornings, it's a place to get coffee while waiting to switch buses at BTC. In the afternoons, it has food trucks for the working lunch crew. In the afternoons, it has after school activities for high school students finishing classes. In the evenings, it has music for families to enjoy a picnic dinner. At night, it has a stage for dancing or other performances.

Question 12

Since it's a small space, how might different features be designed to be multi-purpose for diverse users. For example, an art sculpture that's also a play sculpture. An exhibit about the history of Ann Arbor that feels like an extension of the Hands on Museum. A stage that can be used for a diverse set of experiences.

Question 13

There are few public spaces in Ann Arbor that are accessible to families of all socioeconomic backgrounds. Ideally, the Commons would be one of these spaces where participants would not need to buy or pay to enjoy the space. Another example from Helsinki are their playground system, which are also family houses. These family houses organize free indoor and outdoor activities for both children and parents coordinated by the Department of Early Education and Care. Children can also get an after school snack at these houses. More info here: <https://www.hel.fi/helsinki/en/childhood-and-education/play/playgrounds/>

Question 14

These surveys are great!

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 9:44 AM

Question 1

Green, trees and shade, benches, gardens

Question 2

If this question means how wd i use it, my ans is as a lovely place to sit and gather and people watch. Free!

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 3

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 4

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 2

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4

Learn about the city's history: 2

Attend a kid's program: 3

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

There are plenty of restaurants! The library has many kids activities! It does NOT have to be a commercial space.

Question 5

A restful and beautiful place to sit and walk

Question 6

Seniors, workers bring your lunch, children play.

Question 7

Water

Question 8

Green, water, trees and gardens

Question 9

Be

Question 10

Calm and happy

Question 11

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Isn't that enough?

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 9:45 AM

Question 1

trees, flowers, grass, benches, coffee shops-grocery store, library, fountain, local art, public restrooms, soft lighting in evening, ice rink in winter

Question 2

Used city commons in Chicago when I worked there for 4 years as a stress reducing break from living and working in a high rise, use during travels to cities to meet people learn about the city and rest. All increased my feeling of well-being

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Two questions are unclear - 'work in office' & 'come home to your apartment' makes it sound like there will be an office and/or apartment building on the site. If that is correct, I say no but if it means, I have access to the commons when coming and going from my downtown office or apartment, I say definitely yes.

Question 5

If I lived downtown or when I go downtown, I would enjoy a space to sit, meditate, have a cup of coffee, listen to music, visit with others, do yoga, walk in the shade, As it stands now, there is no nearby place to escape tall buildings, traffic and concrete which is stressful

Question 6

Employees who work downtown, seniors, children and others who reside or visit downtown, parents of students visiting Ann Arbor, people that visit the library, Art fair visitors

Question 7

water fountain, diversity of ethnic music, laughter of people/children, birds, quiet

Question 8

shade trees, flowers, fountain or pond with fish, cafes around edge with outside tables, art, benches, winding walkways, public rest rooms

Question 9

eat lunch, read a book, mediate, walk around, listen to music, take photos, meet up with friends, meet new people, yoga,

Question 10

energy and well-being as I felt in Chicago loop City Commons when I lived and worked and in cities I visited in various parts of the world

Question 11

concert attendees, people dining downtown

Question 12

Maintenance needs to be a high priority and If not already in place, how

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about a volunteer city beautification committee, given a budget, who plants flowers, decorates for holidays, monitors and reports maintenance needs

Question 13

No response

Question 14

These types of surveys [and timely report back of collective engagement results] and meeting sites with improved ADA friendly audio visual equipment and physical access.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

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Question 1

It would have both enclosed and outside public meeting areas, inside would be flexible use space similar to rooms at library and outside would be flat that could be used for rally, concert, festival use.

Question 2

Other public square experiences in both Ann Arbor and other cities.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 3

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Ideally, I think the proposed space would be best used by private development above the street level and open/public space at street level.

Question 6

All residents and visitors to Ann Arbor.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

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Question 1

Green & street level

Question 2

Living near a park

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
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Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Sitting

Question 6

People

Question 7

Talking, trees

Question 8

People trees plants

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Peaceful

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

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Question 1

A large, mixed-use high-rise building that increases downtown density and helps relieve the very real housing shortage in Ann Arbor and contributes both tax base and population to a walkable downtown core.

Question 2

A vibrant downtown housing and shopping experience, and a lack people panhandling, fighting, and drinking in public (as frequently seen in the adjacent city park).

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1

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Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

The city has an abundance of existing and underutilized facilities for outdoor concerts (West Park bandshell, for instance).

Question 5

I'd like to have a major retailer right downtown so that year-round residents and students could do normal household shopping without having to drive to the outskirts or take a long bus ride. If downtown living is going to be at all affordable, it needs to permit the kind of shopping that people do alongside supporting local merchants.

Question 6

People who want a sustainable city core that does not depend on automobile transport for everything. People who thought building on the foundation designed for a large, mixed-use building was the wise choice instead of adding another park.

Question 7

As proposed, I am afraid they will hear lots of panhandling and the occasional physical altercation from the Liberty Square indigent population.

Question 8

As proposed, I am afraid they will see used needles, alcohol bottles, and litter. They will also likely see the police and emergency services responding from time to time.

Question 9

Avoid it, largely.

Question 10

Frustration because, nice as it is to visit a new park, they can't afford to live in Ann Arbor.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

If you bought a house on the Old West Side for 20k in the 1970's, and now pay a couple thousand dollars in taxes each year on it, it is probably difficult to understand why people are not supportive of another park. But for working families with young kids, or for young professionals who want to start a life in our city, this park is not the best use of the city's land and resources.

Question 13

Thank you for serving on the Task Force. Please listen to the voices of people who are concerned about where this Commons plan is headed.

Question 14

Our city's civil servants are largely a decent, hardworking bunch. I'm grateful for the service I routinely receive from them.

Ezra Keshet

inside ward 5

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Question 1

Could we build some affordable housing there? Like a mixed use park + retail/event space + housing setup? For instance, we could rebuild the library there, with public housing, as they did in Chicago:
<https://www.chicagotribune.com/columns/blair-kamin/ct-biz-cha-public-housing-and-libraries-20190822-boggg7ynjvdplok4cq377xee7m-story.html> .

Also, can we close off the surrounding streets to traffic, maybe only let buses through?

Question 2

I don't understand this question.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 1

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Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Food trucks. Lots of food trucks.

Question 6

Low-income citizens

Question 7

Bustling mix of all types of people

Question 8

Activities, food trucks

Question 9

Live there, public library

Question 10

unsure

Question 11

Everyone should find something!

Question 12

Closing off traffic on surrounding streets would make a big difference to the experience there.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Engaging, safe childcare at all public outreach meetings. So fun that the kids are begging for you to go to more meetings.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

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Question 1

open and green. no buildings. well maintained. great design both of the space and the landscaping

Question 2

a beautiful setting to give some relief to a too-crowded with tall buildings downtown. enjoying a well-designed space. enjoying some green, trees, etc.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3

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Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

keep retail to a minimum if any. there's plenty of retail in downtown already. you can get incidentals and food/drink close by from numerous places

Question 5

knowing that a green open space was there to preserve some semblance of nature downtown.

Question 6

musicians!

Question 7

the sound of a small, well-maintained fountain

Question 8

No response

Question 9

trees, beautiful landscaping

Question 10

for me: relaxed, appreciative of the City's wisdom in creating and preserving a beautiful green space downtown

Question 11

events like Festifools

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

online surveys are nice

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Question 1

It has benches for sitting, tables for eating or playing games, a small playground for children to play on, a mix of sun and shade, edible, native plantings (fruit trees, berry bushes, etc), trash and recycling cans, a path for walking with a stroller or wheelchair.

Question 2

My experience with neighborhood playgrounds at which people gather to just "live" somewhere outside their homes.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
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Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Having a picnic with food purchased from a neighboring restaurant, "people watching," and hoping that someone I know wanders through and says Hello.

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Question 6

Visitors to the city (tourists) of all ages.

Question 7

Young children playing, a musician playing music, teenagers laughing, a man selling ice-cream (singing Italian songs...)

Question 8

Grassy areas with people lounging or following their dog around; native plants; trees; people sitting on benches and at tables, reading, drinking, eating, talking; young children playing on a playground with clusters of parents talking (or standing alone, staring at their phones); caretakers pushing people in wheelchairs or babies in strollers along the path that goes around the perimeter, but also through the center of the commons; a fountain; an interactive sculpture (like "The Cube").

Question 9

The visitors take a break from walking around to watch the interactions between people who live in the community and use this public space, looking for clues to how inclusive, welcoming, and happy the inhabitants are.

Question 10

The visitors feel safe and welcome.

Question 11

Parents of young children, people with limited mobility who tend to feel isolated in their homes, young teens who need a safe and free public space to gather, caretakers of disabled adults who need a safe and free public space to visit, shoppers who need a break from shopping, people who live downtown and want to sit in nature, downtown workers taking a lunch or coffee break

Question 12

Making efforts to make all people feel welcome, which includes no lists of rules and prohibitions, even if they exist. Signs admonishing dog walkers to "pick up poop," "no smoking," "no alcohol," "no skateboards," "stay out of the fountain," "no littering," all have an effect on how welcoming a space feels. Instead, regular police foot patrol (by smiling, friendly officers) would prevent actual problems.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

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Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
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Learn about the city's history: 1
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Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
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Experience a memorial: 2
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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I do believe this area should be a place to share with others, yet have the option to avoid noise and other distractions. It needs to be family friendly and welcoming to kids and people of all ages. Having occasional special events (live music, kids' programs, hands-on crafts activities) would be a nice bonus. Having clean and safe public restrooms is a must. Buying food and drinks is not a necessity but would be appreciated by many, especially if the area were to be used for people who work in the area and might use the space for lunch during their workdays. I have mixed feelings about having computer connections, but the reality is that this is

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the world we live in, and it would make the place more usable having the ability to stay connected, even if the purpose of being there is a respite from the outside world. Art would be nice, although not necessarily a permanent fixture (sculpture). I would prefer an area that could be changed over with different art, maybe even seasonal.

Question 5

I would love to see live music there occasionally, especially from local artists.

Question 6

Families with children.

Question 7

People getting together to visit.

Question 8

Art

Question 9

Relax or play;

Question 10

Peace & safety

Question 11

Book clubs, youth, seniors

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

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Question 1

It's my understanding that there is concern that the structure below was not intended to carry the distributed weight of wet soil. I propose elevated planter areas centered on the support columns to green things up. If possible a well draining soil media with grass would be ideal in other places but if not feasible then an aggregate surface may be ideal. Since trees will likely not have the soil capacity needed to grow then perhaps shade structures with renewable energy capabilities could be proposed (vertical wind turbines, solar panels, etc.). Seating areas to enjoy a book from the library or to wait for the bus are critical.

This may be a stretch but perhaps there is an elevated platform for ice skating in winter that is mainly supported by the columns below but designed with trusses distributing the weight between columns.

Question 2

Seating areas, temporary public art display, yoga, small concerts, beer garden/food trucks nearby, fun colors, quirky designs.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I believe memorials are often overlooked and not appreciated. Unless it's done in an innovative way it will just fade to the background and people won't pay attention.

I think it needs to be a flex space for day/night/seasonal activities and it

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should relate to the library during weekday library hours (reading, meditating, quiet space). During weekend library hours it can be a little more active and lively. Late afternoon into evening can be outdoor food/drinks.

A farmer's market type set up may be nice for crafts and nick knacks but should be coordinated so as not to take away from Kerrytown Farmer's Market.

Computer hot spots would be a great benefit.

Water fountains are often expensive to operate and age quickly - not in favor.

Question 5

Quiet space for respite, meditation or reading during the day.
Lively and active space for drinks, food, conversation and laughs.

Question 6

I think there is a way for it to be used by all user groups if programmed correctly. I think your biggest cross section will be children/young families (if activities are planned), young professionals (food/drink/respite), and patrons of the nearby bus stop.

Question 7

Likely will hear the traffic of downtown.

Question 8

Quirky designs, bright colors, fun interactions.

Question 9

Whatever they desire.

Question 10

A respite space off the street.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I think that there are sometimes people who hang around the bus station that may deter others from using the space. I don't think this is a bad

thing but i think the design and intent for the space has to be purposeful.

Question 14

No response

Bess Kates

inside ward 1

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Question 1

I believe that we all voted for a beautiful city park with trees and flowers and lovely walkways for everyone to enjoy.

Question 2

Other cities the size of Ann Arbor have a lovely commons in the enter of the city downtown where residents and families can enjoy a park setting with trees and flowers. Many of us shop downtown. A beautiful park on the commons would encourage other shoppers to come downtown instead of sterile strip malls. Can't wait to see the landscaping plans. Afterall, Ann Arbor claims to be the city of trees. Let's make it a reality for all.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
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Attend a kid's program: 1
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Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

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Question 4

Some of them are so off the mark. We voted for a beautiful park in a park setting. We do NOT vote for an apartment building, did not vote for a food court nor a conference center, no coffee shops and cafes (are already too many in the area), commercial stores, NO private areas (we voted for a PUBLIC space), we did not vote for an office building or other building, and there are plenty of places to eat downtown without ruining our lovely park with more of them. What could you be thinking? Is the city trying to sabotage the will of the people? We voted loud and clear. City planners -- listen and learn. No more arrogance. No commercial development here.

Question 5

Enjoying the beauty of a park with trees and flowers, walkways, water feature, reflection, a place where everyone feels comfortable including young children, with unobstructed views of the sky and trees, and areas of shade as well as sun. Keep the cars at a distance. No one wants to sit in a park and breathe gasoline fumes. No commercial development here.

Question 6

All residents and visitors can use the park/commons, just like in other cities our size which value open space, trees, and public enjoyment. Be sure it is accessible for people with disabilities.

Question 7

Nothing. It is peaceful. If there are any free public events with music or dance or children's art or educational lectures, these events can be separately scheduled and applied for by Ann Arborites. If educational (nonprofit), a small number of literature tables can have a greeter at them. Clean-up is a must.

Question 8

Trees, flowers, landscaped walkways, benches can be worked into the landscaping, a small modest water feature, open views of the sky, some shaded areas. No bikes, motorcycles, mopeds, scooters inside -- just outside the area for ease of parking them. No panhandling in the park. Instead the city can think creatively about feeding homeless individuals via other city-sponsored programs. The park is not intended as a dog run or gathering place for animals. Children and others need to feel safe at the commons.

Question 9

(see above answer)

Question 10

Calm, unafraid, secure, relaxed.

Question 11

Everyone who wishes to enjoy a beautiful open green park in our downtown can come to the Commons.

Question 12

For decades going back to the 1900's, residents of Ann Arbor have aspired to a common area downtown with a beautiful park setting for all to enjoy. The current site is very small. Let's not ruin it by filling it up with buildings, conference centers, food establishments, stores, parking lots. Just as we Ann Arborites need space to breathe freely, so does this little commons which has been yearning and struggling for 100+ years to be created with care.

Question 13

Offer our residents and visitors the opportunity to buy an engraved brick or step in the walkways of our park. It will instill pride and create an additional revenue source. These blocks can all be part of lovely landscaped short retaining walls. For the children of our city, the park in the commons can be a magical place. Try to remember, and see this through the eyes of our children. They will need this park long after we are gone.

Question 14

I value the experiences and lessons learned by some of my friends and colleagues -- ordinary people who have no aspirations other than to help out. The city powers have little patience for anyone who may disagree with the DDA or the city planners or the mayor or the city attorney or the real estate developers. Instead they prefer to be surrounded with like-minded, political agenda-driven, money-comes-first individuals. Just like Donald J. Trump does.

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Question 1

Love Campus Martius park area with a 'rotating' family friend event. Like the Beach or the Ice Rink. A splash pad would be nice too. Have an area for food trucks or a shipping container area like Detroit shipping Co for multiple restaurant options.

Question 2

Connection, activity food.

Question 3

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Skate on an ice rink: 1
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

None

Question 5

A family friendly activity or a quiet cup of coffee

Question 6

Families. Children. Couples, friends, singles.

Question 7

Background music, fountains, children playing and an area where it is more focus on adult interaction so conversations

Question 8

Brightly lit and open to the elements as well as some areas that are more covered.

Question 9

Connect with people

Question 10

Safe, enjoyment, cozy,

Question 11

Adults, college students

Question 12

Make a space that is free to use that will allow for families of lower SES to participate but making it interesting that families of diverse SES would come participate so that there's a space available for interaction in diversity.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

More parking or better public trans

David Hutchinson

inside ward 2

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Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Daniel Beard

inside ward 2
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Question 1

mixed-use urban space with high-density housing, shopping, and pedestrian access

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
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Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
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Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

students

Question 7

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No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Al McWilliams

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 9:57 AM

Question 1

A high-density, mixed use project that adds housing units, generates revenue for the city and affordable housing fund, and includes a public space along with funding and activation for the new space and the existing public space at Liberty Square.

Question 2

My experience doesn't matter; I'm not an expert. Every expert, and city department tasked with managing this sort of thing has recommended that type of project.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4

Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
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Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Most of the items I marked #4 are available at the Library already.

Question 5

being able to afford housing in Ann Arbor.

Question 6

Young people who want to live closer to work, and seniors who want to downsize and be able to walk to amenities and not have to drive.

Question 7

The sound of a million boomers shrieking out against progress.

Question 8

Their new home.

Question 9

Live, sleep, eat dinner, walk to work.

Question 10

Welcomed by our city.

Question 11

ten sad Boomers are going to use a Commons. Build something we

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actually want (housing, density).

Question 12

DENSITY

Question 13

The "commons" is just a group of old folks putting their thumb on a piece of land effectively handcuffing those of us who will be here in 20 years to a brick we'll have to try and swim with. Thanks.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 9:59 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Prioritize urban oasis. Permit commercial activities along perimeter/adjacent blocks within walking distance. Consider the commons as a demonstration of environmental sustainability - plants, stormwater infiltration and recharge, etc.

Question 5

Sit quietly, meditate, read book, Tai Chi

Question 6

Older adults

Question 7

Urban background noise

Question 8

Green space. An inviting perimeter

Question 9

Pause and reflect

Question 10

At peace

Question 11

No response

Question 12

See above re environmental sustainability demo site

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Ombudsperson. My experience is that responsiveness has been, well, bureaucratic.

Elizabeth Brooks

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inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 9:59 AM

Question 1

A multi-use area. Kids play spaces (all ages), integrated food and beverage operators, natural areas (butterfly gardens & ivy archways, maybe even a chicken coop).

Question 2

Yanaguana Garden at Hemisfair in San Antonio. Visiting SAT, we went there with our 1.5 yr old and then went back every day. Giant chess boards, ping pong tables, fuze ball tables, you could walk around with beer or coffee, there was a pizza place and ice cream and the play spaces were amazing. Sand pits, splash pad, swings, a HUGE climbing structure, spinning toys - it literally had everything in not very much space and it was always full of people having fun!
<https://hemisfair.org/about/vision/yanaguana-garden/>

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
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Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Having outdoor wifi would be fine, but usually doesn't work so great in practice & would be unnecessary if restaurant/bars with patios also have their own guest servers. I think a city-owned/provided one would be a waste of money.

Question 5

Getting a drink or dinner with friends & being able to bring my kids too. Inclusive space for children and adults to have a good time.

Question 6

Children, university students, adults, seniors, those without current homes.

Question 7

Children playing

Question 8

people smiling

Question 9

play, get a drink, catch up with friends w/ or w/o kids, bring grandkids, enjoy public space without being villified.

(the users were in order: kids, university students, adults, seniors, those without homes)

Question 10

Happy, satisfied, like each of their needs is met.

Question 11

kids, university students, adults, seniors, those without homes

Question 12

Things like the Highline in NYC and Yanaguana Garden in SAT really use natural, living plants and seamlessly integrate them with concrete and human-made structures.

Question 13

I'm really excited for the potential of the commons. Don't be afraid of corporate or nonprofit collaboration. Get others to pay for parts or all of it! Yanaguana Garden is a private-public partnership & they have a LOT of information on the website about *how* they took it from a plan -> a reality. <https://hemisfair.org/about/vision/yanaguana-garden/>

Question 14

The city needs a professional survey writer. The surveys (not this one, this one is actually better) are usually not written with good response validity. Hire someone internally from ISR and pay them! If you need candidates, I have a few good ones.

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inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 10:00 AM

Question 1

My ideal commons looks like the building project that was proposed.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

All of these things can be done elsewhere in downtown.

Question 5

I don't. There are plenty of things for me in this city. What's discouraging is the idea that this space should be what I want (as a collective). It should be what is good for our city? And losing the funding for affordable housing is not good for the city. Losing the ability to build up and not out, is not good for the city.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Putting some sort of public space here is a waste of money. Ann Arbor has plenty of public spaces. What is the point of a small "commons space?" To sit under the trees? we have the Arb. To listen to a concert? There is the bandshell at West Park. For ice skating? There are numerous ice rinks around the city now. As a society we no longer need a common space to muster the militia, hear from our government, or graze our sheep.

Frankly, the best use of this space is to build an urban design shopping facility (e.g. Target) or something that would have substantial groceries and household needs at affordable prices so that people who do actually live downtown or nearby can get what they need without having to have a car or take an hour long bus ride out of town. with housing on top.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:00 AM

Question 1

a public/private partnership that results in housing for all income levels as well as a publicly accessible, privately funded community space

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activated all year. a collaboration with the library.

Question 2

working and living at the core of our community in a vibrant space. access to activities for all ages.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 10:01 AM

Question 1

More of a plaza or public square than an actual "park." There should be significant planters for trees, shrubbery and flowers, ample seating and event space - perhaps a small stage with some permanent seating. A "snack bar" or food service of some sort should be provided. An ice-skating rink in the winter. Public restrooms. A children's play area.

Question 2

Visiting a wide variety of similar public spaces in communities of varying sizes and characters, from Dexter and Plymouth and Grand Rapids, Chicago, New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1

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Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

The list is confusing. The Library is already there. What does "Get Help" mean? "Come home to your apartment?" "Experience a Memorial?" Attend a memorial service or see a permanent memorial installation?

Question 5

Enjoying something to eat or drink while talking with friends. Attending a live music event or other entertainment. Attending a political rally or peaceful demonstration.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Have clearer, more sensible survey content and questions. Don't have the most demanding password requirements that I have ever seen - "more than 12 characters," etc. Thought it was a typo. Are you trying to diminish participation?

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 10:03 AM

Question 1

I did not vote for this initiative and think that it is a super horrible bad idea. I fear it will become a hangout for the homeless.

Question 2

I would not hang out in a commons area in the city. There are plenty of parks and places in Ann Arbor that I would chose to hang out.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4

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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Please make this idea go away. Put another initiative on the ballot so that we can use this property for something more productive. All of these things can happen in existing spaces in Ann Arbor.

Question 5

MAYBE grabbing a meal or coffee.

Question 6

The idiots who voted for this (sorry).

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 10:03 AM

Question 1

A drug and alcohol free environment that is family friendly.

Question 2

Have you been to Liberty Plaza lately?

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

I would hope it would be a nice respite at lunch for downtown employees, families visiting A2, but fairly certain the potential user group will be the crowd from Liberty Plaza.

Question 7

nothing, doesn't exist

Question 8

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nothing...doesn't exist

Question 9

Not much, it doesn't exist

Question 10

How or what I feel is not pertinent, my feelings are private.

Question 11

Fairly certain, there will be an abundance of panhandlers asking for money for drinks or drugs.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

I prefer not to.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 10:03 AM

Question 1

Lots of events happening all the time. Farmers market, etc.

Question 2

Time in smaller European cities in Germany, France, Austria, and Switzerland.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 2

Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

It should be a place that things happen, not just shops or apartments or grass area

Question 5

A public market

Question 6

Young professionals

Question 7

Others

Question 8

Happy people talking

Question 9

Talk to others, meet with people

Question 10

Home

Question 11

Children, Families

Question 12

Don't do a memorial, people want to see that once and then don't come back.

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Question 13

No response

Question 14

Having a diversity of opinion in the people in the city and on the city council

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:04 AM

Question 1

A high rise building, including affordable public housing

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

A building

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 10:05 AM

Question 1

A free splash pad, food trucks, common space for games (boules, corn hole, giant Connect Four, etc.), pop up space for outdoor movies with Michigan Theater (rather than shutting down Maynard). A permanent shipping container that's converted into a play center for kids; it opens to reveal games, toys, crafts, and art supplies with hours that it's staffed by a person who helps engage kids and keep track of materials. There was one at a neighborhood park we visited in Montreal that was so simple and

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perfectly engaging.

Question 2

Free space that encourages activity, play, engagement at all hours, not just for scheduled events (like Liberty Plaza).

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I'd want an interactive water fountain as a part of a splash pad for kids.

Question 5

Getting food and drinks, chatting with friends, watching our kids play.

Question 6

Families, children, couples, friends meeting up.

Question 7

Water splashing, kids laughing, people chatting.

Question 8

Water feature with splash pad, dry area for yard games

Question 9

Get food, play games, connect with friends.

Question 10

Connected to others in the community, actively engaged in play or entertainment.

Question 11

People watching films at night.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I'd like it to have constant offerings so it doesn't become a hangout spot for the homeless like Liberty Plaza.

Question 14

Digital communications rather than paper.

Josh Woodward

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:06 AM

Question 1

A large housing development, with a public plaza paid for and maintained by the developer.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3

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Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

We already have a plaza on that block, I'd rather see that improved and this space used for badly needed housing.

Question 5

I can't see using this space often personally. Having a space for food trucks and a nice place to eat would be good, but Liberty Plaza is already supposed to be this.

Question 6

Homeless people, let's be honest. We need more housing for everyone, and we need more funds to support low-income housing initiatives to get a roof over their heads.

Question 7

Traffic

Question 8

Other homeless people

Question 9

Hopefully not drugs

Question 10

Unwelcome

Question 11

Pedestrians cutting across the diagonal of the block on cold days

Question 12

A lasting legacy is giving hundreds of families a place to live and bringing

in development funds to lift up those in need.

Question 13

Let a developer build and maintain the Community Commons.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 10:09 AM

Question 1

Playground, ice skating rink, something like campus martius.

Question 2

Family friendly, flexible use, safe, comfortable, inviting

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

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Question 5

No response

Question 6

Families, tweens, retirees....everyone should find something there

Question 7

City sounds mixed with happy community sounds

Question 8

Each other.

Question 9

Talk, play

Question 10

Community

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I'm curious where the funding is coming from

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 10:10 AM

Question 1

A tree and garden area like Central Park in New York City.

Question 2

The use and activities that Central Park in New York receives.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 2

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 4

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 2

Experience a water fountain: 2

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4

Learn about the city's history: 3

Attend a kid's program: 2

Catch the time at a clock tower: 1

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 1

Attend a conference: 3

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Why is an office under consideration for an open space?

If a drink includes alcohol, it doesn't seem appropriate for the use of the space.

Question 5

A rest area to escape the concrete and noise of the City.

Question 6

people who work and live downtown. Animal walkers. Passive activities.

Question 7

unclear question

Question 8

There is no commons now is there? What you see and hear will depend on the character of how the commons is put together.

Question 9

How do you do something in what doesn't exist? Ask a better question.

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Question 10

No response

Question 11

religious groups

Question 12

If this is a goal then state it at the beginning. This is different from what is stated in the definition.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Nora Schankin

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:11 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3

Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Question 4

Define "Get Help". Define "Experience a water fountain".

Question 5

No response

Question 6

All people.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I did not vote for this debacle. Currently Ann Arbor cannot handle the heroin problem in the downtown public library or at Liberty Square. I have lived in Ann Arbor for 58 years and do not feel safe in downtown or central campus. Too many panhandlers and too little police presence. Whatever happened to the cops on bikes, and regular beat cops?

Question 14

When I have emailed my City Council members about other issues - they

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have not answered back. How about answering all emails to those who elected you?

Kyle McCurdy

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 10:12 AM

Question 1

A fountain (possibly one children can utilize in the summer), pathways, trees to provide some buffer from surroundings, and benches.

Question 2

Potentially use for some festivals and/or live performances, day to day family friendly use especially in the summer.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Since the space must remain a park I think it will be best utilized as a mixed use space. Entertainment, relaxation, etc.

Question 5

Live music, walking, enjoying the fountain with children

Question 6

All welcome.

Question 7

Occasional live music performances, water fountain & birds most of the time.

Question 8

Fountain maybe with a statue in the center, plaques/displays about the history of the space and city. Open areas with benches and walkways that could accommodate live music somewhere.

Question 9

Depends on activities present. Normal day to day use would be to relax or enjoy fountain.

Question 10

Safety, relaxation, & community.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Fountain and or statue that has some historical significance to the city or perhaps a mural. Perhaps a contest could be held to come up with a design.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:13 AM

Question 1

It seems like there should be some kind of structure built there. As I understand it, the underground garage was constructed at significant expense with the foundation to support development of a building on top. Not doing so would be fiscally irresponsible as that means that money would have been wasted. One idea would be to build a new modern library

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on that space, then build the commons at the existing library location. The existing library is woefully out of date, and this would be a great addition to the community by providing an improved indoor common space.

Question 2

When I've visited other cities, common open spaces become places to gather and enjoy the company of others in the outdoors. Having compelling features like sculptures and gardens attract people who appreciate what these spaces have to offer.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I'm in favor of minimizing commercial activities (food vendors, shops, etc...) as there are plenty of choices in the area.
Not sure what you mean by "Get Help" or "Catch the time at a clock tower".

Question 5

I envision an open park-like space that is integrated with a new library (per initial comments) that includes activities like live music, viewing public art, enjoying gardens etc...

Question 6

Downtown resident or worker.

Question 7

People at play, music, maybe some birds, sounds of the city in the distance.

Question 8

A place to go to escape the busy city life for a bit and enjoy the outdoors.

Question 9

Take time to decompress, read, converse with friends/colleagues, eat lunch, enjoy being outside on a sunny day (since we don't get too many of those around here :-)

Question 10

A sense of community and being welcomed into it.

Question 11

Visitors to Ann Arbor would have a place to go while experiencing our city.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

This should be a gathering place, with lots of activities to ensure it is appealing for the residents and visitors. If it is just an empty open space, it will be overrun similar to Liberty Plaza.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 10:14 AM

Question 1

Because of what I value with common spaces, there is no ideal commons for that area. It's a terrible area and to transform it into my ideal would involve a much greater investment than is likely to be available. It sits on top of a parking structure with large amounts traffic in and out of the area. I feel the best possible solution is to use the land as an extension of the library. Maybe make the library much larger and let them use the space around the area as they see fit. Oh and give them the money to

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maintain and develop it.

Question 2

A better location with less traffic around it. Such a small plot of land in the middle of two major routes in and out and with all the noise and emissions that accompany current gas powered vehicles does not support the kinds of activities that I envision a commons supporting. As a compromise letting the library utilize the space for their activities would support my ideal commons given the current resources and limitations of the space.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
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Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Ironically the previous commercial proposal would have meet most of the needs expressed in this list. Maybe we develop the lot with a major facility? I wonder if the city could build a structure similar to what was proposed by the developer but make it a city owned public property.

Question 5

Transiting through the area or going to the library unless you have boat loads of money and major restructuring of the surrounding area.

Question 6

Depends on how much money you have and how big a building you are willing to build in that space.

Question 7

Lot's of traffic unless you slow or reroute the traffic from the heavily used commuting roads, Division and Fifth. Don't forget to move the bus depot or convert the Smart Ride to all electric buses. I guess you could build large walls around it or buildings to baffle the sounds of traffic a bit.

Question 8

Lot's of other buildings, traffic and strips of concrete unless you stop development in the surrounding area. A bit of art work to distract the eye from all the traffic would help.

Question 9

Move through it on their way to the library, the bus depot, the university district or other locations such as businesses in the surrounding blocks.

Question 10

Not much different then they do now.

Question 11

Again it all depends on how much money you can spend and how big the facilities you put on the space if it's just an open public space not very much.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I wish you the best of luck with your Herculean task but I am certain that given current resources and the limitations of the space I will be underwhelmed.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:17 AM

Question 1

As much open green space as possible, including seating/benches and an

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area for folks to congregate in a large group. An area conducive to performance. Some sort of pavilion/

Question 2

From Dexter to Detroit and Peekskill to Paris, every great (or even not-so-great) city or town has a commons or townsquare. A central location (check) with easy walking access to several areas/points of interest (check) and a natural gathering space to sit, talk, meeting, watch/create performances or just pass the time seems to work best and please/benefit the most amount of people. It's not rocket science, but just having a central location to stop and enjoy the day will add so much to downtown life, especially as density increases. Very exciting that Ann Arbor will finally have a townsquare/commons after all these years!

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

People who live in one of the may new downtown apt high rises who have

no outdoor space of their own.

Question 7

Not sure what this question means. Hear...?

People who live in new apes downtown would benefit greatly from having some open public space as they have none of their own—porches, back yards, etc...

Question 8

This is a silly way of doing this, but: They see people of all ages from all walks of life sitting and chatting and enjoying the day. They see their neighbors who might live a few doors or floors down from them, but whom they seldom get to meet or see.

Question 9

Sit, rest, read book from library, eat, talk, attend performance, have lunch on a bench, sing, dance, attend event, skate, breath, enjoy the day, be grateful for a beautiful space in downtown Ann Arbor...

Question 10

Happy.

Question 11

Everyone who lives in, near, or visits downtown Ann Arbor will benefit. Very cool!

Question 12

Please take this seriously. The people have had vigorous public discourse and debate, then organized and got a ballot proposal, then voted to make this real. Everyone on council and at city hall should be working hard to make this a great public space that makes us all proud for generations to come...

Question 13

Awhile back, the people of Ann Arbor voted for the Greenbelt Millage, which put significant funds aside for "purchase and management" of in-town park/green space. Now we've set aside this land for our commons, so let's immediately earmark a chunk of those funds to be used for the Commons/Center of City.

I realize that a resolution was later passed that allocated money only for "purchase," therefore diluting the original intent of the millage that we all voted on. I assume this can be simply remedied with another resolution directing funds for the "management" of the commons. Let's do this!

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Question 14

Having council members that engaged more and directly responded to constituents. I've noticed that often even if CMs engage with constituents, they often don't seem to want to take responsibility for how they vote and say they were "just following staff recommendations." I realize that staff provides much needed information and other support, but ultimately we didn't elect staff, and they aren't the ones who are responsible to their constituents.

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inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:17 AM

Question 1

clean! Now that I'm a mother an area for kids and dogs. We live close to Virginia Park, so something different that would have us walk in that direction vs. just a playground. Maybe a splash zone that doubles as a ice rink? And a food court. I miss Mark's carts, but it didn't allow dogs.....which is fine just hard when you walk downtown with your dog and have to send someone to grab the food, but I imagine with a stroller and kid in tow that is even more of an issue. Basically somewhere where I would want to walk to and enjoy and if I'm walking there would be a stroller and dog involved.

Question 2

Boston commons

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

worried that a public restroom would get nasty.....if you're going to put in a sculpture, can it double as something else? I can see all the next-door comments on how much money the city spent on a sculpture made by someone outside the city

Question 5

No response

Question 6

people who live in the city

Question 7

walks by it?

Question 8

a clean space with kids playing

Question 9

No response

Question 10

who came up with these questions?

Question 11

young professionals during their lunch breaks

Question 12

Christmas tree lighting/ non-secular holiday event

Question 13

No response

Question 14

stop trying to take the city back to the 1980s.

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inside ward 2
November 13, 2019, 10:17 AM

Question 1

Green space, quiet - no vendors, etc., no building - just grass, trees, etc.

Question 2

A place to sit and relax in the midst of downtown hustle.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Don't need any more vendors, buildings, sculptures (don't waste money on this). Just keep the space quiet, green and peaceful. Don't make it all about kids with playscape, etc., there are plenty of those. Keep it simple!

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No - keep it simple!

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Don't make it more than what it is - a green space.

Question 13

Keep it simple

Question 14

No response

Tami Simpson

inside ward 3
November 13, 2019, 10:19 AM

Question 1

Mixed use space with conference center, retail shops, hotel

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 3

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Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I am not in support of an open park in this location. This is an opportunity to provide rental and commercial space as well, which is needed in our downtown.

Question 5

Retail, seasonal music, an ice rink, conference/meeting spaces

Question 6

Corporate events, people who work downtown

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Build in revenue generation.

Question 13

The deciding body should only include actual residents of the city. Involving outside residents in any of the decision making, is counter to the idea of this project.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 10:23 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

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Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:25 AM

Question 1

I am not in favor of the Commons plan - I am in favor of the original plan (mixed-use housing/retail development, as the site was intended). However, if we are moving forward with the Commons plan, I suggest looking toward Campus Martius in Detroit. This is a lively spot that is packed all day and into the evening - they have food and drinks available via rotating pop-ups, spots for catching up with friends, and live music. This has absolutely transformed the downtown area there. Let's not

reinvent the wheel, but instead look toward other similar commons areas and make tweaks to best meet our city's needs.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

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No response

Question 13

I am incredibly frustrated with this entire process. We should not be having this discussion - especially not on taxpayers' dime. There was a clear, research-based plan for this site, and a small group of residents took advantage of student voters and the use of the word "park" in their ballot proposal, to get in the way of the plan. This site simply was not built to support trees with roots going into the ground - it will never be a park. The vision for this site would have increased affordable housing spots and provided small businesses with prime retail space therefore providing energy to our tired downtown core - this sounds like good community development and opportunities for connection to me. As an added bonus, this would all be privately funded and therefore not an additional strain with increased tax dollars. If we need another concrete common area, we can look to Liberty Plaza. As someone who believes in thoughtful planning that is informed by best practices and an eye toward the future, this "Commons" area is an incredible disappointment.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 10:26 AM

Question 1

The ideal Commons looks like the Core Spaces proposal, which provided not only funding for construction of a shared public space (which Proposal A did not) but also for its operation (which Proposal A does not). My ideal Commons includes a high-density housing development consistent with its location in the midst of downtown, and which, unlike a park, is what the site has been engineered for at public expense.

Question 2

My experiences include balancing my own budget, something that will be hard for the Parks and Recreation department to do when faced with an unfunded mandate to develop, maintain, and operate a brand new downtown park. Other experiences include being in well-situated and well-planned urban parks, which this site is not. My experiences include living in and visiting enlightened cities large and small where centrally located density is not an anathema but instead is recognized as a part of the solution towards fiscal and ecological sustainability.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4

Buy from a food vendor: 4

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 4

Watch children at play: 4

Sit quietly and read a book: 4

Use a public rest room: 4

Visit the downtown library: 4

Attend a private/public celebration: 4

Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 4

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4

Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 4

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Experience a memorial: 4

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

These fantasy activities sound like great fun for existing homeowners from Ann Arbor (or nearby municipalities) who do not have to bear the expense and opportunity cost of the Commons' construction, and who are not affected by the housing shortage that its market-distorting effects exacerbate.

Question 5

I would especially imagine looking at the existing parking lot for a decade or so until the supporters of the Commons and their incumbent downtown landowner underwriters have moved on, and then I would imagine watching it be used for a mixed-use development, hopefully with a shared public space.

Question 6

Hopefully nobody, because this site should not be developed as a park.

Question 7

Traffic from the neighboring streets; the sound of cars parking on the existing surface lot.

Question 8

Parked cars

Question 9

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Walk past

Question 10

A keen sense of missed opportunity.

Question 11

Hopefully apartment or condo dwellers, some day.

Question 12

The failure to develop this site has already left a lasting legacy in the form of millions of dollars missed revenue to fund affordable housing at the time of sale, plus the ongoing loss of tax revenue, to say nothing of its potential cost of construction and operation.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 10:29 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2

Learn about the city's history: 1

Attend a kid's program: 4

Catch the time at a clock tower: 3

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 2

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Center of the City

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No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 10:30 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I think it would be optimal to avoid redundancy (and added expense) with things that are available nearby. E.g. there are events at Liberty Park, and quiet places to sit; this "center of the city" should offer something more or different. I don't think building a new library on this site would be a good use of funds. A skating rink seems like a nice idea but the space does not seem adequate (?) and skating rinks are expensive; and as such many people/families would not be able to afford to use it if it charged admission. Maybe family/children's hands-on activities (such as activities at the A2 hands on museum, appropriate for outdoors) would be good to

have. Optimally it should be easy to navigate by people with mobility and/or other (e.g. visual) challenges. I like the idea of having learning activities (learning about A2, maybe other adult/child/family-oriented learning activities.) Low expense to maintain would be good. I'm not sure what "get help" as above would look like (?) - I don't think most people would (or should) go to a park to "get help" and this site is close to places people could go to "get help" for several needs (Delonis, Spera, city hall/police) - maybe resource info or a "hotline" phone?

It would need to have adequate maintenance and if necessary patrolling to remain friendly and safe.

If this is truly going to be a "center of the city" thing I think whatever is offered there should be free/open to all. People can buy food and beverages at any number of nearby places and bring it to the park if they want this, or bring their own from home. And again it would be nice if this could offer something that people don't get elsewhere/near by. I'm not sure what that would be given the amount of space.

Question 5

I might browse through it if there are interesting things to see/do, or maybe sit down if I'm down town on my bike, but I don't anticipate using it much myself. I live in SE A2 and only go downtown occasionally, usually for a specific purpose e.g. volunteer work I do there.

Question 6

I don't have a strong opinion. I would think family-friendly/friendly to any/all demographic would be best. I think it will need to be open and people will need to feel safe. People do not feel safe using Liberty Park in part because people are afraid of the homeless people who tend to gather there, and because stuff does happen there that is not safe (I was riding my bike past and called the AAPD to intervene with a fight, and there have been more incidents in this area than one would otherwise expect.) So I don't exactly know what would need to be done to keep the new area safe and feeling safe but I think there's something to learn about this from Liberty Park.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

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Question 11

As above, reality of this location dictates that it may become a magnet for people who do not have a home. I would hope this area would be welcoming to them as well as everyone (residents, visitors) and be kept safe.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

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inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 10:31 AM

Question 1

A place where people could go alone or with friends, to relax outside and not be hassled by anyone else especially homeless and "street people." Also it would provide a more natural pathway between parts of the city. There should be places to sit and rest or eat food. There should be trash and recycle containers and everything should be clean and well maintained. Construction materials and design should facilitate maintenance and functionality.

Question 2

Navy Pier in Chicago
Hart Plaza in Detroit
Beacon Park, Detroit

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3

Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

My list above forgot Public Rest Rooms. very important.

Question 5

Resting in the shade during a trip between parts of the Ann Arbor Art Fair

Question 6

children
bus tour groups

Question 7

people talking and laughing.
no loud talk or music

Question 8

Trees and small groups of people. maybe a fountain

Question 9

refresh the spirit.

Question 10

peace and tranquility

Question 11

Homeless (bad)
Street people, panhandlers (bad)
Skate boarders (bad)
Bicyclists (bad)
electric scooters (bad)

Question 12

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I would like it to be like a walk in the arboretum rather than Mardi Gras in New Orleans

Question 13

see above

Question 14

I feel very well connected with the city through the online connections at AAgov.org

Patrick Murphy

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 10:32 AM

Question 1

An inviting public space with services and friendly atmosphere that will attract people.

Question 2

Travel, mostly in Europe, specifically Italy. Many Italian cities have open plazas that invite food vendors, street performers, and the general public to congregate. Local restaurants are permitted to use part of the area for seating.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

People who work in the downtown area.
People coming downtown for an evening meal or entertainment experience

Question 7

Street musicians or occasional professional musician performances

Question 8

Public performances of all types organized and coordinated by the city. This would included both formal and informal events.

Question 9

Congregate with friends, eat lunch, watch a performance,

Question 10

Enjoys a safe, inviting, public area that provides a mixture of services and events make the place interesting and attracting.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

outside wards
November 13, 2019, 10:33 AM

Question 1

Affordable housing or mixed-income housing development.

Question 2

Extensive research on the lack of affordable housing in Washtenaw County, specifically Ann Arbor. Visible observation of continuous multiple luxury developments going up in the city while there is still a severe lack of affordable developments after living in Ann Arbor for 5+ years. It's beyond time for Ann Arbor to commit to providing affordable housing to its people and community. As Ann Arbor is a city that values diversity and opportunity, this would be the absolute best way for the city to show that it actually cares about its long-term residents, not just well-to-do students with parents' money or out-of-town investors. This space would be a perfect location for Ann Arbor workers, average college students, and families seeking housing. Multiple experiences of being harassed by homeless people in Ann Arbor, specifically in this EXACT area, adds to my anecdotal evidence that there is a lack of housing for those in need. Putting up an affordable or mixed-income resident building in this location would bring vital, meaningful resources to the majority of the population. I STRONGLY oppose the creation of a library--there is already a perfectly wonderful library that is loved by many right there!

Question 3

Come home to your apartment: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2

Question 4

Many of these activities and services are already provided by the library (that is literally right there) or other spaces in Ann Arbor. Some of these are insulting considering the need for affordable housing. We do not need a clock tower, ice rink, or more food vendors. We need housing that the average Ann Arbor citizen can afford.

Question 5

Living in affordable housing.

Question 6

Individuals, families, and students.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Utilize this space to do something that tangibly benefits the lives of the people in your community. You have an opportunity here to be innovative, progressive, and strategic and make the right choice in providing housing to a community that is desperately and increasingly in need. Don't waste it.

Question 13

Please consider the actual needs of the community.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:36 AM

Question 1

Trees, flowers, play equipment, picnic tables

Question 2

Central Park and other parks in the country.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1

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Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Going to a park with my grandchildren

Question 6

Senior citizens, any age adult and children

Question 7

People talking and children playing

Question 8

Same as above

Question 9

Take my grandchildren to the play structure

Question 10

Happiness

Question 11

All humans

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

This questionnaire is good

Angela Perry

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 10:45 AM

Question 1

A "safe" place to be, where you won't be afraid of anyone harming you.
Where you feel free to come and enjoy the company of others

Question 2

Shopping in downtown Chicago...it's so much fun, people are friendly, and I feel safe no matter where I go

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

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Question 5

Sitting on a bench, reading and enjoying the time and space to be by myself or gather with others

Question 6

Senior citizens, adults & children of ALL ethnicities!!

Question 7

Conversations that are happy or general in nature and nothing that would be considered abusive language

Question 8

Peaceful things, fun things, things that you can enjoy that make you smile

Question 9

Anything or Nothing...everyone would be free to choose

Question 10

Safe, happy, and at peace, free of negativity

Question 11

Out of town travelers, especially those that want to get a good feel of what Ann Arbor is like

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Anything that I can respond to electronically

Jennifer Scroggins

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 10:46 AM

Question 1

A new library built on top of the parking garage. The new library could include expanded auditoriums, meeting and conference rooms available to community or student organizations. Spaces for children's educational programming or daycare could also be included. The new library building

should also include spaces for community organizations, addiction counseling, social & mental health services, and police outreach offices to help the lower/no income members of the community. An enclosed playground for children could be built where the current library is after it is torn down.

Question 2

1) I worked downtown out of the A2 SPARK building immediately adjacent to Liberty Plaza and I've seen firsthand how the stretch between Liberty Plaza, the current Library and the BTC is a mess of hard drug use and other nonsense. The same crowd who complains that there is no where to sit in the shade downtown seem to ignore that there is already a shady park to sit in but they're too scared to enter it. I don't see how a new park will end up being any different.

2) There was a push for a new library building several years ago but one of the reasons people did not vote in favor was they did not want to lose access to a downtown library while a new one was being built. Putting the new library on top of the garage would solve this transition problem because the old library could stay open until project completion.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Many of these suggestions are already well serviced by existing downtown businesses (Buy from a food vendor, Buy incidentals from a

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store, Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe, Work at an office) so I don't know how that would benefit the community overall.

Other suggestions just seem wrong for the location and the space available - Meditate in a garden or grassy area, Skate on an ice rink - both of these are wildly inefficient uses of space for a lot in the most active, dense part of the city. Also, the city already has nice ice rinks and parks in easier to access locations.

Question 5

I participate in a couple tech meetups in town and organizers are always on the lookout for book-able spaces with high speed internet and up to date presentation equipment. If the public library had updated facilities that could support small to large tech meetups then it would make it easier for new or smaller groups to get together as they would not have to seek sponsorship from private companies in order to access meetup space.

Question 6

At risk youth... the kids who end up congregating in Liberty Plaza when school gets out (or they skip it) because they have no where else to go or their home lives suck. These kids are a part of the community just as much as the wealthy shop-n-stroll crowd and there is little for them to do downtown.

Question 7

The positive sounds of a busy and welcoming community, one where teens feel comfortable hanging out after school.

Question 8

- * Opportunity to do something positive with their time, like sign up for classes or activities geared toward keeping them busy and building skills that will help them in life.
- * Teens should also see that access to help and assistance from the community is easy to find and centrally located in the city so if they need help they know they have options.

Question 9

- * Have somewhere safe and interesting to go after school. Access the internet and other services currently provided by our awesome downtown library.
- * Take classes or participate in activities run by the library or community organizations located in the new library/community center.
- * Volunteer to work with community organizations that have locations in the new library/community center.
- * Receive access to addiction or other counseling services if needed

Question 10

Hope for their future

Question 11

Everyone, the space should be open to all and, ideally, cost nothing to be there. Even for adults, it is difficult these days to find anywhere downtown that a person can simply exist without having to pay for the privilege.

Question 12

This space is an amazing opportunity to do something that makes an investment in our community and its future. Whatever is selected should be chosen to benefit the maximum number of people and a new library/community center would fit this bill. Limiting our vision to a Liberty Plaza 2.0 "green space" is just as wasteful for the community as a private run hotel/conference center/apartments.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

It would be nice to know if the demographic questions on this survey are posted publicly or not - that is why I did not fill them out.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 10:46 AM

Question 1

A thunderdome, a place for revenge against the NIMBYs who passed this idiotic proposal

Question 2

Mad Max

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4

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Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

people who need access to affordable housing

Question 7

sound of modern heating & cooling

Question 8

their bed

Question 9

sleep, eat, live

Question 10

at home

Question 11

other people who need access to affordable housing

Question 12

building affordable housing

Question 13

BUILD SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Question 14

To have access to affordable housing

Name not shown

inside ward 1

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Question 1

green space/public gardening opportunities, internet and power access, open 24-7, daily programming, has a recording space for radio broadcasts/podcasts/musicians/anyone, to rent, a place to pick up hold items from the library, places to sit privately and publicly near windows, a place to pick-up or drop-off packages, would have mix of people moving around and sitting still at the same time, open gym space, space for communities to hold public and private cultural events, dynamic and adaptable furniture, ability to check out audio/video recording equipment, near central transit stop, board games, tv/projector for watching major sporting and political events (e.g. world cup games, debates), office spaces where city/state/other elected or appointed officials can hold office hours on a regular basis, spaces available for groups to meet privately (e.g. book clubs, interviews)

Question 2

serves a diverse range of ages/cultures/income levels so always a community present that is representative of the city, art/music/cultural experiences, easy to get to without a car, access to government officials, educational programming

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3

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Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

learning how to garden vegetables and native plants by working on a garden at the community center while learning skills needed to start one at my own home, picking up books that I put on hold from the library, ability to work on my computer in a space without having to pay for anything

Question 6

book club

Question 7

walk through the doors and hear children playing and people interacting over coffee, but then can enter reserved room where it's quiet

Question 8

a windowed room with a white board and conference table/chairs that can be folded up/moved around as needed if the group wants to transition from a bunch of chairs around a table to sitting on pillows on the floor

Question 9

bring their own food and alcohol, sit with a diverse community and discuss a book with the ability to transition conversations and develop relationships with members of this community in a community space readily available after book club ends

Question 10

welcome, heard

Question 11

musicians, journalists, students, cultural groups, politicians, government officials, artists and crafts-vendors

Question 12

capacity to adapt on an ongoing basis

Question 13

No response

Question 14

calendar/newsletter with options for which information I want to receive updates on

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 10:52 AM

Question 1

Library! w/ outdoor space

Question 2

Our libraries are great, but I have been to other communities which have more modern spaces which better serve as community commons. I think rebuilding our downtown library on this lot, along with some outdoor space will serve our population best year round.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

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I think investing in this space as a solely outdoor space would be a waste of resources and limit accessibility by many in our community not able to enjoy outdoor spaces in the winter

Question 5

Library events!

Question 6

children

Question 7

fellow children giggling, perhaps music,

Question 8

play area

Question 9

play

Question 10

excitement from being downtown (maybe even taking the bus! or parking underneath the library/playground!)

Question 11

young professionals, seniors

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:52 AM

Question 1

Space to meet, benches, trees. Ideally an indoor space to meet as well,

since we live in winter wonderland.

Question 2

Chicago Navy Pier has indoor open spaces with vegetation and benches, which are lovely places to gather and meet.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 2

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 3

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 2

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 2

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 3

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 3

Attend a kid's program: 4

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 3

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 1

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

A conference space is much needed downtown, and if it was open to the public during down times that would be great.

Question 5

Holding a small training for teens, or at least having a safe, covered meeting spot. (I work with teens.)

Question 6

Teens

Question 7

Friends talking, live music playing

Question 8

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Trees, benches, art, decorative water fountain.

Question 9

Meets friends, eats, listens to music

Question 10

Safe, part of a community, it's cool to be there.

Question 11

Caregivers with children headed for the library, tourists, townies who need to have a meeting.

Question 12

Hire local artists.

Question 13

I think a hotel and conference center would've been a better use for the space, but if we have some kind of meeting space, that could make up for the lack downtown.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

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Question 1

Supervised park area with no long term loitering of homeless, or a shelter area designated for their use, stage area for performances that can also be multi use skating, activity staging area. GREEN space.

Question 2

Dish open feel, Ingalls mall, art fair all invite people to play together.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Don't try to do it all.
There are spaces for hotspots, work, live, shop already available in the area. Focus on community activities.

Question 5

Dance, music, skate, observe, listen, share.

Question 6

Children, families, seniors.

Question 7

Music, poetry, staged theater

Question 8

Beauty, peace, togetherness

Question 9

Come and share

Question 10

Togetherness

Question 11

Art fair goers, students, classes,

Question 12

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Manage disruptions. Onsite support always available. Staffed.

Question 13

Make a plan. Fund in perpetuity.

Question 14

Continue communication. Make us feel safe.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

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Question 1

A larger version of Liberty Square. Ledges you can sit on, nice landscaping, room for stage or concerts.

Question 2

Travel in other towns.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Decent list

Question 5

Wandering by to see what's happening or going for a specific event

Question 6

All

Question 7

Sounds of enjoyment.

Question 8

Entertainment by locals. Relaxation, reflection. Respite from tough days.

Question 9

Relax, enjoy, watch, listen.

Question 10

Excitement to tranquility

Question 11

Anyone

Question 12

Open, accessible, relaxing

Question 13

Good idea having a survey

Question 14

Parking

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 10:52 AM

Question 1

A community building with shared space on the first floor and affordable housing on higher floors. We do not need a place for people to spend free time and work that is not a coffee shop; that is literally the definition of a library, which is next door. The ideal plan for this site would be to expand

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the communal space of the library and provide affordable housing.

Question 2

Ann Arbor is becoming increasingly expensive and is pushing out low income families. We want our city to be welcoming to all and to provide a way for people to access downtown resources.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Many of these services are services already provided by the library next door (sit quietly and read a book, attend a kids program, use a computer in an internet hot spot, use a public restroom, work at an office). Others make absolutely no sense or are not possible for this space (how do we plan on installing a grassy area or a water fountain on top of a parking garage?).

Question 5

A larger communal space that is indoors and is connected to the library would be nice. An ice rink would be attractive, although I also doubt the ability to add an ice rink on top of a parking garage.

Question 6

Low income families

Question 7

No response

Question 8

This user sees affordable housing built in a viable location.

Question 9

They live there.

Question 10

They feel welcomed to the Ann Arbor community, not shunned and pushed out by those who don't want certain racial or ethnic groups "infiltrating" the housing market.

Question 11

If it absolutely must be a park and not affordable housing, this commons would have the same audience that the current library has.

Question 12

My biggest idea and advice to this committee is to hire engineers, city planners, architects, or some type of professional that could advise on the logistical capabilities of the space. The task force can ask for ideas all they want, but the reality is that many of the proposed ideas are not physically possible to carry out. To make the best use of this task force, we need to explore real, rational ideas that can actually be carried to fruition.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Brandon Case

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:53 AM

Question 1

A multi-use multi story apartment building.

Question 2

No response

Center of the City

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Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

"Come home to your apartment" is appropriate, given that this should not be a public park but a multi-use multi story apartment building. The parking structure beneath it was designed for that very purpose.

Question 5

Walking by a multi-use multi story apartment building and maybe stopping at one of the food vendors in the first floor of the building.

Question 6

Everyone.

Question 7

City sounds

Question 8

A multi-use multi story apartment building

Question 9

Go to one of the shops in the multi-use multi story apartment building or enjoy the public areas provided by the developers of the multi-use multi

story apartment building.

Question 10

Like Ann Arbor might be affordable one day.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Some of the money from selling the land to build a multi-use multi story apartment building could be used to fund affordable housing in Ann Arbor.

Question 13

Honestly this Commons idea is poorly thought out. Congratulations on riding on the backs of all of the student voters that saw "new public commons" and blindly voted yes without understanding the implications for an existing plan to provide more housing downtown and put money into the affordable housing plan.

Question 14

No response

David Rosenfeld

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 10:54 AM

Question 1

Busy, safe, mixed use

Question 2

The Diag

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1

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Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No need to duplicate nearby commercial or public resources (ie library computers)

Question 5

sitting on bench drinking coffee

Question 6

senior citizens

Question 7

public concert

Question 8

children playing

Question 9

sit on bench

Question 10

part of community

Question 11

kids, teens, families

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

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Question 1

Places for people to relax and hang out. It would be great to have some kind of splash/water feature. We visit Chicago frequently and there are several small public splash parks in town. They are always busy and attract a diverse crowd. They are also attractive and artistic making it a pleasant place for non participants to hang out.

Question 2

Visits to Chicago and European cities where urban parks are very actively used by the community (as opposed to some American parks which seem to be made to 'look at' but not engage with.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 4

Fountain should be interactive--let kids get wet!

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Families

Question 7

Kids laughing

Question 8

Kids playing, people sitting and talking

Question 9

Hang out.

Question 10

Comfortable and part of a larger community.

Question 11

Everybody

Question 12

Make it a place people can use rather than look at.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 10:56 AM

Question 1

Well, considering it's a concrete parking structure that was built with the engineering for a large building with multiple uses, including housing... I'd say that.

Question 2

Experiences - living in an highly demanded and overly priced market. You need affordable housing.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

You cannot build a green space on concrete. It is a terrible idea. Build a structure on top of it, as was intended.

Question 5

In a multi-use building, I'd imagine people would go to the stores or shops, sit outside on the patios... etc. Either that, or just living in the structure built.

Question 6

People who need affordable housing.

Question 7

Brand new, multi-use buildings don't make all that much noise.

Question 8

A multi-use building for shops and affordable housing.

Center of the City

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Question 9

This user would call the multi-use building a home.

Question 10

Feelings that evoke a welcoming into the community, because they build a multi-use building.

Question 11

People who want to use the shops in the multi-use building.

Question 12

Build a multi-use building for housing.

Question 13

Eradicating a parking structure and multi-use building for a green space - which cannot be built on concrete, is the worst idea for this plot of land. Build a multi-use building, build affordable housing, and do the right thing.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 10:57 AM

Question 1

shopping, small open grassy area with benches for sitting

Question 2

programming (music, art, theatre) and some form of commerce (pop-up shops like they have in detroit, maybe food trucks?)

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 2

Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
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Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

office, apartments, some sort of coffee shop with wifi and drinks and food would be ideal. Art is also a great way to accent the space.

Question 5

All of the above

Question 6

children, city residents, visitors coming through town or in town for an event

Question 7

music, bustle of a city

Question 8

art and people working or enjoying being downtown with a cup of coffee

Question 9

work, relax with a drink or food or coffee with friends or alone

Question 10

vibrant city life

Question 11

No response

Question 12

It needs to be more than empty space with trees and grass. This should be a center of a vibrant, artistic, educated city that has a significant commercial and tech presence

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

grace singleton

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 10:58 AM

Question 1

vibrant, open to many different groups and gatherings, lots of people together and using the space in different ways

Question 2

I think of Montreal where there are beautiful public areas that are used in all seasons (fire pits in the winter!) with a mix of some permanent seating but still lots of open space for gatherings, or tents or stages- having a built in stage area could be a big benefit-

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
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Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I would steer away from commercial ventures unless they can be intergrated in a way to enhance the public space and there could be some funds captured to help support public events.

Question 5

there could be seasonal festivals, summer yoga sessions, peace gatherings, educational talks, weekend music , spring & fall seed sharing events.

Question 6

ideally it would be all ages with lots of diversity!

Question 7

well there will be buses rolling by & traffic- but hopefully some trees & birds, & nomusic unless it's live music.

Question 8

a mix of some structure- some permanent seating, maybe a stage, some different levels, but also room for a larger gathering- some green spaces & trees for sure- maybe a trellis to provide some shade in the summer, the art should be built into the functional design- some sculpture or art piece is fine- but I'd like to see all the structures be produced by local artisans, and have a sense of beauty.
it might be nice to have some infrastructure that supports physical activity- an outside small "Gym station"

Question 9

enjoys being outside, listens to live music, attends informational gatherings, yoga sessions, etc.

Question 10

calm energy, beauty, vibrant mixing of people. depending on time of day & what is happening that day the energy can be contemplative and quiet, or high energy chanting, singing dancing.

Question 11

musicians, kids playing, adults playing, seniors playing chess/backgammon,

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Center of the City

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Question 14

No response

Noemi Barabas

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 10:58 AM

Question 1

I think it is essential to keep children in mind. So many great things are planned forgetting the needs of children. Whatever other ideas surface, please-please make it welcoming for children and encouraging for them to be there, rather than getting in the way. I am not talking about a playground, but accessibility. A water fountain they can reach, a tree they can climb, shade so they don't have to sit or play on a hot surface in the summer. Circular path where they can run or ride their tricycles.

Question 2

Several areas with seating arranged in circles, with shade! With trees needing time to mature, put up some kind of a large umbrella-like thing that shades out the sun.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
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Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
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Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Make the sculpture so children are ok to climb it. Allow kids to get into the fountain. There are already enough opportunities around for eating, drinking, living.

Question 5

Gathering, getting to know people, children that are allowed to "get into things."

Question 6

Everybody, mix and mingle and know that there are others around. This space should be inclusive, and not advantage one group over another.

Question 7

Happy voices

Question 8

happy people interacting with eachother (rather than with phones or computers, they can do that at Starbucks)

Question 9

Talk, socialize, get ideas, be inspired

Question 10

cool, shade, community

Question 11

Everybody

Question 12

Anything that brings people TOGETHER

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 10:59 AM

Question 1

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

In that location, just leave it as a parking structure if you aren't going to build there. Do more to revitalize Liberty Plaza. The Diag is what I imagine as a commons in Ann Arbor, not a space on a one-way through street across from Federal properties.

Question 2

Living in Ann Arbor for twenty years and seeing how the Diag is used by the entire community. Living in Norfolk, Virginia, and seeing how the Federal Building on the Granby Street Mall sort of killed that end of the pedestrian mall and precipitated its move to reopening to traffic.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I appreciate that you have attempted to cover a wide range of community members and activities.

Question 5

Visiting my daughter in an apartment she could afford as a young professional before we walk to dinner downtown.

Question 6

Young professionals

Question 7

Traffic

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Having places for someone other than folks who have owned a home for twenty years would leave a lasting legacy.

Question 13

I thank you for taking on the thankless task of making this into less of a disaster.

Question 14

I think surveys like these and the See Click Fix make it pretty easy.

Mary Jane McCully

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 11:03 AM

Question 1

Park

Question 2

Ann Arbor has too many highrises, it has become very crowded and unaffordable to many Ann Arbor residents

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

all kinds of people

Question 7

quiet

Question 8

a peaceful space

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Bradley Jodoin

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 11:05 AM

Question 1

A compact and focused public space that may provide a faster route to walk through than taking the street adjacent sidewalks. This would draw the public into the space and expose them to any activities taking place within. A truly unique landmark piece of public art or water fountain that can be distinctly tied to Ann Arbor, Michigan is also necessary to prevent this from being just another patch of flat concrete.

Question 2

Because Liberty Plaza doesn't provide a route through it and there's no landmark or uniquely identifying feature, there's usually no incentive for passersby to interact with it. This lack of public engagement, paired with limited sightlines caused by the plaza's layout, ultimately provides vagrants a sense of privacy which leads to a sense of entitlement to the space. This can lead to a hostility towards the public which further disincentivizes the public to interact with the space, causing a perpetual feedback loop that keeps people away.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3

Center of the City

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Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

This space is perfect for a mix of uses. It could easily contain a public plaza as well as space for much needed downtown housing and for services used by our downtown residents.

Question 5

I would love to be able to hang out at a friend's apartment here before or after exploring the downtown for dinner or drinks.

Question 6

Those who work in our many restaurants and nightlife establishments.

Question 7

They hear the splash of a public fountain in the summertime, or the howl of a snowstorm in early November.

Question 8

They look up and see the window of their bedroom bordered by holiday decorations in December, or a Pride flag hung from their balcony railing in June.

Question 9

They walk home from their job on Main Street, avoiding the traffic rush altogether. Later, they meet a friend in the plaza and they walk to do some shopping in Nickel's Arcade, again leaving their car behind.

Question 10

They feel welcome in the City. They sense the unselfishness of their neighbors who already have homes in the city, but still supported a place for new neighbors to live.

Question 11

School and daycare groups meet in the public plaza here to assemble before going to the Library. Young professionals meet here in person for the first time after meeting on their dating app, then walk to a nearby restaurant or cafe. One or both of them potentially live in the housing here.

Question 12

A *unique* piece of art or fountain in the public plaza is a must if this is to leave a lasting legacy. This should be something on the order of Chicago's Cloud Gate, Seattle's International Fountain, or The Cube on Campus. Something that during a Michigan Football or Basketball game and they return from commercial, they show a video of to set the scene.

Question 13

I know that the ballot proposal for this space sparked a lot of strong emotions, but we need to come back together to build a space that makes sense for the whole city. Do we need another Liberty Plaza on this block? Not at all. But we can take the shortcomings of Liberty Plaza and try to address them by increasing thoroughfare and avoiding creating areas that grant privacy through short sightlines. At the same time, we should not exclude the possibility of using this space for the benefit of not just current Ann Arborites, but future residents as well.

Question 14

More surveys like this.

Bruce Laidlaw

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 11:10 AM

Question 1

It would be a park like setting completely integrated with the district library facility. It would contain trees, grass and other plantings. There would be lots of places for people to sit.

Question 2

My experience in visiting the Charlevoix District Library. The library acquired a closed middle school. It developed the school building for the library. The grounds there were beautifully landscaped. They include a butterfly garden and a children's garden. Much sculpture has been donated to the project.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2

Center of the City

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Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Liberty Plaza would be a better location for live music.

Question 5

Sitting, reading, poking at my iPhone

Question 6

Everyone including people who work downtown.

Question 7

He finds it as quiet as possible despite the downtown traffic.

Question 8

Attractive landscaping. A nice welcoming entrance to the library from the park area

Question 9

See above

Question 10

See above

Question 11

Visitors from outside the city.

Question 12

People could look up and see how nice it is not to have to look at a 17 story building.

Question 13

The task force should visit the Charlevoix District Library and consider its history.

<https://www.charlevoixlibrary.org/charlevoix-history/library-history/>
It should request photograph from me by sending email to rblaw@umich.edu

Question 14

I already have ample opportunities to engage with the City.

James McCauley

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 11:10 AM

Question 1

1. Improve Liberty Plaza first - it exists and yet is not well used. I believe any new park will not make it better.

2. Develop the library lot into a mix of a small green space, low income housing and taxable rental space - improving the previously approved plan.

3. Fix our building codes. New buildings need to be set back - we have new construction with pipes sticking out into the sidewalk - crazy! The whole downtown area needs a unified plan to make it more pedestrian friendly. This so called community space is not it.

Question 2

We have an affordable housing shortage and traffic problem in downtown AA and having residents in the city would help. Our taxes are high and we have many open spaces that people can use already. We need to do better than this.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

All of these are generally "good ideas" but they are the wrong questions relative to use of the space. Why is this not happening in and around Liberty Plaza now? We have a great library now with some of these capabilities, do you plan to duplicate them?

Question 5

I do all these things now, I do not need a new park to do it.

Question 6

Center of the City

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The community of Ann Arbor is much bigger than the immediate area around the library lot. I doubt many people who are not already in the immediate area will not travel to this space unless it is convenient. And if they do we will cause additional transportation problems. There are plenty of spaces where Ann Arbor can host the suggested activities without creating a new park.

Question 7

Seriously?

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

I expect our homeless population to be a big user group in which case this park should focus on services that are appropriate to their needs.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

A local news paper.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 11:10 AM

Question 1

Solar powered, no electricity. No wasteful, difficult to maintain fountain. Native trees and a rain garden. Play area for children; preferably grassy and not asphalt. An eco-lawn such as tall fescue can be mowed less frequently. Maybe incorporate micro-clover to make it sustainable without chemical inputs.

Question 2

Native plants, once established, need less maintenance and water. Since retiring, I have been heavily involved with removal of invasive plants and introducing native ones to my yard and local park.

Question 3

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Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
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Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

There are enough sculptures at UM campus and about town. What about bus fumes?
I don't envision this as retail space except for food carts at mealtimes.

Question 5

I seldom go downtown anymore; traffic and parking are nuts (parking is also expensive). Buses only run hourly on my route during weekends.

Question 6

Rowdiness and loud activities will drive people like me away. Same with people sleeping on benches.

Question 7

birds, children

Center of the City

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Question 8

trees, native shrubs, pollinator plants. No dogs

Question 9

IDK

Question 10

huh?

Question 11

In the heat of summer and in winter months, I suppose visitors will drop off substantially.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Craig North

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 11:11 AM

Question 1

Open area with seating and a water feature / skating rink. Snack/ drink vendor. Combination of grass and hard surface. Human powered or public transport access prioritized above cars.

Question 2

Boston Commons more than Hart Plaza

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4

Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Watch children at play, sit and read

Question 6

Senior cutuzen

Question 7

Natural sounds of the center city

Question 8

Does not see solicitation of any kind

Question 9

Enjoys a relaxing space

Question 10

Calm

Question 11

Everyone

Question 12

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 11:11 AM

Question 1

Trees, shade, plantings, water feature?

Question 2

I'm a gardener :)

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
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Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Several questions confused me: "Come home to your apartment"?

Question 5

Meeting friends, eating lunch, reading, lapping

Question 6

Anyone wanting to relax, like a public gardens.

Question 7

hubbub, chatter, rumors, conversation.

Question 8

trees, flowers, lawn (in moderation), wading pool?

Question 9

sit, visit, eat, read.

Question 10

calm, ease, peace

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Mature trees are essential. Take a long-term perspective. It'll look great in a century!

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 11:12 AM

Question 1

Open space, grass, trees, paths,

Question 2

Walking thru other city centers or "commons" in the US and Europe.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3

Center of the City

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Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
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Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Tourists

Question 7

Sounds of the city around them.

Question 8

Trees, birds, benches, other people different from them.

Question 9

Walk, sit, pray, jog, take a short cut thru, ride a bike thru...

Question 10

calm, safe, at ease

Question 11

children, students, seniors

Question 12

Keep it Michigan and Ann Arbor..Trees, embrace seasonality (Winter should not close it down), open

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 11:15 AM

Question 1

something fun for both kids and adults. And a place to gather for no reason and for special activities

Question 2

Philly has one of those neat fountains that come out from the ground near their city hall. All around it is seating and places to gather and that area is very well used. It has made this area alive and lively.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1

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Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

yes. they really are not all that special. So regular activities are good, as you described, but something very enticing is also needed. Perhaps something interactive like the fountain that comes up from the ground I think they call them splash fountains. The Detroit River Walk has one as does the Park by the Philly City Hall. If we want a sculpture, it should also be fun and interactive. but there are lots of ways to incorporate art in the space which would not necessarily be about a sculpture. Like really neat benches and tables. Selfie stations are popular with a cool backdrop to take a selfie. But really we just need a place to gather that is not a cafe or restaurant.

Question 5

I would love a comfortable place to hang out downtown that does not involve having to purchase anything. So a bit of space to play a game, some comfortable space to sit on the ground, and some COMFORTABLE benches and tables and chairs. Obviously ice skating is mentioned because what to do in winter? With a nice space will come people and organizations who want to host neat events, hopefully that are not marketplace driven.

Question 6

well, everyone should feel like the Commons is common space.

Question 7

Hopefully some time it is bustling with activity and other times just a quiet place to hang out.

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

I think it is important that there is space for the park to evolve. We cannot possibly foresee what can happen with it without actually experiencing it

first.

Question 13

Yes. It is not a big space so the space has to be used wisely. It cannot be everything. Also, we should start with just one main draw and let it evolve over time. I think we should be careful that it is just not a kid park, but that it would be a place you could bring the kids but it would not be just about them. We have plenty of parks like that.

Question 14

Really, many of the meetings for citizen input turn out to be power point lectures trying to sell an idea. I think people come to meetings because they are looking for ways to get involved.

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inside ward 4

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Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

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Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Grass, trees, friendly interactions, ice skating, dancing

Question 6

Single ppl, especially those of us over 40. There are thousands of us here :)

Question 7

Silence, laughter, trees, music, taking

Question 8

Natural beauty

Question 9

Meet with other people, dance, hang out and drink coffee.

Question 10

Happy, at peace, WELCOMED

Question 11

Families, kids,

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Better parking, more spots

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 11:19 AM

Question 1

Simple, green, open park space with trees, open grassy area, and places to sit and very little that is man-made.

Question 2

A place to escape the noise and concrete feeling of the city. A little green oasis to get away from buildings, cars, computers, etc. NO FOOD! NO VENDORS! No coffee cups littering the environment. No concerts. Just nature and peace, PLEASE. Just keep it simple.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Sitting in a quiet shady green space on a hot day and getting away from the overcrowded commercial aspect of the city.

Question 6

Anyone downtown who wants to have a little respite from the city hustle.

Question 7

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NOTHING. Please, no loud concerts.

Question 8

GREEN. No food containers, coffee cups, trash.

Question 9

Rest, relax, watch birds.

Question 10

Peace

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 11:20 AM

Question 1

A seventeen-story mixed-use building with housing, retail, office space, a plaza with event space and common area.

Question 2

Visiting other growing cities.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 4

Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Visiting stores and restaurants.

Question 6

Young professionals moving to Ann Arbor for work.

Question 7

A vibrant place to live, work, eat, and hang out downtown.

Question 8

A symbol of hope for Ann Arbor's economy and sustainable growth.

Question 9

Live, eat, spend time with friends.

Question 10

Home.

Question 11

Almost anyone, especially if there are affordable housing units in the building.

Question 12

<https://www.strongtowns.org/>

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Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 11:23 AM

Question 1

Environmentally landscaped green park with walking trails, trees, benches, waterfalls, ponds which creates an environment for nature and wildlife. Quiet peaceful space. Modern facilities.

Question 2

I've been to other common areas in other cities West Bloomfield etc and they have beautiful common areas.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

fun activities

Question 6

everyone

Question 7

birds

Question 8

trees grassy areas maybe food vendors possibly music sometimes water birds animals

Question 9

people watch walk eat read sit

Question 10

peaceful visuals

Question 11

everyone

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

surveys emails

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 11:23 AM

Question 1

We have good gathering spaces south, at the library, and northeast, at Liberty Plaza. I'd like to see the commons used in a way that compliments those spaces, by bringing more people. Given Ann Arbor's housing

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shortage, dense housing here would be a great way to do that.

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
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Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Question 4

We already have the library next door. I'm confused by the items that duplicate its services on the block next door. Is there really any serious plan to move the downtown library to this block? Some of these (listen to live music) also seem to already be covered by Liberty Plaza.

Question 5

I'm less interested in the block for myself exactly as a way to bring more activity to an area that (thanks to parking lots and the federal building) is not really as active as it could be. Housing, hotel/meeting space, etc., could all bring that.

Ann Arbor has a particular need for more housing, so that would probably be my highest priority, even if it wouldn't personally be a good place for me right now.

Question 6

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inside ward 5

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Question 1

A pleasant shared area with a bunch of green and some kind of water, comfortable benches. I think a covered outdoor space is important because sunlight is rather painful and damaging for me personally but I still like the window and scent and sound of being outdoors. Also rain can be a problem for some people.

Apartments might be nice if they weren't 'luxury' but then the whole area risks becoming the front yard of the people who live there. Otherwise I don't think commercial ventures are that great an idea.

Indoor general purpose areas would also be rather nice. If nothing else some place comfortable.

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Question 2

Mostly being fond of the library where I grew up and hanging out near the Michigan Union. I like fountains a lot. And cubes.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

The commercial aspects seem a bit dodgy.

Question 5

Reading. meeting people there. Being near the bus station it could make a good Schelling point.

Question 6

Just average working people.

Question 7

A few children playing, people talking, maybe some music.

Question 8

Green, maybe some art. Art is good.

Question 9

Relax, take a break, maybe have somewhere nice to go when waiting for a bus.

Question 10

Gentle breezes.

Question 11

If you're going to call it the center of the city I expect everyone will use the commons, otherwise it's a failure, isn't it?

Question 12

No response

Question 13

We already have Liberty Plaza near the same area. It seems a bit odd we couldn't use that as a commons.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 11:33 AM

Question 1

A playscape and playground with shade and seating for eating.

Question 2

As a parent, I would often ride the bus with the children to the library, but did not want to eat inside the library. I would like to see a place where families and children can spend time outside, comfortably and still be near the buses. I think this might be possible without sacrificing the underground parking, which we also use frequently.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1

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Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

The appeal of the location is that is so close to the library, buses, existing restaurants, and close enough to walk to campus. I don't think it would need very much to make it a comfortable place to gather and spend time. I also think it's possible to design seating and play space in a way that does not make it automatically a sleeping place.

Question 5

Families from various sides of the city having a central place to gather downtown.

Question 6

Families

Question 7

Children playing

Question 8

Structures, shade, seating

Question 9

Visit with friends, watch children

Question 10

Connected to community and the city

Question 11

Anyone who would want a picnic location away from the Diag.

Question 12

If it is a joyous space where people enjoy connecting and spending time, they will support it and feel pride in being downtown as more than just a place of commerce.

Question 13

I don't think a Commons needs to be exactly like New York Central Park (grass, trees, soil that would require substantial change to infrastructure) to provide many of the same activities and benefits.

Question 14

I appreciate emails and surveys like this - they are easy and, I hope, provide good data.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 11:35 AM

Question 1

Spacious, unobstructed views of the entire space. Much like a town square.

Question 2

Living in Italy. The spaciousness and unobstructed view supports our universal human needs for connection, belonging and inclusion. An expansive and open design allows for a feeling of safety, too.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4

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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Commerce is fine at the periphery of the space but not in it. My preference if there is commerce is for local businesses only. Further, no recreational use or sales of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, marijuana or other drugs.

Question 5

I'd like to experience performances in this space, dance and celebration. Further, I would like the space for public discourse (socio-political, all) re: civic life.

Question 6

Everyone! Babies to seniors--accessible for all, i.e. wheelchairs, strollers.

Question 7

Possibly the sound of water in a fountain, birds, occasional live music, conversation.
All users of the space adhere to local noise ordinances.

Question 8

People, a fountain, neighbors, native plants surrounding the perimeter thus birds, butterflies, insects

Question 9

Relax, listen, learn, converse, dance, create art, connect....

Question 10

Safety ---from verbal and physical harassment.
Make this space a sober space! I will be discouraged to notice alcohol and other drug use in the space like I've seen so much of in Liberty square. I also do not want to hear all the verbal sparring that goes on at Liberty.
Expansive and unobstructed views.

Question 11

All our citizens and our guests that visit A2

Question 12

Making the space alcohol and other drug free would be a progressive and

inspirational use of this space.

Question 13

Ask those who are not getting to your task force meetings or to this on-line survey----- those living on the streets who are likely to spend time in this space.

Talk to the mental health care, substance use disorders treatment and police professionals who are seeking to serve the vulnerable populations likely to congregate in this space.

Question 14

Parking and open, safe spaces to congregate.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

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Question 1

Affordable housing.

Question 2

The experience of trying to afford living in Ann Arbor.

Question 3

Come home to your apartment: 1

Question 4

There are already many beautiful spots around the city to do these things. Many of them are available or continue to be available to us when a diverse cohort of young people able to afford living in the same city they work in.

Question 5

My spouse and I probably won't have much time to bring my family here because we are always working in order to afford living in the city. This might not be tenable, so, we're looking at moving away.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

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Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 11:36 AM

Question 1

entertainment, convention area, family space

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

what does 'get help' mean? seems vague.

Question 5

eating, drinking, entertaining, playing with my kid

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

promote 'green' space and innovation

Question 13

No response

Center of the City

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Question 14

No response

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outside wards

November 13, 2019, 11:38 AM

Question 1

Vibrant, clean place buzzing with activity. Some indoor space, like retail or a community center (preferably topped with housing!), and pleasant outdoor space that has trees, native plants/rain garden, a variety of types of seating (small tables, big tables, benches), maybe a playground for kids.

But all of this needs to be sustained without taking away from the maintenance and programming of A2's many wonderful existing parks. Perhaps the Parks Dept isn't the right entity to manage the commons, even though that's how it's been talked about thus far.

Question 2

Having coffee/meals with friends or for work, kids and dogs playing, special events like concerts or yoga.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Yes, lots. :) It's not clear what many of these mean. I'm not sure if this survey instrument is trying to be tricky and get just the results some party wants or it's just poorly designed, but either way, it doesn't engender my trust. For instance, what is "get help"...tutoring, counseling, police, social services...? Also, I assume "experience a water fountain" means a public fountain as opposed to a drinking fountain (as in common parlance) but "experiencing" it could be watching it or playing in a splashpad, so I'm not sure how useful responses can be.

Elaborating on a few: I don't see much value in buying incidentals because there are already drugstores downtown, but we desperately need a grocery store to support living downtown, or simply buying affordable food for lunch. Places like the co-op and Sparrow are wonderful, but simply not affordable to many. An ice rink doesn't seem like a good fit because it takes up a lot of space, would only be useful during part of the year (unless there's a sophisticated way to cover it up during spring/summer/fall), we'd have to offset the energy used to freeze it in order to meet the carbon neutrality goal, and it serves a small audience compared to other potential features.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

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I feel the Commons meets a desire of an older generation of Ann Arborites at the expense of a younger generation that a) has to pay the carrying costs and b) lost out on housing downtown and a contribution to the affordable housing fund. Please try your hardest to be realistic. And if you don't get at least as many responses from people in their 20s-40s as people who are older, go find some more young people to get feedback from. Thank you for your efforts, task force.

Question 14

Love Open City Hall. Keep using this tool!

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inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 11:39 AM

Question 1

Green park space, preferably with a band shell or flexible space for concerts (Sonic Lunch!), a splash pad for the kids would be great. Something larger than the just the roof of a parking garage, integrated into the block.

Question 2

Again, Sonic Lunch comes to mind, shoehorned into Liberty Plaza right now. Key is just all age programming. A cafe/bar would be great as well.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
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Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

The inclusion of "Attend a conference", "Come home to your apartment" and "Work at an office" is basically inappropriate surveying. Those items will score low in this context (as I have scored them myself) and is not a proper indication of what the mix of uses should be for the block.

Question 5

Mainly Sonic Lunch, library-related activities and kid activities if available.

Question 6

Children

Question 7

Other children playing, music.

Question 8

A splash pad or some other type of interactive use.

Question 9

Play!

Question 10

Happiness?

Question 11

All audiences?

Question 12

Something tying in to Ann Arbor's upcoming bicentennial would be a great idea.

Question 13

Think big, think about the whole block and also the block next door with the Y Lot, Blake and the Federal Building.

Question 14

No response

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Center of the City

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inside ward 2

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Question 1

casual seating, greenery, space for exhibits/entertainment

Question 2

music, exhibits, relaxation, reading, eating

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I have a hard time visualizing the store/office/living facilities along with the open space of a park. A park on the roof of buildings would not be integrated well with the movement of pedestrians downtown

Question 5

reading, relaxing, attending music, looking at art or performances

Question 6

seniors, children, music lovers, people relaxing during lunch and/or after shopping downtown

Question 7

less traffic noise, maybe moving water

Question 8

greenery, inviting seating, watching children play

Question 9

play, read, listen

Question 10

refreshed,

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 11:42 AM

Question 1

Trees, walking paths, some flower beds, tables, band stand, sculptures
Nothing extravagant, just a quiet peaceful retreat in a city that is very busy and vibrant.

Question 2

Dexter, Mi
Central Park, nyc but obviously not so big

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4

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Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Come home to your apartment? Huh?

Question 5

Reading, talking with friends.
Food cart not necessary since plenty of restaurants to get take out. A place for a drink would be nice only if they can compete with the best of our cafes.

Question 6

Everybody. Library users, kids, seniors, office workers, walkers, runners, wheelchair users

Question 7

Summer band concerts, other entertaining but not really wild concerts, local groups.
Maybe a space for dancing?

Question 8

Trees, plantings, sculptures or other art or natural installations

Question 9

Read, talk, walk, yoga, eat lunch

Question 10

Calm

Question 11

No response

Question 12

An honor roll of people who died serving the country

Question 13

No response

Question 14

If only I were younger and healthier.....

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 11:43 AM

Question 1

"Park" layout of walking paths through trees and grass, with benches for sitting.

Question 2

Avoiding "the tragedy of the commons" which requires community consensus.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

AFAIK most opposition to A2 downtown Commons is due to reasonable concern over the "tragedy of the commons" and design/layout can only do so much to mitigate this. Still, we should do what we can...

Question 13

I've heard that 21st-century trends for public spaces follow the Detroit River Walk design aesthetic of structured activity spaces instead of that used in unstructured 19th-20th-century parks. Perhaps some functional compromise can be found using both.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 11:44 AM

Question 1

It would be a leafy, peaceful oasis with a center-piece unique sculpture that can be climbed or perched. This sculpture should be chosen well so that it can become iconic (like the spoon with cherry in Minneapolis or LOVE in Philly) I picture a water feature too, like a fountain with a circular water area around it for putting toy boats in and ample sitting space on the edge for people meeting (like the one in Paris, central park NY, or D.C Dupont Circle) . I would also like edible plantings for all to pick: thornless berry bushes (raspberry, blackberry, blueberry), currants, and edible cherry trees (or other fruit trees with strong branches) and large boulders for sitting and climbing on man-made hills. I would like swings for kids and adults. I would also like one or more of those air cleaning benches made with moss that are being installed in European cities. A playground like the Maggie Doyle park in Chicago would be wonderful (lots of climbing and sliding) too. Drinking fountain would be nice. I think there could be booths selling hot dogs, ice cream etc...but no food trucks please because of the constant stink of fuel. Lots of trees to separate the square from busy streets and give it a sheltered space. There may be a light feature at night (like fountain lights in Jackson, MI) if desired.

Question 2

There are no edible plants in public spaces for free picking in Ann Arbor and yet everyone enjoys fruits. There are also no good tree climbing areas. I am picking favorite features from Chicago, D.C., Paris, NY city Central Park, Baltimore and other places. Shade is key in the summer and sitting places.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Reading, having a picnic, meeting a friend, having ice cream with kids, picking berries.

Question 6

kids, adults, teens

Question 7

Sound of water, birds in trees, people talking.

Question 8

Other people, nature, water

Question 9

play, talk, climb, eat

Question 10

relaxed, joyful

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 11:44 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Several of the survey items seem to reference commercial activities. I believe one of the purposes of prop A was to prevent commercial use of the space. I agree that this space should not be used for commercial development, either residential, office or conference / hotel. The other items could be accommodated but need to be prioritized given the limited space.

Question 5

Downtown lacks places to sit outside. There is no park nor even benches around the town. I look forward to have a quiet place to hang out downtown.

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 6

During the week: seniors, families, office workers at noon, teens after school. Evenings and weekends everyone and possible community activities such as music, performances, etc.

Question 7

Weekdays a quiet place within the busy city. Evenings and weekends sometimes quiet, a place to meet and talk. And sometimes hosting events.

Question 8

Shade (trees and/or covers), benches, paths. Some central focus such as a sculpture or fountain. An area for events, with minimal permanent structures.

Question 9

sit, walk, read, work on a laptop or tablet, Meet, talk. eat. hang out and be downtown.

Question 10

peaceful and inviting space

Question 11

It will vary over the day and week. Additional audiences could be out of town visitors,

Question 12

Really listen to this survey input. This for the community. This is its vital purpose. A place for the community to gather downtown.

Question 13

There is a near by space, Liberty Square. There is an opportunity to coordinate the two space to have address different audiences. For example Liberty Square having Sonic Lunch while the commons being quiet space that day.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 11:45 AM

Question 1

Clean, family friendly, accessible to all abilities, spacious

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 11:45 AM

Question 1

Some combination of the following: affordable housing, retail, restaurants, a grocery store, a bar.

Question 2

Living space, a place to buy food and drink, retail establishments

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 4

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Living in an affordable apartment or home at the site would be my top priority. Having a restaurant, bar, or grocery store sharing the site would make it most appealing.

Question 5

living, buying groceries, getting a drink,

Question 6

Low-to-moderate income family

Question 7

Nothing because they are able to live in a well-constructed, affordable domicile. If they are outside I would imagine they would hear noise from the bus station across the street and perhaps the general bustle of a vibrant downtown area with a litany of eating/drinking/commercial activities.

Question 8

Housing

Question 9

Lives, eats, drinks

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Affordable housing

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 13

This site needs housing!

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 11:51 AM

Question 1

A place for people to live, shop, and gather

Question 2

public malls adjacent to buildings opening up to them.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Residents and visitors

Question 7

people talking. maybe a little music in the background

Question 8

people at work. people arriving at their homes. visitors arriving to stay the night.

Question 9

sits, watches, talks, maybe eats

Question 10

like they are in a mid-size vibrant city.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 11:52 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 11:52 AM

Question 1

It looks like a building with affordable housing and commercial space with a park-like setting.

Question 2

I work downtown. I live downtown. I would benefit from affordable housing. My peers would benefit from affordable housing. My work would benefit from more housing downtown. The "park" would benefit the community.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Visiting commercial space, for sure.

Question 6

Senior citizens don't like downtown because of parking. Oddly enough, they want a park on a surface lot where they could park.

Question 7

I hear a voice inside my head saying I shouldn't have filled out this survey.

Question 8

I see a parking lot for the immediate future.

Question 9

Walks through it on my way to something else.

Question 10

Ugh.

Question 11

Homeless people, honestly.

Question 12

Oh stop it with "inspirational"

Question 13

This "park" idea is ridiculous and was misrepresented to the constituents and now we're stuck with this ridiculous "visit the dome shack" on the lot.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 11:56 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 11:59 AM

Question 1

Pedestrian friendly. Lots of trees. Bicycle friendly.

Question 2

I visited west palm beach florida and they have recently transformed Clematis Street into a pedestrian friendly area. There is music Thursday night, restaurants along the pedestrian street

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Question 4

Convenient to an art gallery and live theatre event.

Question 5

Live music event, a place where I could take my dog and socialize with friends.

Question 6

Artists, seniors, nature lovers, bicyclists.

Question 7

Music, birds,

Question 8

Trees, birds, butterflies , wildlife

Question 9

Relax, people watch, read, listen to music, socialize

Question 10

Peace

Question 11

Musicians, artists

Question 12

Sidewalk art, singin old songs together. Dancing.

Question 13

Be creative. Think outside the box

Question 14

Ways to get people to meet one another of like interests.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 12:04 PM

Question 1

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Open spaces, lots of natural light and greenery, seating areas/dining & work area, CLEAN restrooms, and food vendors. Charging stations for electronics.

Question 2

Meeting up with co-workers or friends, a place to relax or pass time. Grabbing a bite to eat.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Come home to your apartment? I don't like the idea of having housing in this space.

Question 5

A place to take my work off-site and relax near/around a fountain or greenery with a cup of tea and a snack. Somewhere to meet up and pass time in a pleasant space.

Question 6

Professionals and adult residents of the city

Question 7

A calming water feature, low murmur of conversation, people walking around

Question 8

Indoor green space, a fountain, various food vendors/coffee shop, plentiful seating with tables

Question 9

Work remotely on a laptop, study, eat, relax

Question 10

Calm, engaged, focused

Question 11

Seniors, students

Question 12

Adding recognition (a plaque, sculpture, display of sorts) of the indigenous people who occupied the space before it was taken from them.

Question 13

Perhaps have some private rooms for rental to hold community events. First come first serve, online reservations.

Question 14

Having more town halls around this subject.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 12:05 PM

Question 1

Trees, benches or a small amphitheater and grass. The perfect spot for a play, concert or rally. Similar to Liberty Plaza.

Question 2

The need for meeting places in Downtown Ann Arbor during Art Fair, summer concerts, and other street events that happen there.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Downtown is expensive so make it free! Or if renting some space for an event make it inexpensive.@

Question 5

Playing with kids and watching a fountain.

Question 6

Kids to play, seniors to play games during warm weather, free community players plays, or band concerts

Question 7

Noise, music or talking

Question 8

People outside enjoy the life in downtown Ann Arbor.

Question 9

Play or think.

Question 10

How lucky they are to enjoy this little utopia in the middle of the city.

Question 11

Music, arts or physical education groups

Question 12

A fountain and some history of Ann Arbor.

Question 13

Please do not allow homeless or gangs to run the area. We have laws, enforce them.

Question 14

If there was some political diversity, dealing with tree hugging, planet saving liberal Democrats is really tough! They are very close minded and try to silence you if you oppose them!

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 12:05 PM

Question 1

It has plants, flowers, and trees. It is bricked. It has shelter for inclement weather and seating outside. It is large enough to have performances, such as street performances and small concerts or stage performances.

Question 2

Pearl St. Mall in Boulder, CO. Seeing gazebos in small towns. Living in England, where every town and city had a central square or plaza.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I see that office, residential and retail space questions are included. I believe this is against the intent of the voters when they chose to designate the space for a park.

Question 5

Meeting friends, seeing a non-permanent display, spending time in a pretty outdoor space.

Question 6

Stuffed restaurant patrons getting a breath of fresh air.

Question 7

Calm noises. Perhaps water, background music, laughter.

Question 8

Plants, flowers, other people, seating (probably benches).

Question 9

Play games, drink coffee, picnic.

Question 10

Happy. That there is respite from the ever-increasing hustle and bustle that Ann Arbor is experiencing.

Question 11

Pretty much anyone.

Question 12

Since you put it that way, perhaps some sort of installation that challenges the user/viewer to think about and experience community and community-building.

Question 13

Good luck!

Question 14

If they would answer my posts (I reported a couple of issues at Gallup and I was not answered, publicly or privately).

Jason Colman

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 12:24 PM

Question 1

I don't understand the idea as defined here.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

We have quite a few spaces downtown or on U-M's campus already where one can have a drink at a cafe or sit to look at art or read a book quietly, and this space is too close to a busy area (the bus station) to really work well in that context.

Question 5

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

I would like to see this space used to build housing to increase availability of this scarce resource downtown.

Question 6

Young professionals

Question 7

They hear the sounds of their home.

Question 8

They see a place to live.

Question 9

They go home to their apartment, which has been built on this space.

Question 10

They feel happy to have found housing downtown near their place of work.

Question 11

In addition to housing, a ground floor space could be offered for retail or community events.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I am not in support of the idea of a Commons as depicted here, and worry that the space is being put to a poor use when we have more urgent problems, like the unaffordability of housing, to solve.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 12:26 PM

Question 1

We should emulate muscle beach at santa monica. Public exercise equipment where people can meet up & exercise outdoors.

Question 2

Exercise.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4

Buy from a food vendor: 4

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 4

Watch children at play: 4

Sit quietly and read a book: 4

Use a public rest room: 2

Visit the downtown library: 4

Attend a private/public celebration: 4

Skate on an ice rink: 2

Experience a water fountain: 4

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4

Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 4

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Experience a memorial: 4

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Obesity is a huge problem, particularly in MI. It'd be nice to include activities that would help to alleviate that problem.

Question 5

Exercise.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Gwen Handelman

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 12:31 PM

Question 1

A mini-Arboretum downtown - shaded, serene, green walking area with no seating, with trees, native plants to create a monarch butterfly prairie or mulched garden habitat with educational signage and pedestrian (not bike) paths that are not concrete. If affordable, a sculpture garden would be wonderful. Possibly the area could be equipped with exercise stations and/or playground equipment positioned at intervals along pathways.

Question 2

We don't need another Liberty Square. I never go there. Shaded green spaces in cities where I have lived, e.g., Washington, DC, area, offered opportunities for de-stressing walks for workers at lunchtime and before and after work, low-impact exercise for retirees, and outdoor play and educational spaces for children and families.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

A memorial could be appropriate, depending on the subject.

Question 5

Walks, use exercise equipment.

Question 6

Downtown workers, retirees, children and families.

Question 7

Quiet conversation, children playing.

Question 8

Trees, native plants, possibly sculpture, exercise stations, jungle gym, slide etc.

Question 9

Walk, use exercise equipment.

Question 10

Serene.

Question 11

UM students.

Question 12

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Craig Smith

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 12:34 PM

Question 1

A space that is welcoming and inclusive to all. This includes being accessible. A place where there is attention to sustainability and nature (e.g., no non-permeable surfaces that could lead to toxins running off into waterways). A place where people can be quiet, have fun, be alone, be with others. A place where people who experience housing and/or food insecurity are welcome and might even find helpful resources. A place that looks inviting. A place that is populated by native species of plants, so that we support dwindling populations of creatures like birds.

Question 2

Is this asking what experiences are supported by my ideal commons?

Quiet time, social time, fun/games, seeing nature in the city, seeing diverse groups of people feeling welcome and interacting.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Some items above had two things conflated. I would like there to be room for public celebrations, but less jazzed about private ones. I wasn't to excited about things that could drain natural resources/be hard to sustain, like an ice rink. If this could be done in an eco-friendly way, however, I would be into it. Same for the fountain.

Question 5

Hanging out reading, talking to people, learning something, looking at birds.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Maybe start simple, with a smaller number of clear goals that are endorsed by a wide range of people. Try to get input on this from people who don't come to you. Go out and talk to people who don't look like you, who are on the street, who are part of local groups that represent diverse citizens.

Center of the City

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Question 14

Please (please) make race/ethnicity a check all that apply in the future and include more categories (e.g., Asian-American, Middle Eastern/North African, etc.).

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 12:36 PM

Question 1

A safe, well-kept, attractive space that will serve as a magnet for community-building, one that is friendly and accessible to all groups, from the youngest to oldest members of the community.

Question 2

Years of enjoying commons in major European cities.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I love the outdoor of some sort of outdoor cafe, one away from traffic -- this is sorely missing from our lovely downtown.

Question 5

Relaxing with a book and playing with my daughters.

Question 6

Children, senior citizens, community groups

Question 7

QUIET!

Question 8

Trees, flowers, an outdoor cafe, a pond with ducks, a fountain, some sculptures

Question 9

Relax, read, talk with friends, spazier, have a drink, meditate

Question 10

Rejuvenated, relaxed, calm

Question 11

Students

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

I like these kinds of survey

Brooke Bredbeck

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 12:37 PM

Question 1

- family friendly
- must have green space, gardens
- maybe some sort of educational component
- maybe some art component
- small version of levy park in houston

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 2

see levy park in houston, with garden and kids area

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

families, students, medical residents who need outside time

Question 7

birds, fountain

Question 8

shade from big trees, flowers in gardens, playground

Question 9

study, walk, play with family

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Shannon Hautamaki

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 12:38 PM

Question 1

Mixed use lot with housing and shopping and maybe some small courtyard space for public use. Would need constant police presence to make it safe

Question 2

How all downtown areas in cities should work. Liberty Plaza being a homeless camp rampant with drug use.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4

Center of the City

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Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Who needs a clock? Or to meditate in a noisy downtown area? Ann Arbor has plenty of actual parks already. Anything other than shops and housing in this area will become overrun with homeless/drug use. And the library already serves the purpose for meeting spaces, kids activities, etc.

Question 5

Shopping. Going to the library for all other activities.

Question 6

Everyone would benefit from developing the lot with shopping and housing.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Safe

Question 11

Homeless people and drug users if it isn't developed properly. Put subsidized/ supervised housing there even to get people off the streets.

Question 12

Sell it to a developer so you don't cripple the library by bringing the dangerous elements of Liberty Plaza closer to their front doors.

Question 13

Prop A was poorly worded and tricked people into voting for an unnecessary downtown park. I have many concerns about the safety of myself and my children being able to go downtown and use the downtown library (right by the bus station) if it's just an open space for homeless people and drug sellers and users. Literally any actual development would be better. I'd take an ice rink at this point.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 12:39 PM

Question 1

It should be a population dense building that offers mixed use and affordable housing with a common space surrounding it that can host public events. A 6-10 story mixed used building surrounded by public space.

Question 2

The people are what make Ann Arbor a special place. The experience of a thriving community where people can live, work and be entertained. That means an experience that surfaces from people living in a place and creating community.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Center of the City

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Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

It seems like a lot of these things can already be accomplished downtown. That's why i emphasized aspects that would bring more people to downtown to experience and create a sense of place - living, working, being entertained.

Question 5

Visiting friends who can actually live in Ann Arbor rather than in suburbs. I would want them to live in this community.

Question 6

People who want to live and work in Ann Arbor.

Question 7

People living their normal lives in a wonderful place.

Question 8

Neighbors, co-workers, people who live and are a part of the community.

Question 9

Live, work, be entertained.

Question 10

At home because they live there.

Question 11

Workforce housing - folks who cannot afford the high prices to buy / rent in Ann Arbor.

Question 12

People are what make a legacy so the Commons must focus on people. The ability to live and work and be entertained in a space is what makes a lively community.

Question 13

It seems like a bad place for just a park given it's all cement and located right next to a bus station.

Question 14

I have lived in Ann Arbor for 10+ years and am raising 2 kids here yet in moments feel like an outside in a community I love because I do not fit the "towny" profile as someone who has lived here all their life. If find it offensive when people shirk what I think or feel about my home and place I am committed to because I have not lived here my entire life. I would feel more empowered to engage more if I felt I was not shunned.

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inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 12:40 PM

Question 1

Lots of seating options - for groups and individuals. Inclusive for those of various abilities - ramps if multiple levels. Includes beautiful colors somehow - through flowers/plants or artwork.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

No response

Question 5

Sit and talk with friends; sit and read a book; use the public restroom

Question 6

Families walking around down town after visiting the library or hands on museum.

Question 7

Other people laughing and enjoying being outdoors

Question 8

People sitting in groups or by themselves; lots of green and/or colors, a clock

Question 9

Sits for a few moments to fix a loose shoe or give a kid a snack, check the time

Question 10

welcomed and comfortable

Question 11

students at U-M, people taking a break from work and want to be outside for a few minutes, homeless, groups of youth hanging out downtown, senior citizens, people waiting for the bus

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Please make sure it is inclusive of all abilities.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 12:42 PM

Question 1

Combining active use with green, benches, safe comfortable space. Include safe accessible bathrooms. Water feature for kids and dogs. Affordable housing and people who feel ownership of the doace

Question 2

Basic planning principles

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Dog friendly. Safe and comfortable.

Question 5

Covered benches, water features, central spot to meet friends

Question 6

Pedestrians, disabled people needing a break.

Question 7

Mostly quiet?

Question 8

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Enough people and energy to feel safe. Green space.

Question 9

Run into friends, share space, hang out

Question 10

Relaxed, safe, included and some sense of ownership moms with kids

Question 11

Concerned that it will be commercially oriented, and panhandlers may dominate

Question 12

Include affordable housing

Question 13

Rapid transition will be important. And how to include restore liberty plaza? Lay out possible funding strategies and expectations now.

Question 14

No response

Michael Dykema

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 12:42 PM

Question 1

Housing, preferably public but, failing that, with a significant subsidy for those with incomes below the local median. Pleasant outdoor space on the ground level, hopefully oriented toward the library and whatever the hell comes of the Y lot. Better pedestrian crossing directly to the AATA terminal. Ground level grocery store.

Question 2

More people living downtown, especially people of more limited means. Food shopping in the center of the city.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2

Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Persons of limited means seeking to live in town in a location where commuting by motor vehicle would not be necessary.

Question 7

"Welcome home."

Question 8

Their home.

Question 9

Live.

Question 10

Safe.

Question 11

Shoppers. Library patrons. Passersby.

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Put a Goddamn building up for people to live in.

Question 14

No response

Francis Connolly

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 12:44 PM

Question 1

An open and green space for people to meet and relax.

Question 2

Visiting city centers or squares or commons in European cities.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Sitting and enjoying the weather, environment, and company

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 12:44 PM

Question 1

Mixed use, housing and shops. Maybe a public indoor space for just sitting around with friends? Where you could go and chill without paying for a coffee.

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

But definitely housing up top. Affordable, public housing.

Question 2

People living in affordable housing
Sitting and chatting with friends (inside for winter months)

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

HOUSING PLEASE. With retail space and public indoor forum on the first floor.

Question 5

HOUSING.

Question 6

Middle and low-income people who need housing to live in Ann Arbor

Question 7

"My rent isn't astronomical because A2 has invested in additional housing stock and has also built public nonprofit housing in the center of downtown!"

Question 8

A beautiful, traditional brick building that is not too modern and is at least 10 stories high.

Question 9

Visits friends who live there. Visits the shops and public forum on the first floor

Question 10

Happy that the city has invested in affordable housing for people who want to live there

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Just build some public housing please.

Question 14

No response

Lauren Beriont

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 12:44 PM

Question 1

Mixed use space. Retail shops, food, parks, and housing. I would love to see a four season space with something like a tea/bear garden in warmer months but an indoor space that allows active use during colder months. Some of the best common spaces I have seen center around art like a sculpture or regular music. Or even a combination of art + environmental education like a stream with interpretive signage or creative ways to educate about stormwater runoff using art and signage.

Question 2

All types of people feel like it is their space (not just white folks, affluent folks, or folks with stable housing). It is a place that draws people to it. Is safe for pedestrians (walkers and bikers). A place I would suggest a friend to meet me for lunch.

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Some of the suggestions feel to vague to comment on (e.g.get help). I like the commons being a place where there are social services. I feel like a conference is the wrong direction. Look at the conference center in downtown lansing which has not done anything to feel like a local commons or convening of community members

Question 5

Like the gardens in french, have a coffee, have a beer, read a book, watch kids sailing boats in a fountain.

Question 6

Young professionals

Question 7

People laughing, people playing games, birds

Question 8

nature, a pavilion selling food, other people, water

Question 9

read a book, grab coffee with a friend, play a game of chess

Question 10

relaxed, calm, part of a larger community

Question 11

Older adults, families with children, college students?, people without a house or a place to go in the day time

Question 12

look to other cities for good examples

Question 13

be careful about kicking out homeless people. they're just as much the public as the rest of us. afterall, the housing community lost \$5 million after prop A so that would be doubly damaging.

Question 14

town hall meetings outside of downtown

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 12:45 PM

Question 1

The area ought to remain private and not be "publicly owned".
The best and free use is by private donation or nothing.

The city council is misguided in thinking the publicly owned land is good or proper.

If you want to sanction a City Park, then fine. However, we already have City Parks that serve the purpose of the "Commons"!

The Commons is a poor idea.

The area ought to privately owned as been since the founding of the City.

Question 2

I find them distracting and distasteful. The do not serve most people.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Entice non-food/restaurant business back to the City, to reduce the overabundance of restaurants. Ought a City be known for good eating? For good shopping? For good hangouts?
I suggest the City ought to be known for good eating AND good shopping. Unfortunately, the number of non-food businesses or establishments have been decreasing and food establishments are increasing.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 12:51 PM

Question 1

Something with a space where local merchants can sell wares, a gathering space, a space to enjoy a meal with friends, a space where people can gather

Question 2

Travelling abroad opened my eyes to city centers and how to best use them for the purpose of community.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

The people already voted against using this place for residential/commercial development, so I find it misleading to place the options of "Work at an office" and "Come home to your apartment" in the list of options. It almost seems like an attempt to validate the vote, especially when the survey asks what people want from a shared space.

Question 5

For myself, I think a mixed-use commercial/residential facility where I could go for a drink or coffee, visit local business, stay at a nice hotel, and perhaps even live in the apartments built at a city center would be something I'd want. It would bring me closer to the community. Putting money into local economy.

Question 6

Townpeople

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

If the city council didn't rely solely on the opinions of NIMBYs and Townies to decide what is best for everyone living in this community. Just because you've lived here your whole life doesn't mean you know what the city needs. Progress is moving forward, not standing still.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 12:56 PM

Question 1

A fairly open place where everyone is comfortable hanging out.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Hadn't thought about it before but a little convenience store would be excellent right there.

Question 5

Center of the City

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I think I would sit, read, and eat my lunch.

Question 6

people who work nearby

Question 7

buses and people

Question 8

people, dogs, grass, places to sit

Question 9

talk to friends, read, sit quietly, listen to music

Question 10

peace, pride

Question 11

school groups, seniors, teens

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Ann Lyzenga

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 12:58 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 2

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 2

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 3

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 2

Attend a kid's program: 1

Catch the time at a clock tower: 1

Come home to your apartment: 3

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Center of the City

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Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 12:59 PM

Question 1

A place for families and all generations to spend quality time at

Question 2

I would like to see seasonal experiences for young kids

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Buy food from vendor- healthy options for food and drinks
Listen to live music- have a small, cozy venue where musicians/artist could perform (include a piano)
Children at play- playground and splash pad for kids
City history- include info on the city which would speak to kids (statue, painting, graphics, hands on activities)
Internet access- YES!!

Question 5

Playground and splash pad
Music venue for outdoor performances (piano)

Question 6

Children (toddlers), students, seniors, adults accompanied children

Question 7

Occasional performance of variety of music, but often silence, or kids playing and laughing

Question 8

Things related to city history presented in a fun, colorful way

Question 9

Take a break, rest, play, jump and run around, grabs a bite to eat, lounge on a sun chair in the summer, or early fall

Question 10

Sense of community

Question 11

Visitors

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Keep it safe for young kids; possibly have it enclosed from busy streets

Question 14

Center of the City

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Lower home taxes
Easy parking
Better lit roads
Better road conditions in the winter
Bus transport from suburbs

Samuel White

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 1:00 PM

Question 1

Ideally it looks like affordable housing. Barring that, housing of any kind would be great, as would retail space the city could actually profit from. Barring any of those, possibly an amphitheater or other outdoor infrastructure amenity the city currently does not have.

Question 2

Housing, or commercial space, or any type of development that allows for additional tax revenue from use of the space. Otherwise, experiences that do not currently exist or do are not easily accessible from downtown, and are also sustainable throughout the year. An amphitheater or some other partially-enclosed space meant as a focal point or launching off point for local festivals or gatherings wouldn't be a terrible idea.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

At the very least the space should be something that promotes active participation, and not just passive use (we already have more parks than we know what to with, and a memorial will be used essentially the same way as a park but with more "rules" out of respect). Ideally the development would be something the city could actually gain tax revenue from, but if nothing else it should bring something unique to the city that either does not currently exist or is not easily accessible from downtown. Regardless, if it is a building, it should have public restrooms and water fountains, so I don't understand why that is even listed.

Question 5

Something unique to the city that either does not currently exist or is not easily accessible from downtown, and is sustainable / usable throughout the year.

Question 6

Residents (as in people who live in the housing development built on the site)

Question 7

The sounds any normal person could expect to hear from inside their living quarters.

Question 8

Their own home.

Question 9

Live there.

Question 10

The combined comfort of affordable housing expenses and living close to their place of work.

Question 11

Business Owners (as in people who own businesses in the building developed on the site), Community Members, Festival / Community Event Attendees.

Question 12

Why is legacy the concern? While the lot may need to be owned by the city, the idea that it should last forever with a single use in mind and be an inspiration to the community when there are not significant plans to fund

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development of any kind on the site is very presumptuous. If you actually wanted to leave a lasting legacy, you would develop the site into a service focused on helping a marginalized population of the city, an example being all the people who regularly hang out in Liberty park kitty corner to the lot in question (though there are plenty of other marginalized groups that could use help as well). This does not necessarily mean a shelter or food bank, but a community center or public clinic or the like would go much farther to leaving a lasting and impactful legacy than an ice rink or park would do. Another potential example is a public youth center, given the number of children that already frequent the Library on a regular basis and its proximity to the downtown branch. However, I do not see many people focusing on this aspect of the development; most of the suggestions above imply low-cost development that can either be seen as luxuries (ice rink, conference center), or are passive window-dressing that the city already has plenty of (parks, memorials). If this site cannot be used for something the city cannot profit off of financially, it should at least be able to profit off it intangibly.

Question 13

Ideally, we'd be able to generate tax revenue from the development on this site. If that is not an option, focus on ways to develop this site to add some benefit to the city that does not already exist. There are already many parks in town. There is an ice rink down State Street and down Jackson road. There are water fountains and cafes and bathrooms all around the lot all over downtown. Develop something that private business does not have the incentive to create but that brings unique value to downtown and the city as a whole.

Also, in the end, this space does not need to be designed with everyone being able to use as the end goal. If the end result is something that benefits all citizens even indirectly because of the need it fills for the individuals who do utilize it, that is still worthwhile. The only trick is that that need has to be something that currently is not being fulfilled and that private business does not have the means or incentive to fulfill.

Question 14

Any type of electronic interface with officials (outside of email), open "office hours" for city council members and other public officials outside of city council meetings, regular and broadcasted (even if posted as a video online afterwards) Q&A sessions with city council members outside of city council meetings. If these things already exist, better "marketing" of these services; if you want community engagement, you need to go out to the community instead of waiting for the community to come to you.

Bruce Geffen

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 1:03 PM

Question 1

A Commons area to me would look like having a residential and hotel building on that spot, with an open air/partially covered spot for everyone to sit and enjoy and young ones to play, as well as have some sort of eatery and coffee/tea type counter.

Question 2

I've seen this in Chicago, as part of Millennium Park.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 3
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Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
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Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

This is just a waste of good space for a condo and hotel combination development.

Question 5

Picking up riders who need to get somewhere else downtown.

Question 6

Everyone and anyone except for the vagrants that hang out and take over Liberty Plaza.

Question 7

All the sounds of the City.

Center of the City

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Question 8

All the sights of the City.

Question 9

They are free to do anything within the law.

Question 10

Relaxed to take care of and be in their own space.

Question 11

As I said, anyone and everyone save for the vagrants who take over Liberty Plaza.

Question 12

Build a condo/hotel development around that Commons. And make sure that an AFFORDABLE housing development is built right across the street in the parking lot where the Y used to be.

Question 13

Why is it OK to have a park/commons area here, but not on Platt Road/County Farm park? Why be so entrenched and gentrified about not building something that is AFFORDABLE housing on this spot, instead of the inundated SE quadrant of this City. But of course, you wont be addressing this, and will just blow it off as a small rant.

Question 14

It is pretty easy for me to engage with folks who are in City of Ann Arbor gov't and gov't entities.

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inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 1:03 PM

Question 1

All weather common spaces - meaning it's useable throughout the seasons for mixed use purposes. It's accessible and inclusive, perhaps a community garden is in place, along with a community center with access to an internet hot spot. And not criminalizing unhoused individuals for using it.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

whatever ends up happening, it should be an accessible and inclusive space. Green space.

Question 5

walking or taking a lunch in a community garden.

Question 6

disabled individuals

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Center of the City

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No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Public meetings being held after work hours

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inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 1:07 PM

Question 1

Mixed development! We need more housing (and business space) downtown.

Question 2

Skyrocketing rent and rush-hour traffic jams

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Working-age adults, possibly with children, or possibly retired folks who want to live downtown.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Go to work or/and live in an apartment, possibly walk past a small park/fountain/statue on their way into the building.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

There could still be a small park / monument / fountain area on the lot in addition to the office/apartment building. Maybe statue or fountain could here could be considered a legacy?

Question 13

No response

Question 14

I just want to say thank you for asking for feedback and being transparent about this issue, since some may have felt their voices were unheard.

Center of the City

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inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 1:33 PM

Question 1

open landscaped area with areas for large and small community gatherings (music, etc).

Question 2

close to city services, community programming

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

meeting friends, enjoying the weather, stopping on the way to or from restaurants/activities.

Question 6

downtown workers, residents, kids

Question 7

No response

Question 8

landscaped areas

Question 9

relaxation

Question 10

peace

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 1:35 PM

Question 1

It's an awfully small space on top of a garage so unclear what's feasible but I suppose a park with some seating, grass, maybe a playground. Something low maintenance so city doesn't spend a fortune on it.

Question 2

areas to rest while kids play

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4

Center of the City

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Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

I don't understand the activities related to shops and apartments. Those things represent the (much superior) alternative to the "commons" idea.

Question 5

Isn't this the same question as above (ideal commons experiences)? A place to relax briefly while downtown.

Question 6

Isn't the point of a commons that it's for everyone?

Question 7

An overly generic, arcane term that describes a place where I would've grazed my livestock 200 years ago.

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

None other than I can't believe that such a half baked idea passed the voters of this town.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 1:37 PM

Question 1

A wide open space for events and activities year round. Cultural festivals, seasonal events, music, food.

Question 2

There should not be any benches or toilets or anything for people to sit around and loiter or camp out.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Center of the City

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Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No

Question 5

Carnival or fair with food trucks, similar to octoberfest or Polish/Italian festivals. They could close 4th or 5th and have a whole street fair.

Question 6

Family with small children

Question 7

Seasonal music or cultural music at events. Street organ or violin etc. Fair music or holiday music with an ice rink.

Question 8

Food trucks or booths serving event food, artists drawing, main event stages for events, non permanent seating for events.

Question 9

Eat food, watch street performers, go ice skating, watch a band play.

Question 10

A sense of community and cultural inclusion for whatever event is happening.

Question 11

Everyone

Question 12

no

Question 13

no

Question 14

Online presence or more interactive surveys etc using technology. Nobody has time to call, write, or go to a meeting.

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 1:42 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Center of the City

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Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 1:49 PM

Question 1

Can we expand the library building? Create a public, rent-able indoor conference center?

If not, make the space mixed use & flexible space, accessible (ADA compliant--especially if it's primarily outdoors) and outfitted with safety features such as an emergency call box. Incorporate greenery. Make it functional and appealing to many people (local and visitors). If the common area is to feature art, could we make it a rotating exhibit, rather than purchasing 1 installation? It would be great to feature local artists and it would keep arguing over aesthetic to a minimum.

One of my favorite City Commons is Denver's Civic Center Park (also located next to its main branch library).

<https://www.denver.org/listing/civic-center-park/6823/>

The park features an amphitheater, room for festivals & food trucks, open space, outdoor seating, gardens and is flanked by the library, capitol building, art museum, and countless businesses. Obviously, Denver's space is much larger, but it's a real hub for the community. On Tuesdays,

local non-profits offer food and services to Denver's homeless population in this area (please plan for our homeless citizens).

I was not in favor of the A2 Commons, as we already have a common area at Liberty Park (and we desperately need housing), but I appreciate the forum for public input.

Question 2

I lived in Denver for a decade and I think that city exemplifies living outdoors (granted, the winters are sunnier there). Their outdoor areas don't exist in a dormant state. They are constantly filled with activity, food, people relaxing, organized events, concerts and speakers. Since we now have another sizable outdoor area to plan for, let's make the most of it. Go big!

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Depends who the memorial is for. Please be mindful of memorializing "heroes" who may have caused harm to others.

Question 5

Outdoor: Attending a concert/live performance/outdoor movie.
Attending a protest. Grabbing lunch from a featured vendor.
Indoor: Living space. Conference center.

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Question 6

ALL people.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Safe, contentment, relaxed, welcome.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 1:55 PM

Question 1

- A mixed-use development
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS** (30-60% AMI maximum)
- Plaza/public space with attractive landscaping/art, open for public/cultural events
- Food trucks and/or small cafe
- Navigable for pedestrians and bikes
- Wheelchair accessible
- A few retail spaces for local businesses (no chain stores)
- A few office spaces, again preferably for local/small businesses

Question 2

No response

Question 3

- Sit and talk with friends: 1
- Buy from a food vendor: 1
- Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
- Get help: 1
- Work at an office: 1
- Listen to live music: 1
- Watch children at play: 1
- Sit quietly and read a book: 1
- Use a public rest room: 1
- Visit the downtown library: 1
- Attend a private/public celebration: 1
- Skate on an ice rink: 1
- Experience a water fountain: 1
- Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
- Learn about the city's history: 1
- Attend a kid's program: 1
- Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
- Come home to your apartment: 1
- Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
- Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
- Experience a memorial: 1
- Attend a conference: 1
- Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
- Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Any and all of these ideas sound wonderful!! I truly think Ann Arbor is in need of a space like this.

Question 5

- Relax, meet with friends, get lunch or a cup of coffee
- Attend concerts or other cultural events

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 2:00 PM

Question 1

a place to go a buy things, live or meet new people.

Question 2

i dont usually just sit around in that area.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4

Get help: 2

Work at an office: 1

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 4

Sit quietly and read a book: 4

Use a public rest room: 4

Visit the downtown library: 2

Attend a private/public celebration: 2

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 4

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2

Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 4

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Experience a memorial: 2

Attend a conference: 2

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

The hardest bit will get people to use it in at all as intended if its just a park. I would be most interested in buying things, going to events and not into just sitting around.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

everyone.

Question 7

poeples selling and buying things.

Question 8

people using it and music.

Question 9

events and structures frequent activities.

Question 10

good.

Question 11

homeless

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 14

things to do in the winter

Liene Karels

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 2:02 PM

Question 1

An expansion of the Library. It is already the very definition of a community common.

Financing could be helped by a developer who would build on top of the Library common. 11 stories max with varied setbacks. The 17 story tower was far too tall for city center. The tax breaks for the developer were at the expense of city residents.

This needs to be a human scale city center.

Question 2

The Library and Transit Center are the highest foot traffic areas in the city (outside of campus). This fact alone argues for a human-scale development with a lot of street-level perching and small group interaction areas (street plantings with large planter benches). People wait for busses, wait for rides, wait for their children, wait for the library to open. Planned, comfortable areas for waiting could be developed without creating a "park" for long-term squatting.

Question 3

Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

The expanded Library's public spaces could accommodate larger public activities.

Emphasis on fast food would result in more trash. Cafe might be nice in this transition-based area.

Question 5

Lectures, talks, discussions, presentations, debates. This could be a destination to catch a local art exhibit while waiting for air ride. I think it is unrealistic to expect this to function as a micropark given the nature of the area. It's a transportation hub.

Question 6

Everyone moving through Ann Arbor. The Commons would offer a pleasant perch for people in transit, and a destination for Library services which would include traditional books, information, and group events, possibly conferences with lodging in upper floors.

Not a typical flat park. And indoor community center and green transit hub.

Question 7

A steady din of movement with pockets of introversion.

Indoors in the community center there would be active areas -- a crowd interacting with a speaker, kids engaged in a Commons organized activity, a RecEd class. And in the library, the chatter of books.

Question 8

Outside, people moving around, some seated on planters with trees.

Indoors a community center/park and a library.

Question 9

Wait, read, catch a ride, borrow a book, attend a class, lecture, or debate.

Go to a Rec Ed class. Upper floors are most likely a hotel.

Question 10

Comfortable, safe, well-oriented, hospitable. This is a city hub. A gateway to Ann Arbor.

Question 11

'Everyone' is pretty comprehensive. It should serve the Ann Arbor community - possibly with a little less emphasis on UM students. The UM community has its own identity and hubs. Another exception is entrepreneurs. This is not an entrepreneurial space. History and the here and now.

Question 12

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

It could/should be an architectural touchstone for the city. We have a lot of haphazard, some hideous, new architecture. A significant statement building could go a long way to determine our urban identity. Could it be a named building? A Ken Burns Library and City Center?

Question 13

Is the Task Force publishing minutes? Who is on it? Is it just dead space green spot with 12 dead'ish trees vs 20-story pay the developer?

Question 14

More time off of work.

I think we have good opportunity to participate. Though I do think the loudest, richest, voices tend to be heard most clearly.

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 2:03 PM

Question 1

Dense affordable housing with a public plaza for gathering and events

Question 2

Right now there aren't enough places in Ann Arbor for people to live - if there's no housing, no one will use the commons.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2

Get help: 2

Work at an office: 1

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 3

Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 4

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4

Learn about the city's history: 3

Attend a kid's program: 2

Catch the time at a clock tower: 3

Come home to your apartment: 1

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 2

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I'm glad to see options that would include a structure that included housing and other public services

Question 5

visiting friends if they lived there

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

There is an opportunity here to create publicly owned and run housing. The private developer was always going to have their own interests at their core - here we can build a community that is supported by the city.

Question 13

Build affordable housing.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

outside wards
November 13, 2019, 2:12 PM

Question 1

Boston Commons

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

This is a dead zone in AA. I live close by and have no reason to go over there other than to catch a bus. A small "common" area will not change that.

Question 6

I expect more homeless will use it than anyone else.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5
November 13, 2019, 2:13 PM

Question 1

Absolutely housing. There NEEDS to be more housing downtown. Potentially mixed use facilities -- retail/housing, but there absolutely needs to more housing available downtown.

Question 2

1. looking at successful communities
2. the lack of housing downtown
3. the insane amount of traffic downtown

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

There is no need for almost all of these things in this area. There are already ample public parks within walking distance of this location. Most of these things are already covered by the Downtown AADL -- why move them 100 feet east and waste space that would be better utilized in other ways (i.e., housing).

Question 5

LIVING THERE AND GETTING RID OF MY CAR.

Question 6

Students, professionals, families, retirees

Question 7

ANY SOUND THEY WANT TO HEAR IN THE PRIVACY OF THEIR OWN RESIDENCY.

Question 8

HOME.

Question 9

LIVE

Question 10

AT HOME.

Question 11

ARE YOU KIDDING ME.

Question 12

something that might decrease the amount of traffic downtown -- like maybe housing where people wouldn't need cars.

Question 13

make it housing.

Question 14

if all the NIMBYs were willing to do something that was good for others.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 2:16 PM

Question 1

I would really like it to include some type of greenery. Due to the underground parking structure I know grass is not a possibility in that area. But I think raised beds, or the like, could work.

Question 2

Space to gather with a small group of friends or some sort of comfortable seating for reading.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I think an ice rink would be fun (and bring people to the commons) during the winter but there needs to be a good plan for that space to be used nicely the rest of the year.

Question 5

I really like the idea of live music and activities but I think those should be somewhat limited so that there is also enough time given to quiet (as there can be in a city) time to read, meditate or sit with a friend for casual conversation.

Question 6

I think it should be available to all audiences. I do have to say, even though I have two kids myself, there shouldn't be a massive play area/structure. And any kids play area should be located as far from more "quiet" areas. I understand that the space allocated for the commons is limited so that might not be much of an option.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Trees, where it is possible for them to be planted. Raised beds of flowers or other plants where trees are not possible. An area for music to be performed. It might be nice to allow a couple of food vendors accessible. More comfortable seating for reading or conversation, unlike Liberty Plaza. In general the Commons should look nothing like Liberty Plaza. It is just an eye sore and unwelcoming.

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Comfort, secure/safe, friendliness. But obviously friendliness this is reliant on the affect/attitudes of the community it serves. Besides the comfort factor, I think in order for the Commons to be used and appreciated is the safety of the area. I know that, not only is Liberty Plaza ugly to look at it is also thought of as unsafe.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I would like to repeat what I stated above: In general the Commons should look nothing like Liberty Plaza. It is just an eye sore and unwelcoming.

Question 14

No response

Matthew Reed

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 2:21 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 2

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Live music and other events in a natural setting

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 2:22 PM

Question 1

It is the top of a parking garage and nothing is going to change it. I do not think it is good space for a park. I would like to see the new library built on top of it, with an open plaza for much of the ground floor. In an ideal world, workforce housing could be above the library, and perhaps next door too when the library has moved.

Question 2

With the exception of Tech Trek, Liberty Plaza is not used for family friendly activities. The people who hang out there are not people I want to spend time near. I fear that any "park" built a half block away will turn into the same. What a waste.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

I don't think a park on top of a parking lot is a good place to meditate or have quiet time.

Question 5

Going to the library.

Question 6

Families with children

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 7

Drunk men cursing

Question 8

bunch of people lying around

Question 9

walk quickly to their destination

Question 10

unnerved

Question 11

homeless people

Question 12

build a beautiful library

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 2:27 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 2

Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 2:29 PM

Question 1

Washington Park in Cinci, Ohio. Kids play area, water park, volleyball court and dog park. And parking underground. Look it up online.

Question 2

Kids, Teens and Adults enjoy and the dogs too!

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Seniors, kids, teens, dogs, adults.

Question 7

Music, water splashing (summer water park for kids).

Question 8

Art, peace, friends.

Question 9

Enjoy life, music, art, meditate, hve a beverage.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Go visit Washington Park in Cinci!!!

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Courtney Duffy

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 2:31 PM

Question 1

My ideal commons includes a mix of green space, activity/event space, affordable housing units, and possibly some light retail (such as a coffee shop or small grocery). This will make sure the space is fully activated and put to its fullest potential.

Question 2

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

In my experience, There is very little traffic in this area of downtown outside of M-F business hours. If there is no added density and residents in this area, I'm concerned that the space will continue to be vastly underutilized and will not be sustainable.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

To fully activate this space, it needs to be accessible and offer services/amenities. I love the idea of internet hotspots and public restrooms, combined with a small grocer/coffee shop. If there is also affordable housing added to the lot, it would go very far to create a vibrant, accessible, and sustainable community in this underutilized part of downtown.

Question 5

Personally, I would love there to be a small grocer/coffee shop with internet access this close to the library. I am most likely to come and enjoy that experience on a nice day.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

To be perfectly honest, I voted 'no' on this measure. This lot is next to a bus station, the library, walking distance to the best parts of downtown where people work, go out to eat, and have fun. It would be a waste to turn it all into a park when it is such an amazing opportunity to make Ann Arbor more sustainable and accessible to people who want to live here and contribute to our community.

If there is a way to incorporate affordable housing into this lot in addition to creating a beautiful common space, my concerns about the project will mostly be addressed. Adding housing to this underutilized area would be a boon for the Commons and the city.

Question 14

More online methods of sharing thoughts (such as this survey) or, if in-person is necessary, weekend mornings and early afternoon sessions.

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 2:31 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Most if not all of these could and should (and are!) supported by our excellent library already. So...let the library do its thing and focus on adding infrastructure for things the library can't do: ice rink, playground, large outdoor meeting space for events, space on the periphery for food trucks, etc. Make a giant car-free zone for people to just be downtown.

Question 5

Hanging out outside with my kids and other families.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I am concerned that in asking everyone for input there is no actual guiding vision and we'll just keep spinning our wheels on it. Be audacious and have clear goals.

Question 14

No response

Andy Slocum

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 2:32 PM

Question 1

A plaza adjacent to some dense buildings. It needs to be able to fit a lot of people, and it also needs to not be vacant the other 360 days a year when it's not used as a meeting place.

Question 2

Watching the 4th of July parade turn onto main, or festifools, is when I've felt the most connected to ann arbor as a dense, vibrant city. If it's worth closing a street, it's something important that I'm likely to participate in.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

If you're looking to meditate, this is maybe a better block than, say, main and liberty. But it's about 1000th on the list of places I'd travel to for a quiet moment of communing with my internal universe.

Question 5

I might eat lunch there in the summer? But generally I'd only want a commons to exist for large community events.

Question 6

YMCA daycare kids

Question 7

stories (library storytime done outside)

Question 8

dogs, a guitarist

Question 9

listen to stories, sing along

Question 10

happy

Question 11

progressive activists

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Change the city charter so that it requires a supermajority of voters to amend it, so that people can't tie the representative democracy with a 50.1% vote.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 2:33 PM

Question 1

Urban park with trees, water feature, café

Question 2

Yards Park in Washington, DC - there are restaurants, fountain for kids to play in, and serves as place for events/concerts.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 5

Playing with my kids in a fountain/splash pad while drinking coffee during the day. Sitting at a café table drinking wine and listening to live music with friends in the evening.

Question 6

Children

Question 7

Laughter, water, music

Question 8

Fountain/splash pad, trees

Question 9

Play

Question 10

Happiness, excitement

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 2:40 PM

Question 1

Mixed-income housing, commercial (retail, hotel, and/or office), public plaza space... public and private funding

Question 2

Active foot traffic (supported by retail and residential), 24/7 attention (supported by commercial and residential). Sustainable funding (through private and public dollars)

<https://www.pps.org/article/squaresprinciples>

<http://downtowndetroitparks.com/parks/Campus-Martius>

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 1

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 3

Use a public rest room: 4

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 2

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 2

Attend a kid's program: 1

Catch the time at a clock tower: 2

Come home to your apartment: 1

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 4

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

A small plaza space with a sustainable funding source (private dollars through development) could accomplish many of the programming initiatives

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Everyone

Question 7

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 8

Mixed-income housing, commercial (retail, hotel, and/or office), public plaza space... made possible for generations through sustainable public and private funding

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Place a memorial on the site that celebrates the fact that we sold the development rights of the property for \$10 million to house thousands of our neighbors in need.

Question 13

Sell the development rights and build a 12,000 square foot plaza that leverages private funding to make it vibrant and fun. Use the proceeds (about \$10 million) to house thousands of our neighbors in need.

Question 14

No response

Jennifer German

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 2:44 PM

Question 1

An area full of nature. Trees taller than the buildings around them. Paths wide and flat enough for disabled people to enjoy too, but no motorized vehicles. Wrought iron benches with recycled plastic seats.

Question 2

Where homeless and homed people can come and be safe, and not be harassed by police for simply sitting together near a discarded beer can.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 2

Attend a private/public celebration: 2

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 2

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3

Learn about the city's history: 2

Attend a kid's program: 1

Catch the time at a clock tower: 3

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2

Experience a memorial: 2

Attend a conference: 3

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I do not want the Commons monetized in any way. No stores, no vendors, nothing that requires money.

Question 5

Talking a walk while on a break.

Question 6

City dwellers.

Question 7

Birds. Laughter.

Question 8

Green. Trees / bushes. People enjoying nature.

Question 9

Sit and read. Talk. Walk through the gardens.

Question 10

Calm. Escape from the city. Happy.

Question 11

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All Ann Arbor citizens

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 2:47 PM

Question 1

Add a dedicated food truck lot (like Mark's Carts, before that closed), put a - .4 story shopping & office center like Nickels Arcade, but with a rooftop garden where you can sit/relax. Being 3 stories up will give a nice view of the surroundings and will keep you from hearing bus depot depot.

I could also see a skatepark. I know there is one already, but it's frequently crowded and not near all of the downtown shops.

Question 2

I like rooftop parks in cities because they're nice and feel more isolated from noisy traffic. Mark's Carts was a downtown treasure and is sorely missed. The lack of commercial space is driving up rents and causing well loved downtown businesses to close.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

some more new restaurants & shops in the downtown area would be good.

Question 6

Person who works down town

Question 7

diesel buses idling & backing up, food trucks running generators, friends and co-workers talking while they wait for food

Question 8

several food trucks in a row set up for lunch time, restaurants with outdoor seating, a small building with a grassy common area on top with picnic tables to eat on

Question 9

buy some food from the food trucks and eat on the roof where the noise isn't so bad

Question 10

I sure am glad this isn't a high-rise office building

Question 11

anyone looking to spend money down town

Question 12

Get a famous architect to design the building with rooftop garden so that it stands out as a particularly beautiful building downtown, and doesn't blend in with the boring boxy office buildings that are being built everywhere now

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Question 13

You can keep the thunderdome as a place to smoke marijuana now that it's legal in MI

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 2:51 PM

Question 1

My ideal commons includes an indoor playground (like 242 but without the religious affiliation obviously) or some sort of child-friendly, all-weather space. It includes a place for food and (non-alcoholic) drink that is similar to argus farm stop. It is located near by some sort of a green space, maybe with a pond where people exercise or enjoy nature and then are also able to come inside to relax and interact with others from this diverse community. There is an open air space with garden games (à la cherry republic, Glen Arbor). This space has rooms for community recreation and classes in music, sports, etc. that are cheap or free to residents somewhat like in the city center in Naples
<http://jesopazzo.org/>

Question 2

If I'm understanding this question correctly, what experiences inform the choices I made for my ideal city commons? In imagining my ideal commons I thought of the places and activities in which I have been happiest, as well as my desire to have an inclusive, non-commercial space where all sorts of people are welcome to participate.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1

Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I saw the listed activities after writing about my ideal commons above and this list seems very much in line with what I am imagining.

Question 5

Enjoying live music and having a coffee with family/friends while our children safely play nearby.

Question 6

Children and citizens who don't necessarily have a \$100 to spend on food and entertainment in one go downtown.

Question 7

Music and the sound of children playing

Question 8

Nature, art, and a calm indoor environment to relax when the weather is not great.

Question 9

Eat, socialize, appreciate, learn, and play on the play structure.

Question 10

Relaxed and supported by community.

Question 11

Senior citizens, students, parents who need to get out with little ones without spending a lot of money.

Question 12

Allowing a space for local artists, intellectuals, and musicians to showcase their talents. For lack of better words/visuals, Ann Arbor can be the Paris of the Midwest.

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Question 13

I hope the city focuses on highlighting non-commercialized free or cheap resources in this space and thinks of its accessibility to all citizens.

Question 14

Email or phone interview.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 2:52 PM

Question 1

It has small trees and bushes and during the summer, flowering plants. It has interesting spaces and pathways for strolling, and it has groups of benches and tables with benches or chairs for sitting both alone and in groups. It might have a feature with water and/or a sculpture with which people could interact in a playful way. I think this commons can extend Liberty Plaza to provide a more interesting and larger space for all to enjoy.

Question 2

I have enjoyed Central Park in New York and Millenium Park in Chicago, but these are much larger areas. Chicago has also made an old elevated railway into a lovely linear park for strolling, jogging and bicycling. Our new Center of the City will be a destination along the bikeway on Williams and close to the Ann Arbor Greenway pathway.

Question 3

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Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I love ice skating, but I don't think a round or oval rink is a good idea for the Center of the City Park because of the amount of space such a rink would take. I love the ice skating ribbon in Millenium Park in Chicago, but it is in a much larger space and only takes up a small fraction of the much larger park. If a similar ribbon ice structure could be included in the pathways of our Center of the City park, it might work, but this would require figuring out a way to construct the ice skating ribbon without cutting off access for other people who are not skating. Perhaps it would be better to build an ice skating ribbon in a different park in Ann Arbor. We already have rinks at Buhr and Veterans Parks and an outdoor rink at Almendinger Park plus the Yost Arena and A2IceCube rinks. One problem for an ice rink is providing skates for people who don't have their own. That requires a large space. Another problem is needing a Zamboni to periodically smooth the ice, and there would need to be a place for the Zamboni to dump the shaved ice and snow. If there is an ice rink or ribbon, please get an electric Zamboni. Please don't even consider a plastic "ice" rink. Can you imagine how much plastic dust and debris such a structure puts into the environment?

Question 5

I imagine sitting and strolling with friends and family, enjoying camaraderie in a beautiful space in the midst of our city. I would ride a bicycle to the park area. I might go to a nearby restaurant for refreshments and then enjoy sitting and strolling in the Center of the City park. I would come to hear a musical performance in Liberty Plaza, but perhaps I would sit on a bench in the Center of the City rather than crowding into Liberty Plaza.

Question 6

Grandparents and grandchildren.

Question 7

Sometimes they hear a performer playing music in Liberty Plaza, but usually they hear the sounds of the city and the voices of people enjoying their visit to the Commons.

Question 8

The visitors see trees, bushes, and plants artfully arranged in planters among pathways and areas with benches and tables. They see the buildings of the city beyond the Commons. They see a focal construction, perhaps with a sculpture, plants and a water feature. They see squirrels

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scampering among the trees and structures in the Commons. They occasionally see birds in the trees and bushes.

Question 9

They stroll and talk with each other. They relax and enjoy their time together and notice the small animals or birds in the Commons. The children skip along the paths and climb on low walls and other structures and perhaps play in and around the focal sculpture or water feature. They notice the shapes of plants and the artful structures that have been built in the Commons for all to enjoy. Some of the plantings may include small sculptures that are fun to find and share. Perhaps the visitors even arrange some twigs or rocks to make their own small, temporary sculpture among the plants. Maybe some of the installed sculptures are designed to be moved around and rearranged by visitors. Perhaps the visitors sit at one of the tables and play a game or eat a snack.

Question 10

They feel peaceful and happy. The man-made and natural beauty of the design of the Commons makes them feel good about being there and being together. They are surprised and delighted by little things they notice. They feel good about sharing this attractive space with others in their city. It renews their faith in their community to share an inviting space with each other and with strangers.

Question 11

Romantic couples of all ages, friends old and young, parents with their children, teenagers exploring their own social groups and friendships, people of all ages enjoying a quiet respite in the middle of our city. Sometimes there will be community events in the Commons, but most of the time the visitors will have come on their own, individually or in small groups to enjoy the landscape, pathways, and artistic elements in the Commons.

Question 12

I think the Commons should be a peaceful, attractive and playful space with as many plants as practical. The artwork and water features should be safe and attractive and allow interaction by the visitors but not overly dominate the space. Maybe the best legacy is the memories of all the people who visit and enjoy the space over the years.

Question 13

The city will need to maintain the Commons so that it is a clean, attractive and safe place for all to enjoy. The Commons will have to be swept, watered, washed, planted, and repaired. Any trash that blows into the Commons or is carelessly left by users will need to be picked up. Community police may need to visit the Commons to ensure safe and reasonable behavior by all users.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 3:01 PM

Question 1

Includes indoor, accessible play space. Includes accessible front door to services such as free legal services, health care, access to housing, city services, food assistance, etc., permitting residents to access as well as volunteer and donate to support such services.

Question 2

Raising children in AA. Providing legal and social services to our neighbors.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

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Using child-friendly activities

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 3:04 PM

Question 1

It should be physically attractive with green spaces, possibly water elements (pond, fountain), and given where this one is going to be, it should provide a reason to go there, so there are enough people around to make it feel safe.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

With music, a lot depends on what kind and how loud. A rock band, not so much at least during the day; an individual artist playing an instrument, probably nice day or night.

Question 5

If there were a good coffee shop, I might go there, or a place to buy sandwiches for lunch.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Anybody should feel safe in the Commons, which means many people both passing through and hanging around.

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Question 11

No response

Question 12

There should be bike racks.
Solar panels to the extent feasible to provide power.
Adequate lighting at night.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 3:06 PM

Question 1

Beautiful Views; Gardens & Greenery; Art; Comfortable seating & tables;
Clean Restrooms; Water and snacks; Decorative and Functional meeting
spots & easily maneuvered pathways; Community/ Message Board(s)
(separate and free from any commercial ads); Also, if included, Kid and
Pet friendly areas separate too; Maybe an enclosed fire pit! Quiet/Mellow
Music tucked someplace (not blaring over the Whole area)...

Question 2

Some of the best festivals and fairs (with less grime and no camping, lol!)
The Starbucks in Arborland has a cool outdoor fireplace(except the
seating is not comfortable.) Many of the Coffee shops have nice
ambience, but not the open air or Nature; many Markets have the open air
and ambience, but no comfort to rest while mingling/meeting, nor much
Nature to rest the soul.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Think 'Central Community Park' instead of trying to include everything
else. Stores, offices and apartments are already all around, as are
commercial drinking establishments, internet hot-spots, and conference
centers (UM, duh.) To balance the summer outside enjoyment, an 'Ice
Rink' might be a good winter outside activity (with the enclosed fire
feature, hot drinks and healthy snacks.) Private events, and memorials
(unless historic to place) seem counter to Community Center...

Question 5

I really always enjoy the cultural and social events downtown and at
Liberty Park. Especially the cultural/people, plants, art, music, food-
oriented ones, rather than business/money/political oriented ones.
Although the lower level of Liberty Park was meant to "screen" the
city/traffic aspects, it instead gives too much isolation...Hopefully, the
Central Community 'park' areas near the Library are better integrated
with the downtown/city, and Liberty Park, while providing more greenery
(plant trees!) and less concrete or night-sky screening lighting...

Question 6

All citizens. More Plants; Trees, Grasses, Flowers...

Question 7

Wind in the trees and grasses, birds, people murmuring, laughing...
occasionally soft/mellow music...

Question 8

Beautiful Nature (Trees, Grasses, flowers...) Art, and People peacefully
enjoying the outdoors.

Question 9

Visit to enjoy the space itself (enjoy reading the books checked-out at the

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Library (or bought at a Bookstore again?), eat food from the surrounding restaurants/vendors, a central quiet/rest and space from the crowded Art Fairs, and/or to enjoy a couple seasonal activities offered there.) Gather to meet friends and family; to plan/coordinate activities into the rest of downtown or campus; and/or meet back there before going home.

Question 10

A Pause from all the bustle. A quiet Central Meeting Place/Space

Question 11

Plants, Water, and other Natural Features that inspire quiet and peace-full interactions.

Question 12

Plants, Water, and other Natural Features that inspire quiet and peace-full interactions.

Question 13

Look at other Commons in other Communities, and follow ideas that are successful in those places/spaces.

Question 14

Having a relaxing non-commercial Central Community space to visit between my work-days and all the night-time (and weekend) events/activities that I often have within the city of Ann Arbor.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 3:19 PM

Question 1

Something that increases the amount of affordable housing

Question 2

Affordable housing

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4

Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Downtown needs more affordable housing, and more housing in general.

Question 5

Living there in an affordable high rise

Question 6

Anyone in search of affordable housing

Question 7

Other people enjoying their affordable housing

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

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Question 13

This city absolutely needs more affordable housing. Putting a park or open public space without including some sort of affordable housing is a waste of a city block and a disservice to the community.

Question 14

More affordable housing

Amy Crawford

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 3:24 PM

Question 1

There would be a nice big building with affordable housing for our downtown workforce, a structure that would take advantage of the purpose-built foundation. I really don't see why the city can't just lease this space to a developer-- it would not be inconsistent with the 2018 vote, since the city would still own the property.

The ground floor storefronts would be available for concession (perhaps to a cafe or another Argus Farm Stop), and out front there would be a public square with public seating that could be used by (but not exclusively) cafe patrons. Having a business there would activate the block and keep eyes on the street, which would prevent drug activity from taking over the square as it has Liberty Plaza. Given that the lot is currently surrounded by the backs of buildings, the element of eyes-on-the-street is absolutely vital, and a simple park would be an abject failure.

Question 2

Sitting, eating, mingling, shopping. And living-- people need housing!!!

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
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Use a public rest room: 1
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2

Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I like the idea of a playground, but given the busy streets surrounding the lot, I'm wary of the idea. Any children's activity area would need a fence, otherwise I would not let my child use it.

Question 5

Stopping to sit while waiting for my bus, or after visiting the library. Getting a coffee. Watching my child play within a safely fenced area.

Question 6

Working class people who need housing

Question 7

"Welcome home!"

Question 8

Their apartment, in a nice tall building, with a welcoming plaza and active storefronts.

Question 9

Live!

Question 10

Safe and happy.

Question 11

Everyone

Question 12

Build more housing downtown.

Question 13

More housing. Ban cars.

Center of the City

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Question 14

Daytime meetings for parents of small children.

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inside ward 5

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Question 1

Dense retail and residential space is what is needed.

Question 2

I've lived in cities most of my life and Ann Arbor needs more vibrant busy commercial and residential space.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
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Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Grocery store! Totally lacking in downtown. And more residential density

Question 5

Shopping.

Question 6

People want to live downtown. Add dense residential w commercial/retail.

Question 7

Noise of an active city life

Question 8

Active busy people coming and going.

Question 9

Live work shop.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Make it more like a city. People need to live there and grocery shop.
Density.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 3:39 PM

Question 1

It looks like a structure for rental units, including dedicated housing for low-income residents.

Question 2

N/A

Question 3

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Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
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Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

N/A

Question 5

see above

Question 6

All Ann Arbor citizens

Question 7

N/A

Question 8

A tall apartment building

Question 9

A place to live

Question 10

N/A

Question 11

N/A

Question 12

It would be great to have additional housing instead of this commons

Question 13

see above

Question 14

A more transparent, inclusive and thorough review process for language in ballot proposals.

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inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 3:52 PM

Question 1

An apartment complex

Question 2

Common sense

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
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Experience a memorial: 4

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Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Surprising amount of non-apartment activities

Question 5

Coming home to an apartment

Question 6

People looking for a place to live

Question 7

their apartment

Question 8

their apartment decorations

Question 9

live

Question 10

life

Question 11

Other people looking for housing

Question 12

Make an apartment

Question 13

Apartment

Question 14

No response

Christine Aidala

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 3:54 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

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Buy from a food vendor: 2
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Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I don't understand what it would mean to "come home to your apartment" or "work at an office" in a shared public space like this. It would already be surrounded by apartment and office buildings. There are also many cafes and restaurants in the area already; however, I think it could be nice to have food carts there, in particular now that Mark's Carts have disappeared.

Question 5

Sitting and talking with friends, enjoying live music, watching children play, meditating in green space.

Question 6

No response

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Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 3:56 PM

Question 1

Skating rink, trees, benches, bathrooms, warming hut

Question 2

Old Burns Park. Skating as a kid, hanging out in summer

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Sitting and watching the kids. I'm too old to skate anymore

Question 6

All

Question 7

Skating music in winter

Question 8

Gardens

Question 9

Relax

Question 10

Relaxed

Question 11

Hopefully families and Downtown folks on their lunch hours. Hopefully not a homeless community

Question 12

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 3:56 PM

Question 1

Green space with comfortable seating and a water feature.

Question 2

Traveling throughout Europe and enjoying many public squares where people sit, relax and watch the world pass by. A fountain or a water feature adds to the tranquility of a common gathering space.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Making this a conference space would absolutely DESTROY the ambiance

a space like this would be trying to create.

Question 5

I would use the space to read or just watch people. Maybe eat an ice cream cone in the spring/summer or drink a cup of hot chocolate in the colder months. I imagine live music from time to time.

Question 6

I imagine this space would offer a variety of activities appealing to different groups at different times. It should be a space for the people of Ann Arbor of all age groups.

Question 7

Probably some of the sounds of the City but also birds, water, and music from time to time.

Question 8

Trees, a water feature, comfortable seating, rocks with rock walls surrounding flower gardens and winding walkways.

Question 9

Talk to people face-to-face. Read, meditate, relax, sip a hot or cold beverage. Pass time in a stress-free, device-free zone.

Question 10

Relaxed, safe, tranquil, happy.

Question 11

Visitors to Ann Arbor.

Question 12

A couple of special pieces of art.

Question 13

I would minimize the private functions allowed. It would be a shame to have the space booked so that residents could not access it.

Question 14

My frustration with the City has to do with the lack of communication between various offices. Trying to get a permit is as daunting a task as I have ever tried to accomplish. Also, it might be time to update the website. Many things are difficult to locate when doing simple searches.

Center of the City

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Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 4:00 PM

Question 1

It is a space that points the way to an environmentally sustainable and socially just future. It is a space in which people can learn about how to live a sustainable life style, connect with others, take a break, relax and rewind. I would like to see an urban, part edible garden that is self-sustained, i.e., built on permaculture principles, where people can disappear, relax, enjoy the scents and colors, have a snack/coffee, and admire the green growth. Maybe it has a greenhouse attached, so the space offers a small haven even in the wintertime. It is a retreat where you can recharge and admire the wonders of mother nature right in the heart of the city. It is a space for community projects and outreach, where local events can happen, and the community can teach itself about sustainability. It can also be a space where the city presents its sustainability goals. And where goods are provided, e.g., a water fountain, a bike repair station, and other offerings tied to particular events

Question 2

relax, wind down, retreat, recharge, connect, meet, be at peace, breathe, be comfortable, enjoy, learn, teach, grow

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

it is not a commercial space but a space of community, growth, and connection, free from the market/profit

Question 5

come with a book and read, meet a friend and zip on a coffee we brought, participate in an event organized by and for the community, exchange ideas with others about community and sustainability, learn about community and sustainability

Question 6

human beings of all ages, colors, genders, ages, sizes, wallets, and beliefs. it is a space for the people, without an intent for profit

Question 7

ideas for sustainable growth

Question 8

green, other people, diversity, inspiration

Question 9

relax, learn, connect, unwind, talk, recharge, breathe, get inspired, slow down

Question 10

peace, hope, connectedness, mindfulness, ease,

Question 11

tourists and other people visiting Ann Arbor, school classes,

Question 12

make it self-sustainable, learn from cutting edge permaculture experts, speak to environmentalists, include people of all ages, colors, genders, ages, sizes, wallets, and beliefs in the creation process, embrace diversity

Question 13

listen

Question 14

this is a really good tool actually, i am enjoying it

Name not shown

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 4:12 PM

Question 1

An area that's open to those who want a pleasant place to walk, sit, relax, eat, and get together, and that can be used for various group activities.

Question 2

I have worked in downtown Ann Arbor for 20 years and have enjoyed it except for one thing: the lack of an outdoor space where I could bring my lunch and eat it. This commons would fulfill that wish.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Discourage or disallow commercial activities; create areas where it will feel good to sit, eat lunch, talk to friends, using plants, where possible, and awnings; areas for small group activities. An area that would give workers a place to unwind.

Question 5

Eating lunch, reading, sitting, talking to friends, enjoying art

Question 6

Senior citizens

Question 7

Ambient sounds, maybe foliage will attract birds, water fountain

Question 8

Plants, pleasant places to sit that are protected from sunlight, areas of solitary seating and group seating, areas for small group activities, artwork, small playground, fountain

Question 9

Talk to friends, read, relax, eat

Question 10

Relaxed

Question 11

People passing through, children and parents, office workers, visitors to the city

Question 12

No response

Question 13

It doesn't have to be perfect at the start. It should have the flexibility to change according to the needs of the community. So the community should be given the opportunity to give feedback during the development process and beyond.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 4:20 PM

Question 1

A partially-open center focused on addressing the needs of downtown residents -- groceries, necessities, and also food and drink.

Question 2

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

A downtown commons should incorporate both residences and business -- the latter being focused on groceries, incidentals, and quick bites / drinks. A place for Ann Arbor's food trucks to congregate would be great.

Question 5

Getting something to eat and drink and people-watching.

Question 6

Downtown residents

Question 7

Conversations, quiet music

Question 8

Lots of people enjoying food, drink, and conversations, on their way through the city

Question 9

Get a quick meal, then purchase groceries onsite before walking home

Question 10

Relaxed, part of the flow of the city

Question 11

Students, downtown workers on lunch, UM employees, visitors from out of town

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 4:31 PM

Question 1

A space that is actively used by people of all backgrounds, no matter their age, residency, ethnicity, and so on.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

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Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

sitting, coffee, walking, shopping

Question 6

Residents who live at the location.

Question 7

AATA users taking a break with a coffee in the shade before they head into the Library

Question 8

Areas for youth to play, people to visit, and shops to go into.

Question 9

coffee, chat, shop

Question 10

No response

Question 11

Youth, families, downtown visitors

Question 12

LOTS of affordable housing

Question 13

Thank you for your time and dedication!

Question 14

City council members who aren't as angry and disruptive to healthy communication. Ideally they would also support the very fine staff members at the City.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 4:32 PM

Question 1

A botanical garden green house

Question 2

The enjoyment I've received in going to the UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Some of these activities work when the weather is nice, and some won't work right now in subfreezing temperatures.

Question 5

Walking inside a glass enclosed botanical garden

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Question 6

People of all ages, visitors to Ann Arbor

Question 7

Sounds of an indoor water fountain inside the botanical garden

Question 8

Flowers, plants, small trees, and during the day looking up you'll see the sun through the glass enclosed area. The glass enclosure opens up during the summer time.

Question 9

Sit at tables, benches, read, buy something at the small café inside the botanical garden, use the public super high speed internet wifi.

Question 10

Warmth during the wintertime, a refuge from the cold. During the summer, the glass enclosure opens up, allowing for fresh air, or create a central a/c system powered by solar panels.

Question 11

The homeless

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 4:40 PM

Question 1

A park-like setting with plenty of green space, places to rest, dispose of trash, facilities for public venues and activities.

Question 2

Living in Europe (Austria specifically) where city parks and common

spaces are plentiful, clean, and peaceful.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Talking with friends, have a drink or snack, take in a presentation or tour.

Question 6

Senior citizens, groups, families.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 4:47 PM

Question 1

A tall mixed-use structure as designed for piers atop which it would sit. If green space is needed, we should look to the roof top, library (if relocated inside this mixed-use structure), or the parking lot across the street.

Question 2

The lack of understanding and forethought that went into Prop A. I agree with the intentions of the people that were behind the proposal, and I am upset with the council in their overstepping, but this is not the solution. We need to un-Brexit this mess, and look to a more holistic solution to this area.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I would like for these things to exist, I do not believe the lot affected by Prop A, is where they should exist (beyond what had been spelled out in the failed development plans).

Question 5

Top of the Park but year-round.
The Margaret Mahy Playground in Christchurch, NZ.
Sonic Dinner.

Question 6

People who live in Ann Arbor and are interested in larger cultural experiences. I'd prefer not to be ageist in my response.

Question 7

An elected body consisting of 650 members known as Members of Parliament.

Question 8

A futile struggle to appease a loud minority who turned up for a vote and done so at risk to the greater community. Brexit has been hard. We need another vote on this referendum or move the library within a larger structure to appease the letter and intent of the proposition.

Question 9

Check out books.

Question 10

Pure light and energy.

Question 11

Single-income families from Troy with three children, all identifying as male, all in athletic wear, arriving in a Chevy Tahoe Premiere edition.

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Question 12

Bring people together, despite their differences, the rest is just noise.

Question 13

Please think outside the box as it relates to the letter of the proposal. Find a way to make use of this space in a responsible manner the the engineering and construction that has already taken place below it.

Question 14

Allowing comments on social media posts.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 4:50 PM

Question 1

An area where people come and go, such as a train station or government building or large lobby in a residential complex.

Question 2

Train stations in Europe, large museums in Europe and the US.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I don't think people want a destination for things they can do at home. Unless this site includes housing there will be no reason for people to go there.

Question 5

Experiencing art or music and learning about history.

Question 6

Downtown tech worker.

Question 7

Music and conversation.

Question 8

Vendors, a museum or food hall, and people who live there.

Question 9

Meet with others, eat and drink.

Question 10

That there is a large space to get a variety of foods, etc

Question 11

Anyone who comes downtown.

Question 12

Our legacy should be that as a community we were willing to embrace people from the outside and provide housing, work, and culture.

Question 13

Be creative about what an urban plaza is. No one needs another park but people do need housing.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

Center of the City

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November 13, 2019, 4:52 PM

Question 1

Mixed-use development, something akin to the Core Spaces project. Affordable housing is in desperate need of attention in Ann Arbor. We should not be afraid of change, development, and growth.

Question 2

Affordable housing, community center, retail, new library

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Honestly, with mixed-used development any and all groups will utilize this space, whether for retail, housing, public services, etc.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Kay Ehrhart

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 5:08 PM

Question 1

Fountain water feature, cherry trees, band shell, seating, grass, lights, drinking water, trash baskets, paths, gardens, sculpture, possibly a low fence or wall border from man-made materials so as not to attract trash.

Question 2

Urban parks in London, GB., also Washington DC.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1

Center of the City

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Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I do not consider downtown Ann Arbor to be a good place for children's activities.
A better use is for a quiet green spot.

Question 5

Reading, resting without commercialism of any kind.

Question 6

Senior Citizens, young adults, homeless

Question 7

mostly birds, muffled traffic, some concerts and outdoor theater productions.

Question 8

Nature, art, flowing water.

Question 9

sits, listens, rests, enjoy peace.

Question 10

relief, serenity.

Question 11

tired shoppers, walkers.

Question 12

outdoor art. ground level, accessible fountain that children can safely run through on hot days and which encourage people with disabilities to use it.

Question 13

Thanks for the transparency in this process.

Question 14

public benches

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 5:13 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Center of the City

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Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 5:19 PM

Question 1

Trees, green areas, comfortable benches, native plantings. Connectivity to adjacent areas.

Question 2

High Line Park in NYC

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

In a city, it would be good to have a commons area that is calming....not too noisy or bustling. (e.g. no loud music). I like the idea about including some local history information plaques/signs.

Question 5

a place to watch people, watch wildlife, look at plants, rest

Question 6

business people

Question 7

people talking, people walking

Question 8

people being comfortable, sitting, walking, talking. Native plants (forbs, trees) and insects/birds.

Center of the City

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Question 9

sit, watch, read, talk

Question 10

calm, relaxed

Question 11

families, couples

Question 12

making a green, calm area would be great in the city

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 5:20 PM

Question 1

Affordable housing or parking.

Question 2

Having to commute from the edge of the city because I cannot afford to live in the city. Having to park downtown because I have to commute, because I am priced out of the city.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

local and commuting workforce.

Question 7

cars and residents.

Question 8

Cars and residents

Question 9

Park or live their lives.

Question 10

Residential-at home
Parking-less frustration because the city has accommodated the staggering amount of people who can't find or afford housing in the city.

Question 11

Anyone coming to Ann Arbor. Non-students.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 14

Realistic idea about how to deal with the rapid expansion of the city.

No response

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Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 1

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 5:36 PM

Question 1

GREEN

Question 2

All great cities have a central park-like area

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Center of the City

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Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Minimize commercial spots

Question 5

relaxing, reading, listening to music

Question 6

children, students

Question 7

silence or music

Question 8

greenery, flowers, art

Question 9

relaxing, reading, listening to music

Question 10

peace

Question 11

visitors

Question 12

?

Question 13

Not too organized structured. Allow space and time for change

Question 14

If there was a good, full service grocery store within walking distance of the city center

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 5:39 PM

Question 1

Affordable housing, ground floor retail, plaza that is activated by the spaces around it. All this integrated with a new library.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
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Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Center of the City

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Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Erich Jensen

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 6:00 PM

Question 1

Green, quiet, native plantings, artistic, colorful, benches, water features, sustainable,

Question 2

Master Gardener, Master Rain Gardener, urban travels (e.g., High Line in NYC) and more

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Remove noisy and retail activities

Question 5

Weeding the garden areas

Question 6

All

Question 7

Sharing, conversation, smiles, greetings

Question 8

Healthy native plants, water fountain, benches, minimal hardscape - more landscape

Center of the City

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Question 9

Visit, walk, sit, read, play

Question 10

Quiet, breezes, touch, sit

Question 11

All

Question 12

Maintenance of the area by the public, not just an agency or governmental department, but does need funding

Question 13

Where can this place be?

Question 14

There are currently plenty of opportunities that I do not fully take advantage of.

Nik Thompson

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 6:06 PM

Question 1

An open an inviting space that accommodates many event types, and is usable and comfortable for most of the year. The space would offer seating and casual food options, with permanent play structures for children and a versatile staging area for performers and presentations.

Question 2

Traveling frequently to Rapid City, SD, (a town that's similar to Ann Arbor (though smaller), I'm struck every time by how well implemented their Main Street Square is. Please look into this wonderful public space. Model ours after this! <http://mainstreetsquarerc.com>

Also check out Sparkmans Warf in Tampa Bay. While on a waterfront it still offers many of the features that we should prioritize: shade, comfortable seating, ample gathering spaces, fun, open air food options, and outdoor games like beanbag toss and lawn bowling.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
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Attend a conference: 3
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Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Meeting friends and letting my kids run around while the adults visit. Downtown doesn't have much to accommodate families in hang out mode. Top of the park is wonderful, but it is impermanent, and with limited hours. A year-round public space that's safe for children is sorely lacking. I don't we should be accommodating college students with this space (simply because the options for that demographic are endless). Instead, let's fill a void -- family friendly, multi-purpose year-round gathering space.

Question 6

Children and families.

Question 7

Talking, laughing, live music or music from a recorded source.

Question 8

Children playing, adults chatting, folks eating and drinking and resting their feet.

Question 9

Center of the City

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Sip coffee, read a book, allow my kids to run around and play with other children.

Question 10

At rest, and lucky to live in Ann Arbor!

Question 11

Folks of all ages enjoying an oasis in an urban downtown.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 6:17 PM

Question 1

A mixed use building with both commercial and residential space.

Question 2

Ann Arbor already has a lot of parks/green spaces. The underground parking structure was built - at additional cost to the city - to support such a building. Ann Arbor's housing market is super expensive and it isn't getting better because demand for housing is growing without the adequate supply of housing. Also, rush hour traffic around Ann Arbor is an issue and forcing more people to move to surrounding communities, then commute to their jobs in Ann Arbor will make it worse. We need more housing options within Ann Arbor to reduce the traffic burden. Also, while the University is a benefit to the city, the University is also buying up more and more property within the city and - by extension - removing those properties from the tax base (driving property taxes up) and from the housing market (also driving housing costs up).

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4

Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 3
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Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

If I could rate "come home to your apartment" as better than "a good idea" I would.

Question 5

I would be more interested in the commercial aspects of the property because I already have housing I like and wouldn't likely try to get an apartment/condo there.

Question 6

Young professionals, esp those drawn by UofM
Young families, esp those drawn by UoM
Senior citizens looking to downsize

Question 7

People living their normal lives IN THEIR APARTMENTS

Question 8

People on their way INTO AND OUT OF THEIR APARTMENTS

Question 9

I would visit the commercial spaces in the lower levels of the building while others will LIVE IN THEIR APARTMENTS

Question 10

Center of the City

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Home-y BECAUSE THERE ARE APARTMENTS

Question 11

Literally anyone looking for housing in Ann Arbor

Question 12

Ann Arbor could leave a lasting legacy of ADDRESSING OUR HOUSING CRISIS.

Question 13

MAKE IT INTO APARTMENTS

Question 14

No response

Stephen Simpson

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 6:27 PM

Question 1

A grove with trees, a dirt path, a large fountain built in 1504, and a maximum of seven merchants allowed.

Question 2

Renaissance Italy & France.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
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Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Many strange words.

Question 5

Gathering water via bucket and mule on a daily basis.

Question 6

Villagers.

Question 7

Wagons.

Question 8

Wagons.

Question 9

Evade wagons, sell wool to the merchant for a penny a fleece.

Question 10

Feudal.

Question 11

The Earls courtiers, or perhaps the Archbishop if he visits.

Question 12

"Live as if it is 1519, not 2019"

Question 13

A gallows pole will require funding, and the local monastery is unwilling to foot the bill. Perhaps commission a knight to quest for this?

Question 14

If we hadn't caused carrier pigeons to go extinct.

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Center of the City

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inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 6:31 PM

Question 1

I'd really like a commons with high foliage walls, corridors, and rooms. There could be a main area with a locally crafted fountain and benches. It could be a botanical park like the Lurie garden in Chicago. It could feature magnificent landscape architecture by U of M landscape architects.

Question 2

Growing up in Chicago and traveling the world. The best commons are the really old ones or the ones which borrow something from them. The walls, corridors, and rooms are especially great to get lost in or sit and read or be with friends. The intimacy is what really makes it.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Having food stalls in a European style could be fun. Some of the activities sound like the ideas of what this place could be are too all over the place.

Question 5

Walking, sitting, reading, taking pictures if it becomes a landmark.

Question 6

I don't believe it's wise or possible to create a space which will 'serve the entire community.'

But for the purposes of answering the question, I will use the audience 'passers-by.'

Question 7

The fountain, people talking, and maybe some musicians playing if there's space for them to play.

Question 8

A center room with a fountain, corridors, benches

Question 9

Walk, explore, sit and think, read.

Question 10

Civic pride, peace, enchantment.

Question 11

Everyone would use it.

Question 12

I'd really encourage organizers to focus their energy on the sheer quality of the beauty of the space, for example (if a botanical garden/traditional garden/plaza is chosen) the magnificence of the fountain, the greenery, any sculptures, and the paths.

Question 13

Thanks for seeking input.

Question 14

Things like this!

Terry Williams

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 6:47 PM

Question 1

Something along the lines of Campus Martius in Detroit, the High Line in NYC, or Center City Park in Greensboro NC.

Center of the City

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Question 2

Having visited similar places in multiple locations. Not exactly sure how to interpret this question. Very confusing.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Activities should apply to and/or attract a wide variety of citizens. Broad appeal is very important to me.

Question 5

Sitting, relaxing, enjoying the outdoors in a tranquil setting.

Question 6

Everyone. Should be attractive to all.

Question 7

Lots of quiet with occasional music performances.

Question 8

Things you would find in a park - especially green things.

Question 9

Relax and enjoy relaxing recreation.

Question 10

A welcoming space that helps them feel at home and one with the surroundings.

Question 11

Should have broad appeal and appeal to as many folks as possible.

Question 12

Should have some things that are unique to A2

Question 13

Keep it simple

Question 14

By using Facebook instead of email. Or at least as an alternative.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 7:07 PM

Question 1

Surrounding the land with some three foot shrubs and having areas with some lawn, green plants, mulch/wood chips, wooden benches (some under a simple roofed trellis-type shelter) would create a quiet haven in the middle of the city, where you can enjoy fresh air, read, meditate, lay down on the grass and relax.

Question 2

Having a designated quiet space of fresh air for meditation and relaxation in the city center would be a wonderful unique use of this land. Ann Arbor has lots of parks, and green space. Having a special area for quiet among the chaos in this part of the city, would be a slice of heaven on earth.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4

Center of the City

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Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

There are plenty of spaces in the city center with activities, meetings, gatherings, for adults and children such as the children's museum, art museum, et al, the library, diag, etc. There are plenty of places to eat, talk, and shop. There are sculptures, apartments, a clock tower, and live music already in place downtown. Something different would be quiet, barely secluded, but an outdoor respite.

Question 5

Resting on benches, enjoying the weather with a little bit of shelter during a drizzle of rain or blazing sun, or in the grassy area laying down, meditating, or reading.

Question 6

Welcome anyone of any age and any ability who wants to take a quiet break from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Question 7

The buzzing of the city outside of the "quiet area" of the Commons.

Question 8

A quiet space with some greenery and lawn

Question 9

Sits quietly and relaxes, meditates, or reads.

Question 10

A peace and serenity amid the hustle and bustle of the city.

Question 11

Anyone who wants to take a few minutes or longer to rest and regroup.

Question 12

A little sign to let everyone know that it is healthy physically, mentally and emotionally to take a quiet break every once in a while no matter the noise and activity that goes with every day life. The lasting legacy is in educating people in the benefits of quiet in this world of noise and electronic devices.

Question 13

Create a space that promotes good health, provides a quiet area and is made with a reasonably low budget for construction and maintenance.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 7:12 PM

Question 1

GREEN space with Benches. High visibility.
Partial shade. Space to eat food or have a drink and visit with someone.
Shielded from the traffic, visually and with a low wall to prevent toddlers from wandering. A splash pad would be fun.
A compact area for kids to play
plenty of spaces to throw trash and recycle
friendly law enforcement people to make bike to walk patrols on a regular basis to prevent it from turning into a encampment of risky behavior

Question 2

Earlier AA days spent hanging out at liberty Plaza before it became scary to an older me.
Spending time in a small town Ohio in September and watching kids play in the splash pad while others sat on low walls and chatted among pretty landscaping

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2

Center of the City

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Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

chatting with friends
bringing kids to play with friends after library visit

Question 6

as above
kids
young adults
young parents
seniors
friends

Question 7

water flow
birds
wind in the trees
laughter

Question 8

GREEN space
sitting areas
at risk folks are welcome IF THEY DO NOT DO DRUGS OR DRINK OR
PANHANDLE or approach others in a scary manner

Question 9

meet up with others
listen to music
respite from their jobs downtown
find a quiet spot to catch up on reading

Question 10

calm, nature, laughter, respite, at ease

Question 11

city leaders for meetings with citizens
Live music on a pretty eve...but not too loud

Question 12

small scale public interactive art

Question 13

good luck

Question 14

Stop people from being so NEGATIVE in public forums...
yep...good luck with that

Name not shown

inside ward 3
November 13, 2019, 7:12 PM

Question 1

Includes nature and quiet areas with benches, tables and chairs for
lunches, meeting others and relaxing outdoors

Question 2

Trips to NYC Central park, parks in Paris and Amsterdam

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Center of the City

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Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Meeting friends for coffee in a natural surrounding

Question 6

Seniors, office worker lunches, small kids playground

Question 7

Birds

Question 8

Small tables and chairs, benches surrounded by trees, flowers, quiet areas

Question 9

Eat, relax while communing with nature in the midst of a busy city

Question 10

Refreshed, relaxed, away from tech and job

Question 11

Really all generations and ages will benefit

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Parking!!!!

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 7:19 PM

Question 1

Like Plymouth's downtown park.
Grass, fountain and lots of Activites.

Question 2

Enjoyed many events in Plymouth.
Kids concerts, adult concerts, ice carving contest.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
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Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No ice rink, time is too short, to use. Already have a couple in town. Too

Center of the City

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many new tall buildings, leave a little green space, to relax in.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Chris Hewett

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 7:26 PM

Question 1

A destination place.

A place one can just "be".

A place all can enjoy, unlike all our restaurants.

Question 2

Campus Martius

Plymouth

Dexter

The original Dahlman proposal.

Downtown Knoxville TN commons.

Downtown Asheville, NC commons.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 4

Attend a private/public celebration: 2

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4

Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 4

Come home to your apartment: 3

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Experience a memorial: 4

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I like the original Dahlman proposal because it had a dual purpose ...water feature in summer, and ice skating in winter. Otherwise just give us a proper town square/park where all locals can hang out ,picnic, etc...

Question 5

No response

Question 6

A space like europeans have, where ALL locals can hang out...

Question 7

No response

Center of the City

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Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

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inside ward 1

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Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 3
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Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
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Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 13, 2019, 7:46 PM

Question 1

Green space, well-maintained, not full of homeless or other sketchy ppl.

Question 2

walking, reading outside, picnicing?

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

People like me: single, childfree

Question 7

? hear? outdoor downtown noises? like traffic, ppl talking, I guess

Question 8

green space, maybe some artsy things, flowers,

Question 9

read, eat, talk with friends, walk

Question 10

weather? safe.

Question 11

families, students, visitors, seniors

Question 12

I'm just concerned that it will end up like Liberty Square (is that what it's called? the plaza near Mani) and be full of homeless ppl. I know that's not very liberal of me, but that place makes me uncomfortable.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 7:50 PM

Question 1

Housing and/or hotel above a common area.

Question 2

We need more housing in the city

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 3

Center of the City

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Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I greatly desire there to be more housing in the city to allow a greater chance for young professionals such as myself the opportunity to live downtown and more easily take advantage of public transportation.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Housing, please!

Question 14

A true commitment to housing. People who work in Ann Arbor should be able to live in Ann Arbor.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 7:56 PM

Question 1

It looks like what the developer of the mixed use building, CORE, was proposing: a 12,000 square foot space with a high roof to provide shade in summer and protection from rain/snow.

It would have been created and maintained by the developer or subsequent owner of the space.

There is no reason it could not have been what you describe above: shared space based on mutual benefit (those who visit it, those who lived in the building, the businesses in the building, etc.)

Question 2

Using such areas in other cities, small and large, in the U.S. and in Europe and Cuba.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3

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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I assume the question refers to ALL the buildings and spaces in the named block, even though the Charter Amendment covers only city-owned property. Not sure how you can control what happens in privately owned buildings, but answered what you asked.

Question 5

Talking with friends.

Question 6

This is unanswerable w/o knowing what will really be there, how safe it is, what the programs are.
Ideally it would attract anyone living in or around Ann Arbor, and those visiting the city.

Question 7

Same answer as above.

Question 8

Same answer as above

Question 9

Ditto

Question 10

Like their tax dollars have been misspent.

Question 11

Same as above.

Question 12

No.

Question 13

I am deeply sorry that this Charter Amendment passed. The City is now deprived of the \$10 million CORE would have paid; deprived of the estimated \$2-3 million/year property tax revenue from the retail, hotel, office space, 360 apartments that would have been in the building. Downtown businesses are deprived of customers that would have come from who was in the building's hotel and apartments. The money spent to build the underground parking structure that could support the tall building was wasted. The City now has to plan, pay for, program for, provide security for, and maintain whatever is created there. And the City can't even take care of Liberty Plaza; Martin's business does that (as it does Wheeler Park). The City already has more parks than it can take care of. AND there is a terrific park (West Park) within easy walking distance of downtown. None of the events that volunteers have held on top of the parking structure have been successful. And the proponents of the Amendment said they could raise enough money to pay for it. Where is that money?

Finally, the Charter Amendment did not come close to getting the number of votes that all the other park proposal on the Nov. 2018 ballot received. By Park standards, it barely passed. It was a mistake.

Question 14

[Please fix the guidelines for civility link. It doesn't work]

To have a real newspaper that reported fully on City activities.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:01 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 3

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Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Quiz??

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 13, 2019, 8:04 PM

Question 1

open space; no buildings; trees; park benches; grass

Question 2

A peaceful area

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Reading a book, watching children play

Question 6

Center of the City

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senior, children

Question 7

watch children playing

Question 8

trees, a beautiful water foundation,

Question 9

quiet activities

Question 10

freedom

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 8:13 PM

Question 1

An accessible playground with a splash pad, food carts and greenery.

Question 2

A place where family and friends can come together to eat, play and enjoy the beauty of our city and of nature.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4

Buy from a food vendor: 4

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

Get help: 2

Work at an office: 1

Listen to live music: 4

Watch children at play: 4

Sit quietly and read a book: 3

Use a public rest room: 4

Visit the downtown library: 4

Attend a private/public celebration: 2

Skate on an ice rink: 3

Experience a water fountain: 2

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4

Learn about the city's history: 3

Attend a kid's program: 4

Catch the time at a clock tower: 2

Come home to your apartment: 1

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2

Experience a memorial: 2

Attend a conference: 2

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Children, families, individuals

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Center of the City

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Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:13 PM

Question 1

Our primary focus to be to serve the members of the community who need the most support. There must be shelter from the elements, access to basic resources and robust programs and services. Since the parking structure was built to be able to support a tall building, I support us using as much vertical space as possible to meet the needs of the community. Could there be several stories of housing above mixed commercial & public use? A place to access food, clothing, social services, get help with bus passes, employment, dispute resolution? A place for the community to come together to engage on civic and social justice issues affecting our community? A "Neutral Zone for adults" above a covered plaza with housing on the top floors?

Question 2

I'm not sure I understand the question. My suggestions are informed by my experience working directly with the richest and poorest members of our community who all seem to want the same things. We are ashamed of being ranked 8th highest in the country on economic disparity. The experiences of the rich and poor, black and white members of our community are worlds apart. We have the resources and the urgent need to change this. What we don't need is a vanity park for the amusement of the upper and middle classes.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I don't understand the question about accessing the library. The library is right next door, aside from building a giant wall between them I can't imagine how anything would impact whether or not you can "access" the library from this spot. Also so many of my answers would depend on the context of these activities.

Question 5

I would love to go to this space and feel great about what my city is doing for our most vulnerable residents.

Question 6

Poor people

Question 7

Sounds of being welcomed in and belonging to the community

Question 8

Lots of opportunities to thrive

Question 9

Find ways to build a better life for themselves

Question 10

Like they matter as a member of our community

Question 11

Business people, entrepreneurs, black and brown people, young people, senior citizens, groups from marginalized identities, activists, social workers, artists and thought leaders

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Question 12

Make sure that when we look back on this process, we are proud that the conversation centered on people who are currently marginalized in this otherwise great city.

Question 13

Simply to keep the priority on making Ann Arbor a "greatest city" for all of its residents, not just those who can afford expensive housing

Question 14

Having more free time.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:19 PM

Question 1

A vibrant streetscape with a car-free pedestrian mall, shops, cafes, public services, affordable housing, and outdoor performance space

Question 2

Walking in a busy European downtown

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:23 PM

Question 1

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clean, simple, find an architect outside of Ann Arbor that will design something meaningfully aesthetic and functional. The buildings going up in town are appalling and cheap. Changing the look of the city in a detrimental way.

Question 2

This is the same question as below

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Lots of open space, concentrate on landscaping. Maybe 1 sculpture, but a fountain takes up space. Multi-level would be good so not just 1 flat surface.

Question 5

The wording here is odd.
"What kind of activity would you like to take part of" maybe

A shady place to sit and read, chess boards. Lot's of green and flower landscaping. A small music performance space that Sonic Lunch can transfer over to.

Detroit has done a nice job along Woodward. Reference European outdoor cafes and public spaces for ideas. Spend the money for

exceptional design that is sustainable and LEED certified, and don't create something cheap. This has been contested for years. Design it and host a competition with models so a handful of locals and professionals can preview.

Question 6

Everyone

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Do not over commercialize it. A few street food vendors like ice cream and coffee is fine, or a food truck spot that rotates. A well designed open cafe where people can get a coffee and light fare is good. Alcohol - no.

A kid area set aside.
No bikes or scooters.
Do not build a thruway for bikes.
And no dog park.

Question 14

Better, safer bike lanes, no scooters (ban), no STR's and get rid of the Liberty park that is a ridiculous use of space, and no one uses it.

Name not shown
inside ward 5

Center of the City

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November 13, 2019, 8:34 PM

Question 1

Pedestrian mall with shops, affordable housing, cafes, and a library.

Question 2

Having 4-5 story mixed use buildings, space for cafe tables. No cars.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

That block is not very well equipped to sit and talk with friends because of the noisy streets surrounding it. If you got rid of cars on Fifth, Division, Liberty, and William, then I could see it being a nice place to linger.

Question 5

Visiting friends who live there. Window shopping while waiting for the bus.

Question 6

A healthy mix of people to keep eyes on the street and build a sense of life.

Question 7

Rushing traffic, people talking.

Question 8

Hopefully mixed use retail and housing that is tastefully done - like Main Street or Washington.

Question 9

Walk around and people watch. Live in an apartment there.

Question 10

Safe and invigorated, because there's plenty of people around.

Question 11

People waiting for the bus

Question 12

Making Ann Arbor a welcoming and sustainable community by creating (affordable) living and working spaces downtown and next to transit.

Question 13

Two things. First, I wasn't a fan of a 17-story development, but this block is not good for a park. Second, the best way to create a sense of community is to have people downtown and engaging with each other. Mixed-use housing and retail is an extremely effective way to do this.

Question 14

Having meetings in places that are easily accessible by bus.

Rachel Erdstein

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 8:37 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

When my son was very young, we loved going to the library and walking downtown to eat. Actually, we still love those activities. However, especially when he was a toddler, there was never any place for him to play outside. The UM Diag was the safest place to let him run. However, the library and restaurants that we wanted to go to were not as close to that as we wanted. We always wished for a downtown playground or park.

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Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Everyone - be it spillover from the library or nearby businesses or a destination. All ages should want to hang out in the Commons.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Happy people, well maintained landscape, enough garbage and recycling bins, public bathrooms, children

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Safe, calm, comfortable

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 8:45 PM

Question 1

I would like to see dense residential and commercial activities in the center of Ann Arbor to promote a vibrant and diverse public life. In particular, we need an increase in affordable housing and a grocery store in downtown Ann Arbor to prevent even more urban sprawl. Frankly, Ann Arbor does not need a downtown commons. There is quite a lot of public space, parks, and public activities scattered throughout the city, some quite close to downtown and so much more than other cities of our size. We would be better off spending less money and redesigning the small public park that is currently available.

Question 2

Many of the activities described below could occur in a redesign of the space we already have. For example sit and talk with friends, buy from a food vendor, get help, attend a festival, listen to music etc. Many of these things are also well-sponsored and already occurring on Ingalls Mall. Why are we spending money on a "Commons" when we are not providing for other needs of our city?

Question 3

No response

Question 4

Many of them are great. They do not require a Commons.

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Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

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inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 9:02 PM

Question 1

A new, modern library building, a museum of some type, and a small, public green space.

Question 2

Culture. Learning. High quality public restrooms. Outdoor picnic.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 3

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 2

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 3

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 2

Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 3

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3

Learn about the city's history: 2

Attend a kid's program: 2

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 2

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2

Experience a memorial: 2

Attend a conference: 1

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Young families

Question 7

Traffic, probably. Birds, hopefully.

Question 8

A beautifully architected, multi-story library building.

Question 9

Visit the library.

Question 10

No response

Center of the City

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Question 11

Professionals working downtown. University students and staff. Visitors from out of town. Under-housed people.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Perhaps to pay for this, the city could sell development rights on a portion of the property... oh, wait... that's right. We don't have anywhere to get money for this.

Question 14

No response

Allison Camara

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:04 PM

Question 1

Kerrytown is a great example but instead of the farmers market a play scape with a water feature for kids to play in. Housing above the shops as well.

Question 2

My 10 years in the Ann Arbor area and the lack of affordable housing that I desperately need. Also the lack of a FREE water feature for kids who can't afford vets park or any of the others in the summer.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 2
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Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

EVERYONE

Question 7

kids playing maybe a band or a singer.

Question 8

People coming to and from work and home kids playing, teens hanging out.

Question 9

Shopping, living, working, letting their children/grandchildren play

Question 10

Home welcoming safe

Question 11

EVERYONE

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Better public transportation and not feeling like the city is trying to actively

Center of the City

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push me out by the continued over pricing of everything

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inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 9:05 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:06 PM

Question 1

Dexter has an amazing, green downtown park with a gazebo that is about the size of The Center of the City. I'm imagining similar to the Diag but for adults (although students are welcome too!)

Question 2

We don't need another liberty plaza. it has to be different from that.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Listen to live music: 2

Center of the City

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Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

A grassy park would be very welcome oasis in an increasingly paved downtown

Question 5

I would work on my laptop or read outdoors in the warm months

Question 6

young professionals who work downtown, residents and visitors who come downtown for restaurants, events, etc.

Question 7

chatter and picnics

Question 8

picnics, playing catch, people working / studying.

Question 9

People watching

Question 10

Smiles!

Question 11

the homeless (although I'm worried about that)

Question 12

Trees that look beautiful with leaves that turn in the fall could really drive home the "arbor" in "Ann Arbor"

Question 13

I'm worried that development will be stuck in political gridlock. It's okay if you voted against this because you wanted the mixed-use development (I also voted against this), but given that the decision has been made, I'd rather commit to the decision and help to this move forward. I don't want it to be stuck as a parking lot forever.

Question 14

Is there an email list or facebook page?

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 9:20 PM

Question 1

Rosa Parks Circle of Grand Rapids, MI
Oskaloosa Town Square of Oskaloosa, IA
Parade Plaza of New London, CT
Court Square of Bardstown, KY
Centerway Square of Corning, NY
Decatur Square of Decatur, GA

Question 2

An amphitheater and a fountain, where kids can splash around. Farmers' markets, free concerts, and holiday celebrations to keep us entertained year-round.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4

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Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

See the empty farm house structure at Rosa Parks Circle of Grand Rapids. This is a huge hit with both adults and kids

Question 6

All ages

Question 7

Live music and laughter

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Tables and chairs for sitting and playing cards.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

All ages

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Surveys are good for me

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 9:22 PM

Question 1

A community green space area plus a reasonable development (commercial and housing) that will provide eyes on the street. Cafe with indoor/outdoor seating. Since this is city-owned property, the possibility of affordable housing should be explored.

Question 2

Visits to major cities in US and abroad has shown me how well a blended use development can work. Because there currently is so little pedestrian traffic in the Library Lot area, and the site is surrounded by dead zones, a park absent any other use on the site can easily become an unsafe environment.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

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Question 5

Sitting at outdoor cafe people-watching and reading.

Question 6

Downtown employees

Question 7

Music, conversation

Question 8

Downtown workers enjoying lunch in the open space, shoppers and residents of newly constructed mixed use development on the site.

Question 9

Sip a beverage, read, eat lunch, enjoy music

Question 10

The joys of a well-used urban park with compatible adjacent development.

Question 11

Library visitors, residents

Question 12

Innovative public art, creative seating, exciting gardens and a building(s) that model sustainability.

Question 13

Keeping this space as simply a park, no matter how attractive, will create a dead zone, and would be a missed opportunity. Looking at this site in isolation would be a mistake. The larger area should be considered. Ways to link this site with other parts of downtown should be explored, as it currently feels isolated.

Question 14

A newspaper!!

Kyle Lady

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 9:24 PM

Question 1

High-density residence combined with retail and a space that facilitates a

walkable city.

Question 2

The ability to relax in a retail establishment such as a coffee shop or bar, with a view onto public green space.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Resident

Question 7

The bustle of a cafe, restaurant, or bar.

Question 8

A variety of people sharing their apartment building

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Question 9

Come home

Question 10

At home

Question 11

Nearby residents
Library patrons
Nearby restaurant patrons

Question 12

We need a conference center than can support conferences larger than 100 people. Even the University cannot realistically host such a conference unless the students are out of session.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Councilmembers that are open to my feedback.

Stephanie Buttrey

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 9:38 PM

Question 1

A green space similar to the Diag with places to hang out, trees, drinking fountains. A place to relax when moving between campus and downtown.

Question 2

Time spent as a student at U of M and on the Diag and as a resident of Ann Arbor for many years.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Lots to think about. Many options. It will be interesting to see which of the above ideas are popular and can be fit in.

Question 5

A place to stop and enjoy nature. I am not in favor of having places to eat there. There are enough options nearby.

Question 6

Everyone.

Question 7

Birds and the wind. Kids playing. People talking.

Question 8

Kids playing. Adults reading. Frisbee.

Question 9

Relax.

Question 10

At peace. Enjoys the outside.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

The city planners need to ensure somehow that this new park does not

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turn into a hangout area which scares off park users. Like the Liberty Plaza (as many people have noted).

Question 13

I did not vote for the Commons but since we are going to have a park there in perpetuity I am happy to see the task force reaching out for as much input as possible. I look forward to utilizing this park.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 13, 2019, 9:50 PM

Question 1

An apartment building with affordable apartment units that also puts a bunch of money toward the city's affordable housing fund

Question 2

Having an apartment building with affordable housing units there

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
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Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

It would be an ideal place to build an affordable apartment complex

Question 5

Living there, in an affordably priced apartment

Question 6

Students, young professionals, and anyone else who wishes to live downtown and cannot afford the more expensive luxury high-rises

Question 7

People entering and leaving the apartment building

Question 8

Their apartment building

Question 9

Live there

Question 10

Like they're home, because they live there

Question 11

Anyone who wishes to live downtown and cannot afford the more expensive luxury high-rises

Question 12

Build affordable housing units there

Question 13

There is literally no good reason not to build affordable housing in Ann Arbor

Question 14

Word ballot proposals more honestly so other students aren't tricked into just 'voting for a park' without knowing the full story

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inside ward 1

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Question 1

There should NOT be a commons. It should be developed as a building to increase the tax base and build affordable housing.

Question 2

We have a common area in Ann Arbor. It's called the Diag. We don't need to reinvent the wheel.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

These can all be done in a public space paid for by a developer that increases our tax base and doesn't leave us an expensive albatross park to pay for and keep up.

Question 5

I would love to watch a beautiful building with a free public space be built there.

Question 6

All citizens can use a free park paid for by a developer.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

We don't need a commons.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 9:53 PM

Question 1

- An open park with a pathway, lots of trees and benches
- A central feature either a sculpture or water feature
- A place where people can enjoy lunch, a coffee, and kids can play

Question 2

One of my families favorite activities is visiting Ann Arbor Parks (i.e. Gallup and the Arb). I would love a place Downtown where we can be in a Park with grass, trees, and plants but is centrally located to shopping and restaurants.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

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Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

A place for adults and kids to relax is ideal. Think Millennium Park in Chicago.

Question 5

Interacting with a water feature with my child.

Question 6

Children primarily but also Ann Arborites getting a bite to eat downtown or enjoying lunch outside (a to-go soup from Le Dog!).

Question 7

Children playing and maybe a water feature.

Question 8

A quaint landscape with lots of trees and a central sculpture or water feature.

Question 9

Play/eat

Question 10

Relaxing and fun for children

Question 11

Seniors, young couples, visitors to Ann Arbor

Question 12

Ideally a place that the citizens love and not an avoided area (i.e. Liberty Plaza).

Question 13

No response

Question 14

More of these surveys. These are great.

Melissa Barnes

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 9:54 PM

Question 1

The Rosa Parks Circle in Grand Rapids except with more public art, grass, and trees.

Question 2

Benches to hang out on with friends. Live music events. An ice rink in the winter.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

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Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Enjoy a private celebration? Don't the wealthy already have enough opportunities to buy with their ill gotten gains?

Question 5

Drinking really great hot cocoa in the winter watching people skate.

Question 6

Everyone. Including the homeless. As we seem to forget they are people too.

Question 7

Nature and city sounds in harmony.

Question 8

People being kind and courteous to each other while behaving in a civilized manner.

Question 9

Read, chat, rest, eat, contemplate, listen, ice skate.

Question 10

It depends upon how they feel that day.

Question 11

Squirrels.

Question 12

Keeping another wealthy developer from owning a large chunk of Downtown land is almost legacy enough.

Question 13

Don't spend forever coming up with a plan that will please everyone. You won't.

Question 14

Fewer entitled rich people in control.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:03 PM

Question 1

Open comfortable space for families and individuals to sit and relax. Public restrooms. Some tables and benches and shade.

Question 2

Doing errands or walking around downtown there is no where to stop and just hang out without having to spend money. There are outdoor seats for paying customers and bathrooms for paying customers. But if you don't want to or can't afford to buy something to eat, there is no where to sit. No where to see friends walk by.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Many of the items are activities already easily done in the general area - like using a computer or buying food. But there isn't anywhere free downtown to sit and talk with friends, use a restroom or enjoy being outside.

Question 5

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Just relaxing after shopping or running errands. Watching kids play, enjoying being outside.

Question 6

Seniors, families, individuals all need a place to go to the bathroom and also sit and hang out.

Question 7

Laughter, maybe water splashing, friends talking.

Question 8

All kinds of other people, trees and plants, and other beautiful things to look at.

Question 9

Catches their breath. Talks to a stranger. Enjoys being outside.

Question 10

Relaxed. Happy. Community.

Question 11

The Commons is for everyone.

Question 12

Liberty plaza is cold, too much concrete. Something more open and bigger would attract multiple user groups. The library is fantastic and well-loved build off of that. Trees make all the difference.

Question 13

Don't over think it. Some of the most used parks are very simple. The High line has activities but it attracts people because you can step off the busy street and relax and see plants.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 13, 2019, 10:33 PM

Question 1

The Dlag

Question 2

Reality and common sense

Question 3

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1

Question 4

anything that supports the important work of the library would be value added

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

I think we should vote to overturn this ill conceived idea and sell the land to a developer and invest in affordable housing.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

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inside ward 3

November 13, 2019, 11:01 PM

Question 1

Native year Round Plants for the Earth and Natural Beauty
Brick, no cement for natural drainage and natural atmosphere
Sculpture by local artists and architects about our history
A place to sit
A place to think
A place to read
A place to play
A place to be with self and with children and others
A loving, inviting, atmosphere year round
A festival of life within Ann Arbor
Cultures, religions, people feel included
Wall Art.
Animal friendly
As Walt Whitman so poetically said
"To leave the World a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a Garden patch, or a redeemed social condition, To know even on life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."
Build the garden patch (Rain Gardens), include all of Ann Arbor and surrounding areas. Make this beautiful and you will have succeeded.
Thank you,
Opal Lesse
2820 Verle Ave.
A2

Question 2

Life, my home, rain gardens, working with people in my career. What people need, versus want.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 2

Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

See above

Question 5

See above

Question 6

Across the life span.

Question 7

Nature, violins

Question 8

Bright flowers sunshine, rain, snow

Question 9

Think

Question 10

Centered. Love. Ann Arbor.

Question 11

Everyone. No boudries

Question 12

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See above

Question 13

Call me if you need a consultant:)

Question 14

Communication at the grass roots.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 13, 2019, 11:06 PM

Question 1

A tree or a fountain or some inviting monument that symbolizes the city in a park. It might have a bandshell or someplace for concerts and fairs.

Question 2

We have a lot of street fairs that require blocking Main Street and using temporary shelters. These could take advantage of the Commons. Grand Rapids has a similar space in its downtown.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Most of these activities are already served in the Downtown area and don't need to be included in the new Commons. Commercial activities are already well provided and we shouldn't turn the Commons into a food truck lot or a place that will require excessive maintenance.

Question 5

Street concerts, town celebrations.

Question 6

Any of the organizations that currently hold street festivals. Ann Arbor Marathon or any of the runs, gatherings like Festi Fools or maybe even one of the art fairs could take advantage of the space and ease downtown traffic congestion.

Question 7

music and people

Question 8

People, festival vendors

Question 9

enjoy the celebrations. When there aren't events, the space is used for people eating lunch or relaxing

Question 10

excitement of being downtown, being part of the City

Question 11

No response

Question 12

There needs to be a good, lasting centerpiece. Not one of the very bad pieces of public art the city has invested in over the last ten years. We can not afford (financially or publicly) another incident of paying tens of thousands of dollars for someone to staple pie plates to a concrete wall, like they did in front of Michigan Stadium.

Question 13

How is the city going to pay for this space? While Liberty Park has a budget, where will the increases required for the Commons' construction and maintenance come from?

Question 14

Center of the City

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I am satisfied with the current means of engagement and communication

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 12:31 AM

Question 1

A beautiful, natural spot such as a park with well-maintained gardens available for public events by permit that has no high rise buildings nor any structures that are for more than one level below street level other than the already existing parking garage. There should be no commercial development of such a space. It should also include some sheltered space and seating as well as some tables, but not ruin the aesthetics of the place. It should be a safe, well-maintained, and clean place, well lit at night and not end up being a place for homeless people to live or hassle people. Alcohol and drugs should be prohibited in the space as well as illicit activities. Any public restrooms on the location should be safe, clean, and well-maintained.

Question 2

Live concerts on occasion, e.g., from late spring to early fall (such as Memorial Day until Labor Day), as well as picnics, art and craft shows, plays, poetry readings, classes, yoga, tai chi, book fairs, and other artistic events.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Activities should be seasonal and suited to the weather and time of year. Since there are public restrooms in the Downtown branch of the AADL and the Blake Transit Center, it may not be necessary to add some in this outdoor space, but, if they are included, they should be safe, clean, and well-maintained as should the entire space. There should be recycling bins as well as landfill cans. I don't think that food carts except during special occasions such as a food fair are needed as there are so many nearby restaurants already. Besides a drinking fountain, an outdoor fountain (with recycled water) with a sculpture and gardens would be nice.

Question 5

Reading, yoga, enjoying nature such as flowers, shrubs, trees, and plants. Attending occasional concerts of music ranging from classical to early music to jazz to folk rock to traditional ethnic and world music. Peaceful moments where one can meditate and think. Conversations. Small festivals a few times a year.

Question 6

People of all ages. Residents as well as visitors. Students, teachers, librarians, library workers, professors, workers of all kinds from all fields and professions.

Question 7

Music, singing, lectures (on occasion from Memorial Day to Labor Day), children, adults, respectful conversations and exchanges. Gurgling of a fountain. Rustling of wind and breezes.

Question 8

People, flowers, shrubs, trees, fountain, sculpture. Food stands on special occasions such as a food fair. Occasional films.

Question 9

Read, converse, meditate, exercise, share space and ideas.

Question 10

Calm, occasionally excited by cultural events, happy, and part of a community. Relaxed and off by oneself as desired.

Question 11

Visual artists, actors, and musicians.

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Question 12

Bring people together for a variety of events, but mainly be a peaceful, relaxing space.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Open houses held in City Hall by Council members, the Mayor, and other city officials. An end to wasting money on single-issue elections during the summer when many people are away or otherwise occupied, except the most ardent supporters or opponents of an issue such as those involved with the school board and millages bother to vote, i.e., place all resolutions, propositions, etc. on regular November Election Day ballots or primaries that take place during Leap Years.

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inside ward 3

November 14, 2019, 12:56 AM

Question 1

A tall mixed residential and commercial tower (20-30 floors).

Question 2

We have a serious housing crisis in Ann Arbor. One of the most efficient and environmentally friendly ways to address this crisis is to build vertical housing solutions. There is a reason growing cities build skyscrapers!

Question 3

No response

Question 4

These activities are useless if no one has an affordable place to live.

Question 5

Living in a nice 1-2 bedroom apartment or condo several stories above Ann Arbor.

Question 6

People who commute into Ann Arbor every single day but can't find affordable housing within city limits.

Question 7

They will hear the sounds of living in their tall residential building.

Question 8

Their new apartment or condo in the new tall building.

Question 9

Eat, sleep, live. All the normal things people do when they have a place to live in the city where they work.

Question 10

They feel like they're at home because they are.

Question 11

Friends and family members of the new residents of the tall building that will be built in this space.

Question 12

More tall residential buildings that represent an economical and environmentally friendly solution to the extremely serious housing crisis here in Ann Arbor.

Question 13

Re-zone a much downtown property as possible to afford developers the ability to build more tall mixed-used residential/commercial towers.

Question 14

More affordable housing!

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 14, 2019, 1:01 AM

Question 1

I'd like an attractive city park with comfortable places to sit and read a newspaper, a small playground for kids and lots of grass and trees.

Question 2

I grew up among the city parks in New York City. I also enjoyed the city parks in Boston.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

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Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

All the citizens of our beautiful city.

Question 7

Quiet. Background street noise. People chatting as they walk. Kids having fun.

Question 8

Lots of different people enjoying the area in different ways.

Question 9

Sit. Read. Walk. Chat with friends. Sip a cup of coffee.

Question 10

A place to sit and relax for a while.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Stephanie Finn

inside ward 3

November 14, 2019, 2:09 AM

Question 1

As much housing as possible.

Question 2

We need housing. We have lots of wonderful public common spaces.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4

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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Housing. Housing housing housing housing housing.

Question 5

I don't want to live there, but I want someone else (many someones!) to live there,

Question 6

RESIDENTS

Question 7

Whatever they like to hear in their HOME.

Question 8

Whatever they like to see in their HOME.

Question 9

LIVE where they work, play, eat, shop, and learn.

Question 10

At home. Because they are home.

Question 11

Well, the people who appreciate people being able to live in our community without paying more than residents of Barcelona or Kyoto for the privilege would undoubtedly appreciate the myriad benefits of MORE HOUSING.

Question 12

We need housing you bleeding idiots.

Question 13

HOUSING

Question 14

If NIMBYs didn't control the council,

j. kilar

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 4:20 AM

Question 1

Please consider Wheeler Park as a model. Except instead of a running track a small bark park or a dog run. No I do not own a dog.

Question 2

Seeing how Wheeler Park is used.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
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Use a public rest room: 1
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Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

A public toilet is needed but would have to be well patrolled

Question 5

A children's playground like at Wheeler Park.

Question 6

Unfortunate souls living in surrounding apartment / condo boxes

Question 7

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conversation

Question 8

other people engaged in activities listed above

Question 9

see above

Question 10

hot or cold depending on season stupid questions deserve stupid responses

Question 11

vagrants and bums. will require additional effort by police dept.

Question 12

FORGET the inspirational / legacy BS.....Make it USEFUL for common people on a daily basis.

Question 13

Again, look at Wheeler Park,
children's play area
small basketball or tennis court
picnic / sitting area
toilets
grassy open space
plus small dog run

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5
November 14, 2019, 6:49 AM

Question 1

I am opposed to this whole idea. This is a parking lot, not a commons. The parking structure was built with the idea of a large building atop it, and that's what I'd like to see here.

Question 2

I've lived in Ann Arbor many decades. If we are truly going to confront global warming and affordable housing, we need dense housing

downtown, not a park on top of a parking lot, next to another park that is barely used.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

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Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I'd like to see this site developed with a large building, with a small, eyes-on public space out front. Of the proposals I've heard, I'd most support moving the library here, at the base of a large multi-use building, so that housing could be built at the current library site, as well as affordable housing at the former Y site.

Question 14

No response

Marc Norman

inside ward 1

November 14, 2019, 7:09 AM

Question 1

It looks like a real city that functions properly. Public space doesn't work without density and a constituency. Useless public space wasted resources and tax dollars. At this site a privately owned and managed public space as part of a mixed use development is ideal

Question 2

Living in dense cities where it is someone's responsibility to program and manage public space. Done wrong they are vacant, or unwelcoming, or just for lunch time workers. Mid block, away from businesses and housing this site has no constituency w/o new development.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Besides housing these are all things one can do now downtown in better locations. It is a mid block site over a parking lot that was supposed to generate revenue for housing and have a mix of uses. It is not on the path to work or school or offices. It will duplicate better places and fail unless it includes development that brings a new constituency

Question 5

It would be great to visit a friend there in a housing unit and linger at unique businesses while knowing that already High taxes weren't raised for a failed public space experiment.

Question 6

Individuals and families that commute, but would love to live close to work.

Question 7

Complaints about a dead space tried to make lively over a concrete parking garage.

Question 8

Lost possibilities for much needed housing and forgone revenue.

Question 9

In a perfect world they live there, invite friends over and generate demand for additional business, the library and the transportation system. They walk from their house to well maintained true parks and trails.

Question 10

Frustrated that the kinds of developments that enliven downtowns aren't

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adapted for Ann Arbor, but hopeful that mixed use development with inviting spaces (not a commons) might happen in the future.

Question 11

This is a solution in search of a problem. We have a lovely farmers market, a lively set of retail streets and a river path. I truly can't think of an audience for a "commons" here.

Question 12

A lasting impact would be to fill a void in a dead zone between parking lots and blank walls with development that had privately owned and managed public space.

Question 13

Please visit and walk around other downtowns that have active public spaces and look more at the density and uses that make that possible than the public space itself. Do not look at this site in isolation. It only works if there are enough residents and visitors to use it.

Question 14

Virtual meetings and rethinking the way public comments are taken which now privileges wealthy old people with time on their hands.

Rachel Chalfant

outside wards

November 14, 2019, 7:35 AM

Question 1

A park, splash pad, community center.

Question 2

Other cities have similar places and it's such a wonderful way to bring communities and people together!

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

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Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 14, 2019, 7:41 AM

Question 1

High density affordable housing with ground-floor commercial space housing businesses that meet the needs of people living downtown (e.g. hardware store), with small publicly-accessible green space.

Question 2

Building affordable housing on the site.

Question 3

Come home to your apartment: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I don't understand how these activities were chosen, and have a hard time knowing how to respond to them.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

There is abundant public space in Ann Arbor, including several under-utilized spaces in downtown. What the city needs is housing and businesses/stores other than snazzy restaurants and bars. Providing that in this space, and showing that Ann Arbor can imagine itself as a higher-density city while still preserving its identity, would leave a lasting legacy.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Stefan Koch

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 8:02 AM

Question 1

Trees, crushed gravel paths, seasonal plantings, historical/informational displays, play area for children (not right in the center), benches and picnic tables.

Question 2

Open spaces I have seen in other towns.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2

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Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Sitting and reading a book or meeting friends.

Question 6

Everyone.

Question 7

Not too much noise, not much music or other distractions.

Question 8

People, trees, plantings, etc.

Question 9

Meet friends, sit quietly, etc.

Question 10

Peaceful, part of the community.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Don't go overboard. Keep it simple. Stuff can be added later.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 8:21 AM

Question 1

marketplace, center of town activity surrounded by complimentary land use

Question 2

Europe and traditional downtowns

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

don't find meditation facing a transit station do able

Question 5

Living and working

Question 6

Workforce

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Question 7

Cars and buses

Question 8

Buses

Question 9

Wish I was looking at a river

Question 10

Trouble breathing, maybe go chill out down in the underground parking garage built for a superstructure that we are on the bill for and get some fresh air

Question 11

bums

Question 12

affordable housing mixed with office and res

Question 13

Thanks for wasting my tax dollars

Question 14

Can't get any easier

Peter Mclsaac

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 8:35 AM

Question 1

a space that invites people in and gives them places to play and spend time. it should not be closed off from the area around, but also be buffered enough that it feels apart and safe from traffic

Question 2

a space that invites people in and gives them places to play and spend time. I personally would like part of this area to have food trucks or street food, set up in a way that kids can play on a playground while parents can chat, have a coffee.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

I would only support stores if it were a true supermarket, which does not really exist in this part of town. NOT in favor of developing for apartments, not thrilled about building a conference center

Question 5

would love to see a play for families, people visiting the city

Question 6

would love to see a play for families, people visiting the city

Question 7

surprising quiet for this part of the city

Question 8

green space, places to meet up with other people

Question 9

play, spend time with others

Question 10

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respite

Question 11

those who might want a light meal or coffee but not be confined to a cafe

Question 12

it could be a great first step in making the downtown pedestrian and people friendly

Question 13

no apartment development

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 9:15 AM

Question 1

Mirror Beacon Park in Detroit. Open space with turf for games (ice rink in winter?) and clear sight lines from Fifth to Liberty/Division to ensure it does not become a drug hang out spot. A driveway that allows for food trucks in the summer. A building in the middle that serves coffee/drink and has restrooms.

Question 2

Again, Beacon Park in Detroit. This park needs to serve the families and people who live and work downtown. Use is key, otherwise it will become another Liberty Plaza.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I would imagine waking there with my family to buy food, enjoy planned activities or listen to a concert.

Question 6

Families and people who work in the area. I'm so tired of all the focus on business development. We can bring our kids to this area right now because of the crimes we've witnessed in Liberty Plaza. It should feel much like the Summer Festival (Top of the Park) but be available year-round.

Question 7

Music, silence, kids playing, people having conversations.

Question 8

TREES. An airy building for restrooms and coffee. Food trucks. Turf (low maintenance)

Question 9

Play, sit and read, conversation, lunch/dinner, activities

Question 10

Calm and happy

Question 11

No response

Question 12

I don't think it needs to leave a lasting legacy. That sounds like egos talking. If the park serves its purpose, it will be around for as long as

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people enjoy it and will be a household name.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

judy Schneider

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 9:34 AM

Question 1

Safe, Green, interesting. A place where there is room for spontaneous activity (street performers), seating areas, shade, Connection to Liberty Square that minimizes rapey alleys and blind spots. That encourages people to not only pass through, but also to stop and linger, eat lunch, hold events, (sonic lunch, food trucks, Festifools, etc.) I also feel that at least one 'beat cop' station, like the one that was formerly included at Liberty Square, be included and staffed, unless the transition area to Liberty Square is modified. In my opinion, these blind areas are a poor design for an urban park, and contribute to the 'unsafe' vibes in this area.

Question 2

I envision something similar to the commons area between the Bell Tower and Michigan League, with planters, a fountain, art, and attractive buildings surrounding a truly public space. Murals, food trucks, an annual signature event unique to this space would give it an identity separate from the University and Art Fair, and the other events mentioned.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2

Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

see above

Question 5

A public restroom is a must for this spot. Drinking water availability, a bottle refilling station and a beat cop 24/7 or a re-design of Liberty Square is very important.

Question 6

Everyone!

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Look at common areas in other cities. Chicago, University Commons, Grand Rapids, NYC, Paris, San Mugiél, Mex., etc. Don't cheap out!! We need a great public space surrounded by well-designed buildings. This can be an eyesore or a legacy. Let's do it right!

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Question 14

If I felt someone actually listened and responded to people's comments instead of asking for input then going ahead with another cookie cutter slab of concrete.

I fear the city leaders have already decided this is a bad idea and will give us a flawed design then say "I told you so" if it fails. Spend at least as much as they did on the un-mandated parking hole beneath this area. The DDA has plenty of money.

Scott Johnson

inside ward 2

November 14, 2019, 9:43 AM

Question 1

Open area with trees, grass paths and benches.

Question 2

Encountering and enjoying common areas in other cities, large and small.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I don't live downtown and am retired so working at an office or coming home to an apartment have no relevance for me.

Question 5

Sitting and reading a book. Simply enjoying a break from concrete and tall buildings.

Question 6

Senior citizens, non-senior citizens, families with children, visitors.

Question 7

The breeze, voices, traffic on nearby streets.

Question 8

Sun (as often as we get it in Michigan), trees, grass, benches / sitting areas, other people enjoying the open urban area.

Question 9

Read, walk, sit, talk.

Question 10

Comfortable and safe.

Question 11

Occasional open concerts.

Question 12

Photos and history of the city such as we have on various downtown buildings and in Kerrytown.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 14, 2019, 9:47 AM

Question 1

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A large, simple, multipurpose indoor space for events and all season gatherings (farmers market?). Maybe roll up doors for summer use. Gardens (with natives and food plants) and play spaces outside. Seating for community members of all types.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
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Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

This could be a great solution for a winterized farmer's market space. I think this an important space for low income people in our community to be. I also would love to see things like sonic lunch in this space. A kids area would be great next to the library. Gardens are always appreciated.

Question 5

I could see using a space like this for the farmers market. Picnics in the summer. Going to the library with my son and playing outside. Seeing concerts or going to community events.

Question 6

Children

Question 7

quiet

Question 8

plants, interesting architecture

Question 9

playground, events, shopping, picnic

Question 10

No response

Question 11

Seniors, Low income residents, Families

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I would love to see the city build a winterized farmers market space

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 9:51 AM

Question 1

Safe, free from solicitation and begging, a place to meet friends, lots of nature, a fountain or water feature, year round interest - perhaps a fire pit or ice rink in winter. Benches. Dark sky friendly lights (light up only the sidewalk, reduce glare at night (thus reducing stark contrasts of light and shadow where pedestrian is illuminated and potential wrong-doers are in shadow. See <https://www.darksky.org/our-work/lighting/lighting-for-citizens/lighting-basics/>

Question 2

Relax with friends. Enjoy nature year round. Feel safe even if alone.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

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Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I see the commons as a respite from the City noise and bustle. Limit noisy activities. Provide a place of restoration.

Question 5

enjoying nature year round from a bench and from walking through the park

Question 6

Senior citizens, children, young people meeting for an evening out, working people on breaks from work,

Question 7

sound of laughter, water, wind in trees

Question 8

trees, water, bushes, broad range of ages using park, people walking, people sitting on benches chatting

Question 9

Relax, restore, enjoy being outside in a safe place

Question 10

Safe. Peaceful.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

The key is figuring out how to reduce begging, drug dealing and yet provide a safe and open commons that is beautiful and peaceful.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Jason Wenzlaff

inside ward 1

November 14, 2019, 9:57 AM

Question 1

A large building that takes advantage of the costly foundation that the city's taxpayers have already built.

Question 2

Seeing wasteful spending happen at multiple levels of government.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1

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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Hotel guests.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Sleep.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

Convention space. Banquet hall. Perhaps retail on the first floor.

Question 12

The city should hold off on spending any funds until there is time to have a new referendum to allow the space to be used for a building as was originally intended.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 14, 2019, 10:12 AM

Question 1

A 17-story high-rise including a hotel, apartments, retail and office space, plus a 12,000-square-foot plaza to be paid for by the developer and open to the public.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

All of these things could occur on a 12,000-square-foot plaza to be paid for by a developer and open to the public. You could also fix up Liberty Plaza first.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Liberty Plaza residents

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Center of the City

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No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 14, 2019, 11:02 AM

Question 1

Green with lots of trees and grass. A water feature would be nice. Benches and picnic tables. Well lit and patrolled for safety. Maybe a gazebo.

Question 2

Visiting small towns that have town squares in the center. Often surrounded by restaurants and shops.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Some seem very odd. Get help? Work at an office? Come home to your apartment? Unclear what you mean by these. Is there a chance this space could be used for an apartment building or conference center? If so, why don't you say so? Perhaps someone should have looked more closely before publishing this survey.

Question 5

A place to sit and eat outside during good weather, to meet friends for lunch or coffee.

Question 6

People who work in downtown Ann Arbor.

Question 7

Water feature. Occasional concert.

Question 8

Lots of green space - trees and grass, benches and picnic tables

Question 9

Hang out during lunch break. Stay after work for relaxation or to meet friends.

Question 10

Unhurried. A nature experience to help unwind.

Question 11

Parents with young kids, retirees who live downtown, visitors to Ann Arbor.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Feeling safe is important, so taking steps to be sure this space is well lit, and well monitored or patrolled. The space should be designed so all areas are easily accessible.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

Center of the City

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outside wards

November 14, 2019, 11:03 AM

Question 1

A shared space including an outdoor plaza and a large building.

Question 2

Housing people.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I feel like this survey is terribly designed. The fact that you are asking about what people would like on this block, which has parcels owned by several different entities, will make drawing conclusions about what to do with the Library Lot, and Liberty Plaza difficult. Many of these are things that are already offered by the AADL.

Question 5

Gazing at a 17 story building that made a multi million dollar contribution to the city's affordable housing fund from a splash pad. Housing is quickly becoming one of the greatest equity issues facing our country. Ann Arbor, the 8th most economically segregated urban area is not immune from this.

Question 6

AADL patrons.

Question 7

They see children playing in the splash pad paid by the construction of a large building.

Question 8

A plaza with splash pad. A large building.

Question 9

Shop at the cafe in the plaza paid for by the construction of a large building on the library lot. Perhaps go to first floor shops in the building on the library lot.

Question 10

Happy that the city made an smart financial decision that increased equity in the community.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Yes. A 17 story mixed use building where the city uses the funds from the sale of the construction rights to fund affordable housing.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Stefan Arambasich

inside ward 2

November 14, 2019, 11:06 AM

Question 1

LOTS of flowers and flora, plenty of green space, benches/tables, and walking / bike paths. There should be ample space for people to meet but also to spread out and just enjoy the day. I am not a big sports person and I know space is limited so that might not fit into this vision, but if others' feedback indicates that I would also be cool with things like shuffleboard or tennis courts.

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Question 2

NYC Central Park, a lot of parks I've been to in Europe and Canada. They're open and airy but also place emphasis on public meeting space.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

N/A

Question 5

Meditating, napping, and meeting with friends over coffee/food

Question 6

Students

Question 7

Talking, music, chirping birds, crickets, and other animals

Question 8

Bright colors - greens, purples, yellows, and a diversity of plant life. They see other people enjoying the park reading books or playing instruments

Question 9

Studies or catches up with friends. Maybe reads a book, goes for a walk around

Question 10

Serenity and a chance at calm away from the stress of school or work.

Question 11

Seniors, families, people who work inside all day. Pretty much anyone!

Question 12

Make it personal. Offer customized bricks, tell the story of the city, and let citizens feel like they can have an impact on the park by routinely listening to and adjusting to feedback.

Question 13

I know I am asking a lot but I think with some of the brightest minds here it can happen.

Question 14

More surveys like this! Public forums are great too. How about also widely sharing a link to watch A2 city council meetings?? Thanks for all you do!

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 14, 2019, 11:19 AM

Question 1

Trees for shade, benches for lounging... perhaps a structure like at Kerrytown that is covered to allow for more community events. Maybe a few small locally owned shops, food carts. Simple and open. I feel like downtown is becoming so congested.

Question 2

Community.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1

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Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Get Help - is pretty vague... as are a bunch of the aforementioned activities.

Question 5

Part park, part community gathering space with some vendors, indoor spaces. A great place to relax and reflect in the middle of our great city.

Question 6

Teens

Question 7

conversation, music... birds...

Question 8

open space, seating... a place to get a beverage and read a book. A place for live music or an hands on event, seminar.

Question 9

read a book, chat with friends. shares a picnic.

Question 10

relaxed.

Question 11

EVERYONE!

Question 12

local art, local food, native plants.

Question 13

nope

Question 14

I feel communication is good.

Eric Larson

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 11:24 AM

Question 1

Green, natural, with trees for shade.

Question 2

Living in Boston the commons were great. Similarly, gasworks park in Seattle was an awesome place to spend time.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

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Question 4

There are plenty of places to buy things in the surrounding area, so having stores and restaurants in the space does not seem necessary.

Question 5

Hanging out with friends and our kids while they run around, ideally in a fountain, on a play structure, or skate on a rink.

Question 6

Children.

Question 7

Other children playing, music in the background.

Question 8

Trees, people, space to run around, things that they can play on.

Question 9

Runs around and plays.

Question 10

Joy.

Question 11

Adults looking for a nice outdoor space to relax, eat a take-out meal, etc.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I voted "no" on the proposition and strongly preferred at the time that this development occur as part of the proposed mixed-use space with apartments. I hope that the council members who rode in on the wave of the pro-in-perpetuity-ownership sentiment can deliver on making this space substantially better than it would have been in the mixed-use proposal, as we gave up a lot -- in terms of residential units, contributions to the sustainable housing fund, and increased costs due to future development and maintenance costs of a new park -- in order to take responsibility for it as a city.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 14, 2019, 11:36 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

Promoting community engagement from people of all backgrounds.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 2

Sit quietly and read a book: 3

Use a public rest room: 3

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 2

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 2

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 2

Attend a kid's program: 3

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

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No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 14, 2019, 11:43 AM

Question 1

I'm still upset that taxpayers (myself included) paid millions to create underground support to enable a building to be constructed on top of the parking structure. Why can't the City trade the space where the old Y used to be with the library lot?

Question 2

This is the one of the strangest questions I've ever been asked and I don't even know how to answer it.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4

Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: move the \$750,000 sculpture from City Hall to the Commons.

Question 5

Eating lunch with a friend in a safe, scenic place without fear of other people using the space for drinking and drug use.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

Substance abuse users who want to socialize together to drink, smoke,

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and do drugs.

Question 12

Refund taxpayers the cost of increased support used in the building of the underground parking structure.

Question 13

It's a very small space with some un-movable things so I suggest that the City trade spaces with the surface lot that used to be the old YMCA.

Question 14

I am so tired of having to register and log in to have a voice! That excludes many in our community! Why????

To have a real local newspaper that reports on community news and events. M-Live/Ann Arbor news is hardly a newspaper. Our community suffers without good local news.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 14, 2019, 11:53 AM

Question 1

Imagine tree lined pathways winding around with benches sitting that same path, flower beds filled with color. Towards one end there is a half dome with space to sit in front of, perfect for group functions like impromptu music, speeches, plays...

Question 2

Any open free space for people to gather and share experiences that cause beneficial interactions is always a great choice. I have spent many times in such shared spaces and it's always good.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Not sure what get help means?

Question 5

Good Old fashion fun. Sitting and talking with friends over coffee. Enjoying time with my children.

Question 6

Yoga, theatre groups, musical groups, art in the park, Memorial Day services, caroling, winter games competitions, TED talks to a range of issues and people groups.

Question 7

Hear people talking, laughing, discussing, perhaps protesting, music, water, birds...

Question 8

Space that gives peace, sense of calming, healing, communion with nature and humanity. Beauty.

Question 9

Tap a nap, kick a ball, sit and read or just sit...listen to the rhythm of life, hear or see talented people doing their thing.

Question 10

Grounded. Connected. Relaxed. Inspired.

Question 11

There are many groups who would have an interest in public space that's available for their platform. The struggle would be who gets to use it and in what manner and how would it be monitored esp when discussing explosive issues.

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Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Kevin Pakravan

inside ward 4

November 14, 2019, 12:35 PM

Question 1

Trees and grassy areas. Permanent places to sit and read (i.e. not just sharp concrete structures). Some area for art installations (either permanent or temporary), some area for children. I envision a combination of the U of M diag and the area around the Cube.

Question 2

Vancouver's waterfront, Pittsburgh's several small parks/commons in the middle of downtown. Portland, ME.

Question 3

Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Coffee and reading with my wife and children and dog.

Question 6

Parents

Question 7

Children, water feature (if present), adult conversations.

Question 8

Kids in a specific play area. Cafe tables and chairs. Grass, trees, art.

Question 9

Read, watch his/her kids, sip coffee.

Question 10

Peaceful, content, awake.

Question 11

Senior citizens, young couples.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

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inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 12:40 PM

Question 1

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A place big enough for at least a couple thousand of people to gather, likely with stage, seating, trees

Question 2

What?

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

None, there's no place to park and traffic is a mess

Question 6

Maybe the students that fill the nearby high rises. I can't imagine why any mother would take her children to that block when there are hundreds of parks in town

Question 7

City noise

Question 8

Homeless people, drug users, pedestrians cutting through

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

Far left protesters

Question 12

No. This real estate should be used for something productive. There are many other parcels and parks around the city that could be improved and there's no need for some magical commons

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Daniel Roehrig

inside ward 3

November 14, 2019, 12:48 PM

Question 1

Public seating with a fountain and some available shade.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 3

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Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 14, 2019, 12:59 PM

Question 1

The commons should be a plaza activated by a tall building that has some sort of workforce housing containing ALL microunits, studios or 1 bedrooms. The building can be mandated to rent to only those working in government, university, or non-profit jobs who earn the lower level salaries.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Watch children at play: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Attend a kid's program: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Question 4

It would be silly to put a playground or any other kids activity at this site. No one is going to drive their kids downtown to play when we have a park or playground every few blocks in the city. A kids playground is redundant and would not add benefit to the city.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

I do not see this space on the library lot used by any group on a regular basis except for the homeless. It is a cement parking lot and will not be park like. Actually, Liberty Plaza is quite pretty and park-like with all the trees. It is a great place to sit and do all the things you mentioned in the list above. However, only the homeless frequent Liberty Plaza when there is not a large scale public event planned such as Sonic Lunch. The Library Lot will be the same thing.

You can't prevent the homeless from sitting in the new commons anymore than you can prevent them from sitting in Liberty Plaza. Being Homeless is not illegal. they have just as much right to sit on a public

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bench as you do.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

You should put some sort of welcome center where visitors can go in and ask questions and directions. Maybe the welcome center can turn into a staffed police kiosk station at night. If you have the police located at Liberty Plaza or the Library lot at night, it can help to deter the drug dealers.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 14, 2019, 1:15 PM

Question 1

A commons that is attractive, safe, and gives a "sense of place", gathering. With massive development envisioned for downtown, an area that will provide "breathing space" in a higher density downtown Ann Arbor. Green, with a skatepark and other amenities, it is a central focal point for Ann Arbor.

Question 2

Green, with many activities planned and encouraged.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
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Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
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Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I realize many housing advocates upset about loss of CORE (and folks who frankly have sour grapes) are insisting on housing on this site, to the point of drowning out other voices. If housing is the goal, willing to have city provide bonuses to downtown developers for increased density/in exchange for their maintenance of Ann Arbor's new Central Park.

Question 5

Enjoy the pulse of a vibrant and proud city.

Question 6

Seniors, children, skateboarders, artists, students enjoying extra green space, and habitat for birds and small animals needing an oasis in Ann Arbor

Question 7

Relief from city noises.

Question 8

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Green. from considerable open space, perhaps a fountain or in winter, a skatepond.

Question 9

Relax, breathe mentally.

Question 10

Relief, mental relief from the stress of living in a growing city like Ann Arbor.

Question 11

Visitors to the city, rich and poor and hopefully many more inbetween.

Question 12

Inspiration is the key.

Question 13

A inspirational commons increases the quality of life for ALL citizens, rich and poor and inbetween, to residents and visitors. Let's make Ann Arbor special.

Question 14

Reaching out to neighborhood groups, not just limited special interests who have had an outsized influence in the process.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 1:27 PM

Question 1

Shade trees, comfortable benches screened from traffic.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Sitting quietly and watching the world go by. Visiting with a friend.

Question 6

All age groups coming together.

Question 7

Don't understand the question.

Question 8

Don't understand the question.

Question 9

Answered in the activity question above.

Question 10

Calm,peaceful.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 2:10 PM

Question 1

Trees of several species. Michigan native. Center something like a gazebo but not specific. Comfortable benches with backs. Assessable. Bathrooms. Place for informational posting that is protected from weather. Space to congregate that is open.

Question 2

I grew up in an area of Michigan where cities did not have commons. When I went to wmu I loved Kalamazoo's city park and always wanted one here.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
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Get help: 4
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Question 4

I do not see the space as large enough for an ice rink. I do not want private vendors in the park. On the outer edges ok. I want it for all the city people not just business and residents of downtown. I want any art work to be local and controlled by non political committee. Children's area not in middle but on edge where no traffic is close

Question 5

Meet friends. Read book. Meditate, watch children. Enjoy music

Question 6

Seniors, children, music lovers, other seasonal entertainment, planned community events, ie fall festival, solstice celebrations, ann arbor founder's festival, master gardeners plan/tending perennial flowers

Question 7

Birds, wind in trees, subtle conversation, music,

Question 8

Trees, children, people, bands, small gathering, birds, historical displays of a2, well kept grounds, attractive trash/recycle recepticals, play park, bushes, flowers, not just annuals, perennials

Question 9

Redundant. Read above

Question 10

Safe, happy, free, at times entertained, other times quiet

Question 11

Educational for children, adults, seniors.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Timed lights so don't have to stop so much, students not wearing black at night, brighter lights at pedestrian cross. Yellow lights at pedestrian cross,

Center of the City

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inside ward 1

November 14, 2019, 2:27 PM

Question 1

After visiting the Downtown Market in Grand Rapids and Eastern Market in Detroit - I've recently thought how nice it would be to have an indoor market/hang out space in Ann Arbor. Ideally this would probably be best in the parking lot at Kerrytown so that it could share the mission with the market. - But I do think it's a real void that we don't have something like that. Truthfully though, I not sure we need just another outdoor only space in the city. It needs to be different enough from Liberty Plaza to make both spaces relevant. If it is to be only an outdoor space - then maybe plant a whole bunch of trees and call it Arbor park.

Question 2

There really aren't any playgrounds near by - maybe since it is across from the library a playground would be fun (something that would be multi generational would be fun - encourage adults to experience it as well).

A performance space would be fun. The problem with the food trucks in Kerrytown is how loud the generators are - so if you want to do something like that I would be sure to provide enough electricity to discourage generators.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
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Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Definitely not an apartment building - we've got plenty of those springing up everywhere.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

All ages including families/students and retirees

Question 7

No response

Question 8

A large conservatory type structure that could be a food court/store/coffee shop/bar
or
Trees with a path and benches
or
Playground / physical activity equipment for all ages

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Maybe you should be sure to include an air station and water bottle filling station and drinking fountain since the bike path is so close.

Question 14

No response

Center of the City

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Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 14, 2019, 2:32 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

All of this sounds super cool! None of it will happen, because it all costs money, and you very cunningly failed to appropriate any of it for doing any of this. Dinosaur rental would also be great, as would a unicorn paddock. I look forward to similarly not seeing this in that spot.

Question 5

Avoiding this area.

Question 6

People with no place else to go.

Question 7

A man yelling obscenities, possibly into a cell phone, maybe he's just delusional. Oh, and a kid screaming after being stabbed during a botched drug deal. <https://www.mlive.com/crime/2019/04/police-arrest-two-suspects-in-stabbing-of-15-year-old-near-ann-arbor-library-lot.html>

Question 8

A person of indeterminate gender and age who is not conscious. They may be dead. Also, the stabbed kid from above. (There is no "smell" section; I suppose users will smell pot.)

Question 9

The same things they do in Liberty Plaza, just closer to the library.

Question 10

Uncertainty. Exposure to the weather.

Question 11

Well, if Liberty Plaza is any indicator, almost no one else.

Question 12

Yes: Selling it to a developer willing to build something needful there (AFFORDABLE HOUSING!) alongside a public park WHICH THEY WOULD THEN PAY TO MAINTAIN.

Question 13

I'm annoyed that voters were gulled into voiding a contract that would have resulted in more luxury housing, more affordable housing, a couple shops, *and* a public park--all of which would have been paid for by someone else and *increased* the tax base downtown--and instead where getting an unfunded *something* that will compound existing problems at the AADL and likely drive the Earthern Jar out of business. I guess it'd be nice if the anti-Israel people started protesting in this park (it being adjacent to an actually federal building) instead of haranguing a synagogue and obstructing folks' free practice of religion—as they've done for decades, without repercussion. I presume this will not happen, as I presume those brave anti-Semites are afraid of the lightly deranged homeless.

FACT: You either need to have a cop and a social worker sitting there 24/7, or you are simply creating a new downtown location for those individuals who have been excluded from the American Dream to be further neglected.

Question 14

Nothing; I actually find the city to be fairly transparent and engaging. Having a good bus system helps. Love the libraries. The river is nice.

G Clark

inside ward 4

November 14, 2019, 2:49 PM

Question 1

The Diag combined with top of the park

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 3

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 3

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Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
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Question 4

Program space for public events

Question 5

Strolling through a landscape of garden and sculpture

Question 6

It should appeal to everyone

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 14, 2019, 3:09 PM

Question 1

An open plaza for walking, sitting, playing games, meeting up with others, etc. A city block that is open to the public and a beautiful, well-maintained space without cars.

Question 2

Traveling in Europe and central America where a central plaza is a feature. Living in New York, Barcelona, and California.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
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Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
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Attend a conference: 4
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Question 4

To have an open space without buildings would be the ideal for a community space that feels open to all. Once there is a building, it needs to be maintained, it might be locked sometimes, etc. We have plenty of other spaces for offices, shops, etc; this should be a new space for being outdoors together.

Question 5

Meeting up with friends.

Question 6

An 8 year old.

Question 7

Concerts on the weekends. Birds in the summer. Carols or bell choirs in the winter.

Question 8

Outdoor movies in the summer, snow or ice sculptures in the winter.

Question 9

Play on a playground, attend a class under a small shelter, help with service projects.

Question 10

A central community space.

Question 11

Youth, community organizers, social activists, community groups, parades, etc.

Question 12

Think about what kinds of messages and interactions we want to foster in this space. It would be good to promote conversation and reflection rather than commercial interests.

Question 13

Thank you for your time in thinking about this.

Question 14

City text messages.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 3:18 PM

Question 1

A nice brick and concrete plaza with benches and plants, and maybe a small raised area in one corner for performances.

Question 2

Seeing many city spaces all over the country

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
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Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No

Question 5

Enjoying walking through on the way to the library

Question 6

Senior citizens, children, etc.

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Question 7

Nothing loud--maybe burbling fountain or acoustic live music

Question 8

Grass, bricks, flowers, birds

Question 9

Sit and enjoy; walk through on the way to the library

Question 10

Content

Question 11

Anyone

Question 12

No, but I would like to be on any committee that chooses art work (s).
Some of the past decisions around the city have been ill-considered.

Question 13

No

Question 14

Not a thing

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 4:10 PM

Question 1

It contains open performance space, shady trees, and public seating.
Perhaps a swing set or other playground-type equipment.

Question 2

Leisurely visiting with other people, children playing, performances and art exhibits.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3

Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Since the commons is the last public space owned by the people in the city, I think it is most appropriate that the commons be used as a community resource--not retail or housing or conference space.

Question 5

Sitting and talking with friends. Watching a small water sculptor/feature perhaps? Listening to a small chamber music performance. Enjoying the shade while I eat lunch or drink coffee. Taking my grandchildren to the play area.

Question 6

I see all groups in the city--from seniors to children--as the potential audience.

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All members of the community from senior to infants can use the space.

everyone from senior to infants could use the space

Question 7

I do not understand this question.

Question 8

A welcoming inviting space that is not a building!!!

Question 9

Rest, listen to music, walk through the space, meet with friends.

Enjoy a space in town that is not a building or a restaurant. There is almost no public space in Ann Arbor.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Keep your mind open! Look for a variety of funding sources. Don't be discouraged by the na-sayers. Look to other cities for inspiration.

Question 14

BETTER CITY PLANNING!!! Change the zoning laws so there are more gardens and trees in the city, better roads, and better public transportation. Eliminate the DDA! We don't need it anymore!!!

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 14, 2019, 4:24 PM

Question 1

A spongy floor play space for kids. Tables and sun coverage for eating outside. Food trucks and a coffee truck to grab a bite/coffee and enjoy a conversation or play with your kids.

Question 2

Other cities we travel to have these areas all over the downtown spaces. Burlington, CA is a good example with a central park and separate small playgrounds to stop at while eating downtown. It makes downtown more approachable for families who want to dine out and also shop, visit with other parents and feel like a part of a vibrant downtown.

Center of the City

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Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Ann Arbor is a family friendly city but it's missing a central playground in the central downtown area. Spongy ground, play equipment. Places to buy and have a coffee, watch your kids play, and visit with friends.

Question 5

Playing on play equipment with our kids before or after meal out downtown.

Question 6

Families with children as primary to draw people in on a regular basis, but people of all ages looking for a fun spot to sit and enjoy a lively group around them.

Question 7

Kids at play. People visiting.

Question 8

Kids at play. People visiting.

Question 9

Families play with or watch their kids play. Grab a coffee or smoothie.

Food trucks for lunch. Visit with friends.

Question 10

A part of a community that has a place and purpose for kids downtown next to the library and using the play space.

Question 11

All!

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 14, 2019, 4:45 PM

Question 1

Trees, grass, benches, tables

Question 2

parks in other cities

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2

Center of the City

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Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

sitting and resting

Question 6

seniors, children

Question 7

children at play

Question 8

Flowers, trees, children at play

Question 9

Sit and rest

Question 10

Relaxed

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 14, 2019, 5:05 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
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Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
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Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Such a wide range of possibilities. Good list to reflect upon.

Question 5

Just what I marked as #1 or 2.

Question 6

City residents and visitors

Question 7

Center of the City

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positive reaction to our community

Question 8

a melange of residents at relaxation

Question 9

whatever activities are available

Question 10

comfortable in the space

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Better parking downtown. Also, more A Ride availability.

Name not shown

outside wards

November 14, 2019, 5:35 PM

Question 1

Housing, not commons.

Question 2

More housing instead of needless commons areas.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2

Buy from a food vendor: 2

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 4

Sit quietly and read a book: 3

Use a public rest room: 3

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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

A dedicated outdoor music venue for festival like events would be nice. Kalamazoo's Arcadia Creek Festival Grounds would be a great template. That or more housing. More affordable housing is more important.

Question 5

Ann Arbor music and cultural festivals that don't have to take place on shut down roads or pieces of campus like Sonic Lunch or Summer Fest. A dedicated space purpose built for music and cultural festivals should be a must for a place like Ann Arbor. But not as much of a must as more housing. More affordable housing is more important.

Question 6

Students and young professionals are the most relevant and important demographic to focus on here. Seniors and children don't tend to crowd the downtown area.

Question 7

Music. Grassroots events. Housing.

Question 8

Public housing.

Question 9

No response

Question 10

The desire for more affordable housing.

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 11

Homeless people and low income people who need access to affordable housing. More important than superfluous commons projects.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

The only ethical choice is to dedicate it towards affordable housing. It is a crisis.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 14, 2019, 6:22 PM

Question 1

a greensward with a statue in the center and lots of benches.

Question 2

chicago city parks

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
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Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

many of those above...just not too commercial or conference oriented.

Question 6

young mothers with children; readers from the library; senior citizens.

Question 7

water fountain

Question 8

greenery/sculpture/memorial

Question 9

read/watch/relax

Question 10

happy

Question 11

visitors from other towns or countries

Question 12

I'd love to see the Civil war statue, now at Forest Hill Cemetery, moved back to town.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Marilyn Taylor

inside ward 3

Center of the City

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November 14, 2019, 7:43 PM

Question 1

Maybe a tower with a clock whose gears you can see awa glass all along the piece so folks see out no matter where they are. Tickets or tokens are bought at kiosk inside. It's near German town, so maybe a cuckoo? At least chimes for hours that keep in mind there are residences nearby. There are stairs up awa an elevator. Below are 2-3 small cafes... such as a vegetarian type, a sandwich for the other, maybe a fruit slushy? Trees planted in square planter types like Downtown so people can sit on, so a bit taller for those unable to sit so low. The tower sits in the center and no buildings close to either street side, but especially by Kempf house so it is not dwarfed and crowded in. I don't want to see this absorbed by height or bulk. Please leave space next to it for the length of the kempf house property. The spaces open can in the summer have a cart trolling with ice cream. Events are kept small time so it isn't over crowded, but festive things that make folks happy, pinwheels, and kazoos! No balloons. Think environment as can please. Maybe even a cart with coffee and donuts for near by people getting started off to work, via walk, bike, maybe a hot dog cart. A place for folks to take a break, a rest, people watch, watch the sun go down or come up! Oh yes and lots of benches all around the square!

Question 2

Fun stuff done on main street w festivals, Burton Tower and Kerrytown bell tower. We live just a few homes from St. Francis church, love the songs I hear drift in the air. So relaxing. Sitting at tree planters on main st. and Washtenaw Dairy. Watching Frankenmuth clock during noon dance of the characters rotate round. Being at town squares in small old towns in our anniversary trip to Italy. That had a green square for kids to run around, sidewalk all around, benches on all four sides, coffee, espresso and ice cream cone vendor carts for folks to buy and grab a seat.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
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Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Funny, I imagined it without seeing these detailed points of possible interest. Ha!

Question 5

Watching people have fun there while I sit at a bench. I'm a bit disabled. Walking and standing are very painful.

Question 6

Seniors, lil kids, families, disabled.

Question 7

Birds, kids laughing and screaming with glee, light instrumental music, like classical music, passing conversations but not the words per say and I hope! Birds!

Question 8

Already kinda answered above.

Question 9

Ditto

Question 10

A sense of belonging to the small neighborhood, happy they are taking time for themselves to just breath and be present (versus sitting with phone in ear or playing with screen, texting.

Question 11

Folks that want to speak on a subject concerning immediate area, so no over crowding on a political or city wide issue.

Question 12

Maybe as for history, have a few plaques about that particular area as in earlier bustling times.

Question 13

I would like to see it not be used for skating, no WiFi because folks can get

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this all over. Prefer it not a magnet for panhandling like other downtown areas. Maybe let some folks charge devices though by buying time at kiosk when they can buy tokens. But if that encourages folks to be nose down instead of chin level and just being present with others around them, then forget it. Let's make this about people being with people.

Question 14

Places to park, or be dropped off since I cannot walk even a block.

Alice Ralph

inside ward 3

November 14, 2019, 8:08 PM

Question 1

The commons should have both soft (islands of flowers and grass) and hard (plazas, play pads, etc.) landscape elements. The edges should be both accessible and shared with the activities and businesses on the bounding streets of the "Library Block". A variety of seating arrangements should be provided. Access points should also provide visual connections. There should be a water element. Interactive digital displays could provide information. Shade could be provided by canopies, trees, and even well-designed solar arrays. The edges should be well-defined while being porous for access and visual comprehension.

Question 2

Hart Plaza (Detroit), Millennium Park (Chicago), High Line parklets (NYC), Bryant Park (adjacent to NYC Library), parks connected by a 'greenbelt' path (downtown Norman, OK), Plaza District (cultural arts center in Oklahoma City), Santa Fe Plaza (NM)
Much can be made of adjacencies, interstitial spaces, connecting paths, etc.

I also researched and wrote the "Commons" proposal for the Library Lot RFP No. 743 from Aug. 14, 2009. That proposal included examples of potential design, development, funding and ownership of the site and its relationships to existing functions, businesses and institutions.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Changes in accessible elevations such as towers, ramps or bridges must be accessible to all, provide privacy required by adjacent elements. Apartments should be able to consider the commons as a shared open space, while entrances should be on the street frontages. The commons should provide relief from working in an office. Conferences belong elsewhere. While the commons should help make the city more "legible", the activity of "getting help" is too vague. Depending on the "help", there might be more compatible places of access to formal help for those in need. There are existing resource centers already on the street frontages.

Question 5

I see pausing to listen to a busker, meeting friends to begin a visit to various downtown spaces, parking my bike in a shaded spot, purchasing food nearby for an al fresco meal, enjoying an movie outdoors (original local videos sponsored by the library?), resting on a bench to listen to birds in the city, observing a balloon artist entertaining children, and others not yet imagined

Question 6

It is very important that the commons be inter-generational. Families, families of friends, inter-city tour groups, improvisational street performers, small scale musical groups, tai-chi practitioners, etc.

Question 7

Conversations, birds in trees, unplugged music, drummers, clock chimes, quiet electric vehicles, sizzling food preparations, furling flags, winds in trees or activating sculptures, gurgling waters, and maybe the scraping of skate blades on ice...

Question 8

Sunlight, colorful people, trees, flora and fixtures

Question 9

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Converse, relax, wait, exercise, meditate, knit, play scrabble, checkers or chess, blow bubbles, ice skate(?), hydrate, wade in a splash pad

Question 10

Refreshed, surprised, grateful, happy, social, hopeful

Question 11

I repeat that this commons needs to be inter-generational and welcoming to visitors as well as residents and commuters.

Question 12

Design can incorporate social learning, encourage civic participation and neighborly responsibility among other opportunities. The name should be neither redundant nor limiting. I believe a strong connection between the mission of the public library and the potential public uses of connected open spaces will create the potential for a lasting positive effects on civic character.

Question 13

It is important that the city as owner provide primary and sustained funding. Private parties will have roles that provide essential support for activities and enhancement. The NAP volunteers do this for the natural areas. The Dean fund does this for trees in public spaces and neighborhood parks. Partnerships will governance, flexibility and resilience in the face of change over time.

Question 14

Short term parking at City Hall, continued improvement of a2gov.org , better public notice of various meetings, meetings in neighborhoods, Council meetings that end before 10pm, etc.
And a local newspaper...

Edward Kimball

inside ward 2

November 14, 2019, 8:47 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4

Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Center of the City

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Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 14, 2019, 9:00 PM

Question 1

A place where many people can congregate--perhaps some grassy areas, some benches, shaded areas. Away from traffic and pedestrian only, or perhaps a path to accommodate bikes that traverses the 'commons'

Question 2

Central Park in NYC (although I'm guess in AA it will be much smaller and more compact in nature)

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
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Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

socializing!

Question 6

Everyone, although it may attract troublemakers as well. That could be an issue

Question 7

common ground

Question 8

green!

Question 9

walk, talk, play, sit, eat

Question 10

relaxed

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 14, 2019, 9:59 PM

Question 1

Center of the City

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Something like the previous plan with a mixed use space, tall building with a variety of housing options and public Plaza. Or a real conference center and hotel facility, which Ann Arbor desperately needs.

Question 2

Living space, restaurants, music, open space and a hotel. If a conference center, music, UM events, conferences etc.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
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Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Reconsider and revote the park proposal, to put a more viable development in place. Park space in this location is not needed given the Diag is just a few blocks away.

Question 5

Eating, living there, attending concerts, conferences.

Question 6

Ann Arbor residents.

Question 7

People interacting and enjoying themselves, it is active instead of the

dead space for parking it currently is.

Question 8

Tall modern building with public Plaza and restaurants or an actively used conference center.

Question 9

Live, work play, learn.

Question 10

Life is interesting and dynamic.

Question 11

Visitors to Ann Arbor.

Question 12

Put the current plan up for a revote and develop the site to its full potential.

Question 13

Thanks for doing this, I hope the citizens of Ann Arbor have an opportunity to reverse the previous decision on how to use this space.

Question 14

Not sure at this time, I appreciate this easy form.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 14, 2019, 10:23 PM

Question 1

Green grass open space with some shade trees.

Question 2

The diagnosis

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4

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Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

open community gathering space is what I like.

Question 5

walking and sitting in the areas with friends and enjoying the outdoors.

Question 6

adults and students

Question 7

sounds of the city, no need for anything else although occasional concerts would be fun

Question 8

mostly green open space with some area's to sit and maybe some public art

Question 9

hang out, socialize, de-stress

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 14, 2019, 10:56 PM

Question 1

Relatively open area, with walking paths.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Center of the City

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I would be very cautious about over-commercialization of the area.

Question 5

Rest and relaxation.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I would have concerns about the area becoming a gathering place for homeless and mentally ill individuals. While they have the same rights to public places as other, chronic occupation and large gatherings are a different issue.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 14, 2019, 11:25 PM

Question 1

Multi purpose meeting spot - interactive playground/splash pad/sand

box for kids, sitting area with shade for friends to meet at (this is far fetched but with heaters for the winter), family oriented events (concerts, craft stuff, etc). Beautiful landscape surrounding the area.

Question 2

Something like Campus Martius Park or Beacon Park in Detroit would be awesome.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
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Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 4
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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I would be interested in any activities involving kids or families.

Question 6

Families and Young professionals

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Center of the City

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No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Sense of community

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Answering this survey is easier for me than to attend any meetings.

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inside ward 1

November 15, 2019, 1:36 AM

Question 1

An extension of the library where people can read and have light meals, play board and card games on a lawn with trees and shrubs. Nature groups could do small exhibits to encourage green living and ecology.

Question 2

Central Park in NYC

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
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Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Reading, light meals, people watch

Question 6

Urban naturalist, families.

Question 7

Children playing, birds, acoustic music.

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 15, 2019, 8:10 AM

Question 1

Grass, trees, benches, water fountain, NO expensive art work

Question 2

Parks within cities where there is a quieter space

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
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Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

NO expensive art work which the city has done and is a waste of money.
Art work can be well kept grass and trees

Question 5

Enjoying nature, reading a book, later visiting the library or having lunch at a downtown restaurant

Question 6

Seniors, families

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No more buildings! This city is being over run with buildings. It can expand outwards and not inwards. The Univ of Mich needs to stop building in the city and continue their extensions out of the city. We need trees and grass in the city.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 15, 2019, 8:14 AM

Question 1

Some grass and trees, places for pop-up activities.
Well patrolled and safe, and clean.

Question 2

Boston commons.

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Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
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Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I would like this to be a quiet island in the city, and prefer to not see permanent installations. The above ideas sound too busy and noisy. But occasional performances or activities would be good, planned and with city permits.

Question 5

Sit and relax after visiting the library, bank, lunch at a restaurant, etc.

Question 6

senior citizens, children
people doing downtown errands; people working downtown
Treeline Trail walkers, bikers; William St bikers
visitors to the city

Question 7

some street traffic
people quietly talking
not much else, hopefully

Question 8

people relaxing or people involved in planned activity

Question 9

relax, occasionally partake in activity

Question 10

protected, safe

Question 11

folks waiting for the busses, the AATA and the Flyer

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Email messages/updates from councilpersons

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 15, 2019, 8:32 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2

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Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 15, 2019, 8:33 AM

Question 1

A place to take a quiet break from the concrete, eat lunch, have a coffee, or sit outside with having to buy anything. Trees, umbrellas, tables, buskers, people passing through going hither and yon.

Question 2

I have traveled extensively. Even door cities and towns across Mexico, Central, and South America have town squares and they are centers of life. European cities and towns have open public spaces and they overflow with life.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

I think it's important to be able to enjoy being downtown without having to spend money. Having places to do that adjacent to the plaza/Park is good but tables and benches should not only be for people spending money. We already have that on Main Street.

Question 5

Center of the City

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A place to park my bike, grab a coffee or lunch, sit under a tree and chill while a busker plays Bob Dylan tunes.

Question 6

Anyone looking for a place to chill or meet up for a conversation. Kids included.

Question 7

Music, talking, birds, bees, kids goofing around.

Question 8

A couple rows of birch trees, some tables and chairs, umbrellas, water feature, bandstand, restaurants/shops around at least one side (hello? Mike Martin?). Doesn't have to be extravagant. It's not much space. Can the garage entrance be relocated to Liberty Plaza?

Question 9

Good city parks are way stations and pass-through as much as destinations. If you can sit for a few minutes on your way from pt. A to pt. B, that park has done its job. You can't put too much pressure on it to be an amusement park. It's a quiet place to use in transient ways.

Question 10

Relaxed. Has to be safe and monitored. "Eyes on the park." If you let it get taken over like Liberty Plaza, that's a failure of government. Like Liberty Plaza mostly is.

Homeless people should be engaged actively by public health workers so they don't have to sit in a park all day and night.

Question 11

Tourists, marching band pop-up concerts, foodie pop-ups, bands, tai chi and yoga practitioners, whomever.

Question 12

Art fair booths and concerts, Shamrocks and Shenanigans and other runs/walks, Sonic Lunch, food/coffee carts, etc.

Question 13

My first choice for the center of the city would have been across the street where the hideous federal building is currently degrading our civitas. USPS is desperate to shed property and the federal offices could easily be relocated above a new Library on this site. But that's not reality so let's make this as good as it can be!

Question 14

Website is one of the worst.

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 15, 2019, 8:34 AM

Question 1

Green open spaces

Question 2

Gathering spaces

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Sitting in cool shade watching a fountain

Question 6

Center of the City

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Children

Question 7

Water

Question 8

Water

Question 9

Walk sit listen

Question 10

Safe

Question 11

Walkers

Question 12

Funding haha!

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 15, 2019, 9:24 AM

Question 1

A safe place where people can gather to eat, drink, talk amid beautiful landscapes surroundings. With some spaces for children to play, adults to gather on grass. Music, dining, some light shopping nearby.

Question 2

European cities. Barcelona. Grenada.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2

Get help: 1

Work at an office: 1

Listen to live music: 4

Watch children at play: 4

Sit quietly and read a book: 4

Use a public rest room: 4

Visit the downtown library: 2

Attend a private/public celebration: 4

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 4

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4

Learn about the city's history: 1

Attend a kid's program: 2

Catch the time at a clock tower: 2

Come home to your apartment: 1

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 1

Attend a conference: 1

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Space should be for ANN Arbor citizens, not convention goers.

Question 5

Dining, enjoying music, gather for drinks with family and friends

Question 6

Families and friends

Question 7

Music, talking, laughter

Question 8

Greenery, gardens, people, restaurants

Question 9

Talk, gather, enjoy a beautiful space

Question 10

Happy. Home. Joy.

Question 11

Tourists. But it should be designed for ANN Arbor residents but a space

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

visitors would also fall in love with.

Question 12

Need to address issue of vagrants and homeless loitering in Liberty Park. Otherwise the commons idea is doomed — no one will go. It needs to be a safe space.

Question 13

Look to examples from European cities with similar commons — what are the elements that make those successful. What pitfalls to avoid. Need lots of community input and engagement even beyond task force.

Question 14

Newsletter email

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 15, 2019, 9:40 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3

Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

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inside ward 4

November 15, 2019, 10:30 AM

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 1

Tables, benches for sitting, trees, green space and a water feature.

Question 2

Chicago's parks come to mind and a little online searching leads to this site which lays out ideals <https://www.pps.org/article/you-asked-we-answered-6-examples-of-what-makes-a-great-public-space>

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Ann Arbor has lots of kids parks so not in favor of a playground but an area where many can gather and relax, enjoy quiet and nature would be ideal...Why not plant a grove of trees? We are tree city

Question 5

Sitting and reading in peace and quiet

Question 6

Adult quiet space (A2 has tons of parks for kids already)

Question 7

The sound of water and the rustlings of leaves on the trees..traffic is

muffled by the landscape

Question 8

lots of green space and water

Question 9

rests and absorbs the city

Question 10

peace from the frantic pace surrounding the space

Question 11

students of all ages, families, elderly etc

Question 12

something that makes all who visit proud of the city and proud to be there at that moment..if everyone's proud of it they'll take care of it and protect it (including the homeless, kids etc)

Question 13

You have an opportunity to create something really unique and long lasting if done right.

Question 14

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Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 15, 2019, 11:08 AM

Question 1

I think it would be great to have the space have seating areas for picnics and community gatherings. And a playground for children to play on.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I have children so would like to see playground equipment and picnic tables where we could get carryout from a local restaurant and eat it outside.

Question 6

Children and families

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

plays on playground equipment

Question 10

safe, will need a way to ensure the space feels welcoming and safe

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

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inside ward 2

November 15, 2019, 11:41 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

I think Detroit's Campus Martius is a perfect example how a community can take advantage of an open space for public use. The parking lot below ensures everyone can come down to an event and take in the fun. While I love the A2 Townie Party, I am turned off at how crazy the parking situation is for that event should you dare to arrive after 4pm. Not here at this spot. Bring Music, movies, food trucks, exercise events (Yoga in the park?), and why not a skating rink in the winter???

Question 5

Music
Ice Skating
Community Events
Food options via truck (but please, no more coffee shops!)
A2 Library special events
No dogs (please)

Question 6

A2 citizens! Seriously!!!
Family events

Question 7

All kinds of music, but maybe not seriously amplified music (like Sonic Lunch)

Question 8

Grass, trees, citizens taking a break. Skating rink in the winter. Love the clock tower idea!

Question 9

Visit frequently. Spend some time in the park after enjoying a dinner on Main St. No fear of danger because it is well lit and is managed well.

Question 10

When sitting down and looking across the park, I say to myself "I love my town!"

Question 11

Teens, young adults (not college students, I don't think they would find this the ideal hangout spot).

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

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November 15, 2019, 11:47 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I think we need a conference center with hotel and office space and retail/restaurant. Ideally a nice outdoor cafe space to eat, read, hear live music.

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 15, 2019, 1:04 PM

Question 1

Something resembling the Dahlmann Town Square proposal for the long-ago RFP. Plantings, winter ice rink, summer water features, a platform for speaking or performances, seating.

Question 2

Public usage from reading a book and eating a sandwich to participating in a group event to informal performances. Children playing.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Food vending could be well done or could be a mess. There would have to be regulation.

Question 5

Attending for special events or as part of a visit to the library.

Question 6

Etc.

Question 7

Varied activities.

Question 8

Varied activities.

Question 9

Varied activities.

Question 10

Interest.

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Question 11

Etc.

Question 12

The use would have to develop over time and we will discover what limits exist. For example, music is wonderful but too constant and too loud would interfere with quiet enjoyment of the space.

Question 13

Cleanliness will need to be provided for. Trash could easily become a problem, and people will need to feel safe. So there will have to be some active management.

Question 14

Doing pretty well.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 15, 2019, 1:06 PM

Question 1

Large, mixed-use building to maximize value of tax funded infrastructure already built into parking structure to support large building. Should include affordable housing units. Possibly a new library with land swap.

Question 2

Need for affordable housing. Long term plan put into place when the city invested in underground parking structure. Need for new library.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Most activities in the list are already provided by adjacent library, park, and existing businesses. A park for children/families with the car traffic for access to underground parking & all on concrete does not make sense. Provide a new use to bring additional people to the center of town.

Question 5

Apartment, condo, conference center, library, retail.

Question 6

Homeless

Question 7

Community

Question 8

Homeless & working poor in our community, especially families.

Question 9

Live

Question 10

Safe, home

Question 11

Visitors to town wanting hotel or conference space downtown

Question 12

Affordable housing built on top of existing tax payer funded infrastructure.

Question 13

Private investment is required as there is no funds currently allocated.

Center of the City

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Question 14

No response

Steve Johgart

inside ward 5

November 15, 2019, 1:12 PM

Question 1

My ideal commons would look something like a vastly smaller version of the new Helsinki library (<https://www.citylab.com/design/2019/11/finland-public-library-photos-helsinki-books-nordic-culture/601192/>), a true multifaceted four-season community center, and with (unusual for Ann Arbor) beautiful architecture. However, I know we're not going to expand our old library. So, I guess for the ill-advised postage stamp park, I'd want an open area with trees for shade around the boundary with an attractive raised area at one end that could serve as a stage for, for example, the Thursday summer concerts, but which wouldn't look like an unused stage the rest of the time. The park/commons would have benches and maybe be terraced for seating (like at the West Park bandshell). No trees or bushes inside the perimeter, for an unobstructed view of the "stage".

Question 2

The stages at the Summer Festival and Art Fair on Ingalls Mall, especially the small stage at Summer Festival, would be a good model. I stumbled on a really nice postage-stamp park in Cleveland that I thought would be a great model in a bit different vein, somewhere south of the Rock Hall (Eastman Garden, I think might be it). The big think to consider is that Liberty Plaza is poorly designed for the concerts, with so much obstructed view.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

In addition to "listen to music" I'd add "listen to talks" - it could be something like Hyde Park in London, where speakers can express themselves. Although an artistic sculpture would be lovely, it shouldn't be placed such that it obstructs the "stage".

Question 5

Listening to music or a talk. Taking a short break while walking downtown Ann Arbor. If there are food trucks, sitting and having a bite to eat.

Question 6

Except for special events, I'd think the users would be primarily folks already downtown for other reasons, and downtown residents. I can't imagine such a small parcel could have enough room for special features that would make it a "destination attraction" other than little concerts or organized gatherings, since Ann Arbor's other beautiful parks are so much easier to access without dealing with downtown traffic and expensive parking. I'd also expect homeless folks to use this as a place to be (this is not criticism - it's great for homeless folks to have comfortable places to be).

Question 7

Music, when there are musical events. Talks, when there are organized events. Otherwise, traffic noise.

Question 8

When there are organized events, a nice crowd of folks enjoying the event. Otherwise, a few folks sitting on benches taking a break, maybe enjoying a bite to eat. And folks walking through on their way to other places.

Question 9

Enjoy special events. Rest their feet from walking the downtown. If there's to-go food available, enjoy a bite to eat.

Question 10

Frustrated that this small parcel of land couldn't have been used more productively, while still providing a pleasant place to take a break. Beyond

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that, relaxed.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Some historic markers/displays would be good - provide some education about our fair city along with relaxation.

Question 13

It's a shame we couldn't put a building on this land, either a revenue-producing building in conjunction with a public plaza or a library/community center expansion. It's way too small a parcel to create a destination park - at best it will be an attractive extension of Liberty Plaza accommodating a larger population. But since it's what we've got, let's make it beautiful and pleasant for folks. Also - how is this going to be funded? As I recall, part of the defenses of Proposal A was that it would be funded through contributions and grants, and I hope that's true, because there's no way I'll vote Yes on a bond issue for this.

Question 14

Regular neighborhood "town halls" with city officials/Council members/School Board members, publicized well enough and with enough lead times that neighborhood residents know about them and are able to attend.

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inside ward 5

November 15, 2019, 1:21 PM

Question 1

Green and on one level

Question 2

Central Park NYC

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 2

Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Having coffee with a friend

Question 6

Townies of all ages

Question 7

Birds. Bell tower. Other city noises dulled by greenery. Water bubbling

Question 8

Benches. Tables. Sculptures

Question 9

Relax. Meet friends. Enjoy people watching.

Question 10

Safe. Serenity

Question 11

A safe place for all ages

Question 12

Memorial benches

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Question 13

Needs to be open space on one level to feel safe

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 15, 2019, 1:32 PM

Question 1

My ideal commons is a cosmopolitan streetscape, one that is safe and friendly for pedestrians and cyclists, bustling with people on their way to and from shops, restaurants, work, and home.

Question 2

A space designed primarily for humans, not cars;
Shops, restaurants, and workplaces, all in easy close walkable proximity;
\$5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

Ann Arbor is a wonderful place to live, and I want more people to be able to experience it. For that, we need more housing. People need places to live.

Question 5

Housing, shops, housing, maybe a restaurant or cafe, housing, event space for the AADL, and housing.

Question 6

People who need a place to live, and want to live downtown.

Question 7

That lovely quiet when they open the door of their apartment at the end of a long day. Two thunks on the floor as they kick off their shoes, a rustling as they hang up their coat, that familiar sound from many a soda commercial as they pop open a nice cold La Croix and settle onto the couch, and their own sigh of contentment. The sounds of home.

Question 8

A well laid out kitchen, between 1 and 3 bedrooms, a nice clean bathroom or two, maybe some bookshelves, and decor and furnishings that suit their own personal sense of style and taste.

Question 9

Cook, eat, sleep, shower, work out, watch Netflix, help the kids with their homework, play Scrabble, knit, read a book, water the plants.

Question 10

Safe and secure in the comfort of their own home.

Question 11

Well, on the ground floor, I can imagine any number of public and private community spaces: A restaurant, where people go to eat, a bodega or small grocery where people can pick up a few essentials. Maybe a shop or boutique of some kind. Perhaps a yoga studio.

Question 12

Housing density, dense housing, homes near places of work and business, a place to live.

Question 13

\$5 million dollars for affordable housing.

Question 14

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Community engagement events on weekend days.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 15, 2019, 2:26 PM

Question 1

A large economic driving center. Vertical use of space in lead cert. building(s) that are mixed use of residential and commercial and public space.

Question 2

Shopping, dining, family entertainment (e.g. indoor play space).

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

You covered the range. Let's develop a space that enables as many of the preferred as possible.

Question 5

I would shop, dine and play with my family there.

Question 6

Young adults, families

Question 7

crowds

Question 8

environmentally friendly buildings with lots of people and activity

Question 9

shop, dine and play

Question 10

energized

Question 11

seniors, students

Question 12

make it big, make it awesome

Question 13

No - thanks for getting inputs

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 15, 2019, 3:08 PM

Question 1

A space that is open to future changes and development.
A space that has a magnetic draw for citizens. It should be partially open air and partially enclosed. The enclosed space including art centers, museum, entertainment, recreational and commercial venues

Question 2

SFMOMA, San Francisco adjacent to Yerba Buena gardens, Moscone Center, urban facilities.

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Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

mixed and varied

Question 5

All kinds of community activities - mixed and varied

Question 6

All of the above and include access

Question 7

the tweet of birds, the blow of wind

Question 8

See the above

Question 9

Awe, common'

Question 10

Awe, common'

Question 11

humanity

Question 12

This is far, far out. Need to narrow.

Question 13

Visit common spaces formed by public interest. What will draw Washtenaw County citizens is I guess what you are seeking. Good Luck.

Question 14

more personal initiative

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 15, 2019, 4:27 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4

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Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 15, 2019, 5:07 PM

Question 1

A place that all ages can gather.

Question 2

The Vinoy Park, St Petersburg, FA,
European squares in most major cities

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
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Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Having a drink and enjoying the gardens

Question 6

Tourists/guests to the area, families,

Question 7

Live music, water feature,

Question 8

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Gardens, art, welcoming places to sit, small cafe with good food/drink

Question 9

Enjoy live performances, sip a cocktail or coffee, meet with friends

Question 10

Safe, neighborly

Question 11

Public groups, couples,

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 15, 2019, 5:55 PM

Question 1

An inviting open space where people can gather to hang out or relax.
Trees.

Question 2

Greenery, Events (music or other types of gatherings -- maybe library events from next door), places to sit and read or relax.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 3

Skate on an ice rink: 2

Experience a water fountain: 2

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4

Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 2

Catch the time at a clock tower: 2

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Experience a memorial: 1

Attend a conference: 1

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I don't think space for selling of any kind is needed here -- there is enough of that nearby.

Question 5

Sitting and reading a book. Or attending a conference of some kind of facilities permitted.

Question 6

Adults

Question 7

Kids playing, birds,

Question 8

Greenery, natural beauty, people relaxing and reading

Question 9

Sit, read, think, people watch.

Question 10

Peace, contemplation

Question 11

Kids for play, social groups (runners or bikers as a place to meet), tai chi or other outdoor exercise groups

Question 12

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Brent Eliason

inside ward 1

November 15, 2019, 6:11 PM

Question 1

I don't think we should build a commons here. Ann Arbor already has enough open space and parks for a city of its size, and we already have a downtown park, Liberty Plaza, and which is just a homeless hangout except when there's a public event there and the police move them all out. Any public park built on the Library Lot will turn out exactly like Liberty Plaza, because Ann Arbor has lots of homeless people, and this particular location is closer to the bus stop and the Delonis Center, so it'll probably be even more of a homeless magnet than Liberty Plaza.

I don't think Ann Arbor needs a common and the Library Lot is not enough space to build one even if we did want one. What downtown Ann Arbor needs most is parking. I think the space should remain as a surface level parking lot or be built up as a parking garage. The lack of parking downtown hurts everyone because it makes more difficult for people to reach the businesses and services they need and want. It doesn't matter how much the City Council and the rich people who live in luxury condos downtown want people to ride the bus and bike more, most people still get to and get around Ann Arbor by car. Ann Arbor keeps building more housing and more bike lanes downtown and taking away parking spaces making it harder and harder for people to park downtown. The city should have kept it as a parking lot and prevented this whole mess.

Question 2

Liberty Plaza supports my idea that Ann Arbor should not and cannot have a commons. Ann Arbor has lots of homeless people because of the Delonis Center and local politics. Wherever homeless people can hangout, they will hangout, because most places don't let them hangout. If the city builds another public space downtown in any form, especially in this location right next to the bus stop and even closer to the Delonis Center, then it will eventually be overrun by homeless people. If you don't believe me, go to the bus stop any night or Liberty Plaza anytime before the Delonis Center opens and you will see that homeless people are the majority. Do I hate homeless people? No. But all these visions of these commons presume that for some reason homeless people will not make up the majority at this space, and that's absolutely ridiculous. There's already a public park for homeless people in Ann Arbor; we don't need another one.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I think it should be a parking lot or parking structure, but if it can't be that, then it should not be a public space of any kind, because it will turn out just like Liberty Plaza. If it can't be just parking, then it should be parking with offices or apartments on top as high as is safe.

Question 5

Parking so I can drive downtown and then walk wherever I want to go by myself or with my family and friends.

Question 6

Drivers

Question 7

Cars, other people walking to and from their cars

Question 8

Cars, other people walking to and from their cars

Question 9

Drive and park

Center of the City

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Question 10

The peace of knowing that when they drive downtown they will be able to find a parking space and then be a patron at whatever downtown business they wish.

Question 11

If it's a park, then mainly homeless people will use it except when there's a public event and the police clear them all out.

Question 12

Ann Arbor should not have a Commons here. It would be just like Liberty Plaza.

Question 13

Please don't build a park here. It will be just like Liberty Plaza. How could it possibly be different? There are lots of homeless people in Ann Arbor and they primarily hang out at Liberty Plaza, Blake Transit Center, and the Delonis Center. Building a Commons here would put it right next to the Blake Transit Center, closer to the Delonis Center than Liberty Plaza, and just like Liberty Plaza it would be a public space where homeless people are legally allowed to hang out rather than getting kicked out by all the private businesses downtown. There might be a few days or a few weeks where people think it'll be different, especially if it opens in the summer, but sooner or later any park here will be a homeless hangout.

Question 14

Getting a job with regular daytime hours so I could attend City Council meetings at night

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 16, 2019, 6:47 AM

Question 1

Area for fun, play, performance, recreation, and opportunity for physical activity.

Question 2

I don't know what this question means.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I'd make more kid-youth friendly space that is a special destination.

Question 5

Bike park, merry-go-round, play structures that are accessible. These are not widely available elsewhere in the city or vicinity.

Question 6

Kids and their caregivers and people who want something to do outside downtown as a group.

Question 7

Laughing and shouting because this is a place where people gather, from A2 and beyond.

Question 8

People and things to do that are free to the public.

Question 9

Bike, play, run, sit, listen, chat.

Question 10

Accepted because it's accessible to everyone, including folks with disabilities.

Center of the City

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Question 11

No response

Question 12

Look to other towns that people like to visit. Make it easy to get to and to access. No cars!!!

Question 13

Make it accessible and free from car traffic. Car traffic is dangerous and loud and smelly and unhealthy. They create stress.

Question 14

No response

Stephen Wilson

inside ward 5

November 16, 2019, 8:10 AM

Question 1

Flexible community space for organizing, events, relaxing, and civic participation. Full of green spaces, but also hardscapes, plazas, and furnishings for people to engage with.

Question 2

Social events, both municipally supported and community organized, chances for unplanned encounters, new places to discover every time you visit.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Downtown workers

Question 7

Children laughing and playing, birds chirping, clocks chiming, a guitar playing

Question 8

Trees in bloom, a sculpture, decorative paving, colorful banners and decorations

Question 9

Sit and read, eat lunch, take a phone call, chat with coworkers

Question 10

Relaxation, peace, connection to the community

Question 11

Children, teachers / classes, tourists

Question 12

Make a landmark feature that people will remember and identify. Like a large sculpture, fountain, or similar. Something people could say, "meet me at the (blank)."

Think the Cloud Gate (bean) in Chicago's Millenium park, the statue in Detroit's Campus Martius, or similar.

Question 13

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Have a design competition not for the whole park, but for elements within the park. For example, you could have a series of seating areas with a simple description such as seating for four, a table, smaller than 8' x 8'. Then have different architects and artists design all of the elements individually. They could all have their own character yet tie the space together as a whole.

Question 14

More surveys like this! This was fantastically well written.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 16, 2019, 8:49 AM

Question 1

A covered stage large enough to accommodate a seven-piece band for free concerts that bring the community together. Trees for shade. A flat surface for dancing. Maybe even a small pavilion so events can go on even if it rains.

Question 2

Sonic Lunch proves that this community loves to come together for good live music. Perhaps this commons could be designed to better accommodate this and similar events. The success of Top of the Park shows this, as well.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I prefer the outdoor, communal options.

Question 5

Attending a free music concert.

Question 6

All ages.

Question 7

Music, laughter, children.

Question 8

Trees, a covered stage, a small pavilion, public restrooms.

Question 9

Walk, see concerts, play.

Question 10

A relief from all the big buildings that have been built in recent years.

Question 11

Out-of-town soccer fans.

Question 12

Hire a round-the-clock staff to be the security-bathroom cleaner. Pay these people well so the area is and feels secure and the bathrooms are always clean. I know this may cost \$100,000 a year, but the city has probably spent that on worse things than employing three people who will make a beautiful area in the city safe and clean.

Question 13

Please consider using this space as a clean and safe public area.

Question 14

Email list.

Name not shown

Center of the City

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inside ward 5
November 16, 2019, 9:08 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Susan Cybulski

inside ward 5
November 16, 2019, 1:00 PM

Question 1

It's a public urban oasis that everyone can enjoy, from kids and families to the elderly. It should feel safe and inviting. It should provide a pleasant, walkable pass-through between Liberty Plaza and the downtown library. It should provide shaded seating and tables, and as many natural features as practical. There should be a plaza area large enough for political protests and programmed entertainment. An all-seasons interactive feature (i.e. the Bean in Millennial Park or the Wave and the Cube on the U-M campuses) would be a wonderful focal point and might eventually become an iconic part of the City of Ann Arbor's identity. Space for food trucks would be a bonus. The more fun for kids and families, the better -- we don't have a public space like that anywhere elsewhere in downtown Ann Arbor!

Question 2

Walking, shaded rest/tables (structures, not trees!), communal gatherings, recreation/play, public restrooms, public WiFi, casual meals (food trucks), craft fairs+ festivals, summer movie screenings

Center of the City

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Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

There are probably lots of other ideas being generated. Whatever is planned, I think the space should be as multi-purpose and multi-seasonal as possible, so it can be used as much as possible. For example, an ice rink in winter would be converted to a fountain in summer.

Question 5

My own personal vision would be to sit at a shaded table on an elevated surface above the parking ramp, enjoying lunch, working on my laptop, and watching the activities on the plaza below.

Question 6

Children

Question 7

People in small groups talking, other children playing, live music, movies after dark, peaceful protests, ambient unavoidable traffic sounds

Question 8

Green features that provide an atmosphere of an urban oasis, a fun and safe place to play with other kids and adults, people relaxing and enjoying, people gathering for various social events and interactions. Maybe even a

squirrel or two?

Question 9

There is a fun, interactive feature that draws children and families together for play and relaxation.

Question 10

Peaceful, happy, safe, connected to our city and other people.

Question 11

All ages! That's the beauty of it, the reason to have it. The more encompassing of all types of audiences and experiences, the better.

Question 12

Incorporating Kempf House Museum into the Center of the City is a good idea! This would be an ideal way to share city history and/or as a welcome center.

Question 13

I hope the Task Force will not let negativity or apathy discourage your mission. I believe the Center of the City, like the Michigan Theater before it, will one day be a treasured part of the fabric of Ann Arbor. I would also like to see the City undertake some sort of organized community outreach that would encourage private donations/partnerships/participation. I do think the community would support the Center of the City financially if provided with the information and means to do so.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 16, 2019, 1:35 PM

Question 1

Central market bazaar on the bottom akin to the or any market mix of small food vendors and affordable grocers, office above with rentable co-working space, and affordable housing above that.

Question 2

Living in density elsewhere and witnessing the dead lot for the past many years

Center of the City

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Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Please no fountains they are the worst part of any city, except the Avant garde ones built (then destroyed later) in the 60s.

Question 5

Shopping, eating, co-working. A dense, forward-thinking building with clever, efficient architecture

Question 6

General public.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 16, 2019, 2:45 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4

Center of the City

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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Keep out the commercial aspect.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 16, 2019, 3:47 PM

Question 1

A public atrium or greenhouse. Lots of green plants, even in winter-- but also spaces big enough for people to gather.

Question 2

Bathrooms, space to sit and rest or view art (sculpture, performances...) or for a nonprofit to hold events (speakers, etc) with protection from Michigan's typical weather.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

A good commons will cost money, so I think renting out space will be an important way to make it financially sustainable. The structure should include private space (businesses, hotel, apartments, restaurants), but I think most of the ground floor should be a place where the public is welcome.

Some of these activities, and the space itself, will need staff and volunteers to make sure that plants and furniture are taken care of, bathrooms are clean, that use by one user group doesn't interfere with use by others or become unsafe.

Center of the City

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Question 5

I'd like a space like the Matthaei Conservatory, but more convenient. Where I could sit and have a snack and meet a friend or read a book or hang out while waiting for a bus--even when it's rainy or cold, etc or where a nonprofit could hold a private or "semi-public" meeting or event. I think there's a lot of overlap between what this space should be and the roles that the library is serving-- so I really hope the two can work together on design and activity planning.

Question 6

High school students

Question 7

Sometimes music or conversation, but they've got their headphones

Question 8

Light, plants, sculpture an art , fountain, places to sit, tables

Question 9

Mess around. Stand on the furniture. Meet friends. Eat & drink. Do homework, wait for a bus.

Question 10

Comfortable, safe, welcome, cared for

Question 11

Seniors, homeless, downtown workers, parents with small kids needing to get out of the house,

Question 12

Good architecture matters-- but understanding the planned use is an essential first step.

Question 13

While I love open space, I think given A2 weather, it's more important to have space that is protected from the elements. I'd like to a space that is energy efficient and generates renewable energy

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 16, 2019, 5:05 PM

Question 1

It would be a combination of a gated courtyard, partly covered performance space, garden, connection to the library, outdoor facing restaurants, fountain, and affordable housing.

Question 2

I like the experience of the High Line in New York and of Chicago's Grant Park.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Outdoor concerts and play area for children.

Question 6

Students and children.

Question 7

Center of the City

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Concerts and children at play.

Question 8

Gardens and fountain.

Question 9

Reads a book and watches a concert and strolls around a garden.

Question 10

The feeling of a soothing oasis.

Question 11

Those seeing musical performances

Question 12

Make it beautiful but also very safe (like through a gated courtyard design).

Question 13

No response

Question 14

If the elected officials were to spend some of the parks money on this central park and make it a significant part of their legacy.

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 16, 2019, 10:08 PM

Question 1

A physical structure with shopping, dining, and residential on top. This is what the area is architecturally designed for, not a park. Healthy trees can't root here, it would be a waste of our money.

Question 2

Positive experiences with recent downtown mixed use developments and excitement about upcoming ones near the stadium.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2

Buy from a food vendor: 2

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 2

Listen to live music: 3

Watch children at play: 4

Sit quietly and read a book: 4

Use a public rest room: 4

Visit the downtown library: 2

Attend a private/public celebration: 4

Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 4

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2

Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 4

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 1

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Experience a memorial: 4

Attend a conference: 3

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

The above seem to be mostly tailored towards the idea of a park and not any sort of large scale development.

Question 5

Shopping and dining with affordable housing.

Question 6

Residents.

This is a poorly written question. You don't identify users or segment a market before identifying your product, or in this instance a common space. It's cart before the horse.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I'm embarrassed that my tax dollars are not only being spent this way, but also how poorly this survey is written.

Question 14

I wish there were email lists for specific city initiatives. I'd like to follow this issue closely but feel like it's difficult to get information on it.

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 17, 2019, 1:03 PM

Question 1

I liked the original proposal of a building with shops, housing, businesses. Some kind of atrium and outside sitting. Maybe a coffee shop after visiting the library where I could all year round. I don't see a need for a grassland/park. Plenty of those spots already exist.

Question 2

I often visit library but it is kind of separated from rest of downtown and would be nice to have a congruous area for visiting around it.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3

Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

For me, "buy from a food vendor" is have a nice dinner at a restaurant.

Question 5

A place I could visit along with a visit to library. I likely will have books so would like a place I could read them with coffee in summer or winter. I'd like some housing options too in case i'd move there.

Question 6

families and adults

Question 7

city sounds

Question 8

modern structure with variety of businesses, housing, shops, restaurants

Question 9

use internet, eat, visit friends, go to library, read

Question 10

City vibe, causal.

Question 11

businesses for conferences

Question 12

Make some of it taxable. Ann Arbor taxes continue to rise, we will force some people out, otherwise.

Question 13

I don't understand how we elect officials, they meet for years and years to determine best use of building, and then when they are ready to move and build, we are back to square one. It is frustrating.

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 14

these surveys are fine

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 17, 2019, 2:22 PM

Question 1

A center meeting area with ice skating/small concert/event space with retail buildings on the first floor of a taller development. A central downtown conference center would bring people downtown

Question 2

Other cities. Even the Top of the park provides a one time event space, but no other draw. It is built for structures on top of a parking garage and not trees.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Make this valuable space valuable, not a waste. A waste would be an area with people hanging out, selling drugs, and peeing in the corners.

Question 5

More similar to an Italian piazza with retail shops and cafes around the outside. Upstairs hotel and museum.
Center can be for people with benches or skating or concerts.

Question 6

Adults, visitors, families.

Question 7

People talking, occasional small concerts.

Question 8

Places to eat, grab a coffee, a skating rink.

Question 9

All of the things people try to do when they close streets for special events.

Question 10

Welcome

Question 11

Conference goers.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

A listing of events for the week or month with links to each one. Available by a touch screen outside the library or somewhere in your Center Of The City.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 17, 2019, 2:34 PM

Question 1

No response

Center of the City

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Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Skating on ice rink in winter and enjoying a warm beverage from the cafe.
Having a grassy picnic with the kids in the spring or summer. Working on my laptop at a WiFi hot spot during the week.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 17, 2019, 2:40 PM

Question 1

Small park next to the district library building. The development should include tax producing revenue from retail and residential development.

Question 2

Mixed use and tax producing developments tend to be more successful in the long term than a downtown park.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4

Center of the City

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Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Not certain what is meant by "get help."

Question 5

Residential and retail with Fifth Ave. green strip.

Question 6

All citizens, all ages. Cooperation and use of library.

Question 7

Sounds of the city.

Question 8

Activity and attractive garden/ plantings. Pleasant surroundings.

Question 9

Walk through and around and shop public areas. Residents enjoy downtown proximity.

Question 10

Enjoyable surroundings brings good feelings of land well used.

Question 11

School groups, interest groups. Individuals shopping, visiting the library or other downtown attractions

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 17, 2019, 2:41 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

A place to relax, to attend a concert or other program, a gathering place for friends

Question 6

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All age groups should feel comfortable and safe there.

Question 7

Pleasant noise from a water feature, music sometimes, but not rock bands unless it's an evening program, children playing, people talking

Question 8

Trees and plants, a play area for children, benches in shade, small tables, a fountain, ice skating, people enjoying lunch or coffee, pets on a lease, people using computers

Question 9

Meet with friends, read, have coffee

Question 10

Relaxed, comfortable, safe

Question 11

professional and tourist visitors to the city

Question 12

With all of the high-rise buildings built in recent years, the town is getting a closed-in, unwelcoming feeling. It needs an oasis where people can enjoy a peaceful, clean, comfortable, reasonably spacious, place to meet and relax or just enjoy being outdoors when the weather allows.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Since we don't have a daily newspaper anymore, a regular bi-weekly or monthly newsletter from the city should be used to keep citizens informed about city activities and city council initiatives.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 17, 2019, 3:32 PM

Question 1

Extremely small. One that adheres to urban planning best practices that promote actual usage on an hourly basis throughout the day and into the evening, which includes being surrounded by "many eyes." Those many

eyes would reside in first-floor retail that encompasses the commons, plus in the mixed use/residential space that would exist on upper floors of taller buildings. In my view, the existing Library Lot fits very few of these parameters, which is why it seems uniquely unsuited to be an actual commons unless this type of space is paired with additional development of some sort.

Question 2

The ability to actually do something there, which is predicated on inclusion of things like first-floor retail and mixed-use development that includes residential (and ideally, affordable) housing. The space itself should be small and intimate enough that it does not need to be "programmed," though if it's going to exist, it might have things like park benches, public art, maybe a play structure, nice landscaping, etc.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No idea why you listed "visit the downtown library," which is literally right next door and you can do that now?? Also, it seems to me the library is where many of these experiences (learn about the city's history, attend a kid's program, use a computer, participate in a hands-on crafts activity, sit quietly and read a book, etc.) happen presently. I can't help but wonder who's supposed to maintain things like an ice rink, water fountain, etc.... the city seems to struggle somewhat to support the many wonderful parks we already have? We do desperately need a conference center,

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office space, housing, and retail options. These would be outstanding uses for a "commons."

Question 5

Sorry to say, literally the only thing I can imagine doing in the commons is grabbing a quick bite from a food truck in the summer as I walk to a meeting downtown.

Question 6

Freeze-it-in-amber NIMBYs who do not support downtown development.

Question 7

The sound of trash skittering across an empty lot.

Question 8

Homeless people.

Question 9

Nothing, since s/he does not visit the commons.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Yes, absolutely. Build something - a tall building that has performance space, office space, and affordable housing! That would be an incredible lasting legacy.

Question 13

Please build something instead of pursuing this silliness.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 17, 2019, 3:46 PM

Question 1

a green space with lots of benches or chairs for people to sit in, play area for young children with benches and seating for the caregivers. areas for senior adult exercise, perhaps. a good path for people to run or walk, through tree lined or other plants.

Question 2

I love Bryant Park in New York, which has chairs that have been paid for by donations. Similar parks in many other cities that have a variety of community art, seats, nice walkways...

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
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Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
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Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

some are ok ideas just not what i'd like, as well some are confusing. For example, you ask for potential indoor/outdoor activities and an option is "work at an office"?,

Question 5

taking a walk, perhaps listening to music, having a coffee or drink, sitting and people watching

Question 6

senior citizens, kids, attract regular A2 people who tend to stay away from downtown because of parking and too many students

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Question 7

music, maybe children plays, birds chirping!, wind blowing through the trees

Question 8

community art, kids and parents playing, people sitting on benches of chairs watching things, people have a coffee, people sitting together for either a private chat or a group discussion

Question 9

take a walk, maybe exercise on the adult workout equipment, sit and people watch or take in the surroundings, have a coffee, sit and chat with friends

Question 10

sense of calm, community, acceptance

Question 11

students, people coming from library, shoppers wanting a break

Question 12

No response

Question 13

ensure that it reflects A2 and do not make it unfriendly to homeless people, they should be able to experience the area as well

Question 14

these surveys coming thru Nextdoor are a good start

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 17, 2019, 6:38 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 3

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 3

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 3

Visit the downtown library: 2

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 3

Attend a kid's program: 3

Catch the time at a clock tower: 1

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 3

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 17, 2019, 10:21 PM

Question 1

If an open plaza/park space is to be developed, it would only work with a much denser level of development around it. I don't believe the current foot traffic in Ann Arbor sustains a true common space.

Question 2

I was just in some European cities and saw how many people it requires to keep a common plaza "alive." Also, I compare Ann Arbor or the UM campus on a normal day to a special event day.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2

Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Local citizen groups.

Question 7

Political speech

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Promotes ideas

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 17, 2019, 10:55 PM

Center of the City

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Question 1

Green space. Water/fountain in the summer, ice rink in the winter.

Question 2

Downtown Detroit. Boston Common.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Reading a book.

Question 6

All ages; why only one audience?

Question 7

Birds, normal city sounds, occasional music performances (a variety of types)

Question 8

Trees, grass, greenscape.

Question 9

Conversation with friends, read, listen to music, draw, write, just relax, skate.

Question 10

Calm, contentment, enjoyment from music and skating

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 18, 2019, 9:37 AM

Question 1

A clean, safe well-kept area where residents can enjoy the out of doors when no events are happening, and can enjoy large activities as well, such as out door concerts.

Question 2

I tried to eat lunch one day at the Liberty Plaza and witnessed a knife fight. We need a SAFE place to gather.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2

Center of the City

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Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

An ice rink would be fun, but only if it can be converted and used during the warmer months also.

Question 5

Outdoor concerts, maybe a Christmas village in winter.

Question 6

Families, senior citizens

Question 7

Outdoor concerts

Question 8

Grassy areas, trees, open concrete areas for ice skating in winter and holding events in summer

Question 9

Ice skating/winter activities for winter, concerts and enjoying a clean park-like setting in the downtown area close to amenities in the summer

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 18, 2019, 9:58 AM

Question 1

A safe place to host community events and serves as a resting place while enjoying time downtown. The more green space the better. A playground for kids would also be nice. A splash pad would be a big hit and something I can get behind.

Full transparency - I voted against this and still don't think it's the best use of the space. Keeping it clean and free from undesirable activity is the most important thing for me.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

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Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Multi-use space that changes throughout the year - water feature/splash pad in summer, ice rink in winter, etc.

Question 13

Stop letting certain individuals guide the short and heavily influence the process. The proposal passed now leave it to the Task Force to run the show and deliver something that will serve Ann Arbor residents.

Optics-wise, I'd thank Alan Haber and have him go about his merry way.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 18, 2019, 11:04 AM

Question 1

A place that will be useful to a great many people. Homeless people frequent that area, and I think it would be good if the city more actively supported them. Some cities have pioneered the concept of secure pods, with bathrooms and shower, for the homeless.

Question 2

I frequent the library, and I see that it has become the daytime hangout of the indigent.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

I do think that a public restroom would be a civilized addition to the town. Holland Michigan has one in its downtown. In Korea, every building taller than 3 stories must have public restrooms.

Question 5

I think it is irresponsible that the city pretends that its citizens will drive to the far south side to responsibly dispose of hazardous materials such as radioactive smoke alarms, and batteries. This central location would be a

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great place to welcome drop-offs, which the city could then efficiently haul to the Ellsworth site.

Question 6

Homeless from across the county.

Question 7

The silence of the privacy of one's own, lockable and secure living pod.

Question 8

A 24-hour staff of professionals to support the special needs of the homeless.

Question 9

Work through personal issues.

Question 10

Safe and supported.

Question 11

Downtown needs more housing of all kinds.

Question 12

Mark's Carts was a great incubator for restaurateurs, but I'm not sure if the city would want to take on the responsibilities of such an operation.

Question 13

Cities around the world are starting to work with transit sky lifts. That would be an exciting and dramatic addition to our city: having a sky life that transports people from Maple Village to the Commons. I've read that such systems are actually efficient.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 18, 2019, 11:52 AM

Question 1

It would be protected as public land like a park, and for park-like uses, but would guarantee an open and transparent process for booking the space

by groups for their purposes. Some guidelines on acceptable use would be appropriate.

Question 2

One difference between a park and a commons, in my mind, is a commons seems more like a town square or piazza to me, meaning it would be appropriate to invite commercial sellers of food and other amenities that would entice people to congregate and use the space. It should include ample seating (can be removable).

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
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Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I do not understand how work at an office or come home to an apartment fit. I must not understand your intent.

Question 5

Resting during a day downtown. Sitting at benches, perhaps watching a fountain; sitting at a table with a drink and light snack. I also envision ballroom dancing in the evenings. I also think during the work day workers, and, in the evening, the ever increasing number of apartment dwellers downtown, might use it for exercise, either walking or a fitness cell.

Question 6

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I think I have said some of this above already. I think having a play space for children would be very appropriate, as would cafe-type seating and food (could be food carts with common seating provided by the city). I would like to see music in the evenings, and dancing.

Question 7

Voices, music.

Question 8

People partaking in a variety of activities.

Question 9

See above.

Question 10

Like they are part of the city.

Question 11

I imagine civic, nonprofit, and even private groups could rent the commons for gatherings and other events.

Question 12

As I have suggested previously (outside the context of this survey), I would like to see this committee and the city council lobby our state and federal representatives to examine long-term plans for the federal building across the street. Eventually, I believe that building should be torn down. At that time, I would like the city to be ready to relocate a new federal building (perhaps along William) and claim that space for a larger commons without the problem of a parking structure underneath it. This would pave the way for a new library and tax-generating housing on the combined library lot and library space. I believe this is a sensible vision worth pursuing, no matter how difficult.

Question 13

See above.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 18, 2019, 12:53 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Center of the City

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Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 18, 2019, 12:59 PM

Question 1

Very small with affordable housing dominating the site.

Question 2

Reality

Question 3

No response

Question 4

A lot of wasted soave

Question 5

Affordable workforce housing

Question 6

Downtown workers

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 18, 2019, 2:22 PM

Question 1

An environmentally sustainable space that is inviting to people of all ages and abilities. It is important to me that the space, as well as being for people to enjoy, be used to help improve the natural environment. So any surfaces should not be impervious.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Get help: 2

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Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
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Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I included attend a conference as I can see this space being used for informal lectures/presentations. Those were not included in the list so the conference was the closest to that.

Question 5

Chatting with friends and reading. I'd be looking for the quieter aspects but music etc would also be welcome. Would also be helpful to have space for chess or other games that people could engage in across age levels.

Question 6

Older adults

Question 7

sounds of children playing, music, conversation

Question 8

multiple ages enjoying the space; native plants; water features that have a purpose not just decorative.

Question 9

engages with others and enjoys the visual aspects of the space

Question 10

calm; engaged

Question 11

No response

Question 12

no

Question 13

no

Question 14

More info coming out on a regular basis about council actions. This could take the form of regular email newsletters from our councilmembers.

Deb Burch

inside ward 3

November 18, 2019, 4:50 PM

Question 1

park like setting (trees and flower gardens) with trails for walks and benches and or tables for visitors. Space for meetings or events.

Question 2

Central Park in NYC, the Diag on UM campus

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
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Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 2

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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
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Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

all could work but I think the food and incidentals stores or kiosks would have a neg impact on the downtown stores.

Question 5

meeting friends for coffee or attending a meeting or event

Question 6

seniors
all need to feel safe when walking through or attending a meeting/event

Question 7

music or just peaceful quiet

Question 8

lots of greenery and flowers

Question 9

meet with friends, stop for a rest or read

Question 10

safe and peaceful

Question 11

parents or caregivers with children, area workers of all ages

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 18, 2019, 9:51 PM

Question 1

It looks like a nicely maintained park; grass, trees, landscaping, benches and/or tables. A place to take a break from the "downtown city" atmosphere.

Question 2

Portland, Oregon has wonderful city parks and commons areas (even large flower gardens that have themes based on different regions of the world).

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No shops except maybe a cafe (which isn't really needed because there are probably 26 cafes within a block or two of the area). No apartments, no lofts, no bikes racing around trying to run people over. Just a nice, common park where people can go to relax and enjoy being outdoors.

Question 5

I could see myself grabbing a cup of coffee at a nearby cafe, and a book

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from the library, then sitting on a bench or in the grass enjoying both.

Question 6

Senior citizens and adults.

Question 7

Water fountain, other attendees conversing, cars passing, hopefully no screaming children (but it's a commons area so one can't effectively enforce that)

Question 8

Grass, trees, flowers, water fountain, benches and/or tables

Question 9

Read, relax, meditate, walk, meet with friends.

Question 10

At ease, relaxed, contented

Question 11

Hopefully none

Question 12

I think a garden area would be nice. Not a rain garden, an actual well maintained garden that isn't a mosquito breeding ground.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

Town Halls that don't fall within a resident's usual working hours; have the city officials actually (or at least do a better job pretending to) listen to taxpaying residents and their concerns instead of the more frequently used "you'll have to learn to get along/deal with it."

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inside ward 4

November 18, 2019, 10:10 PM

Question 1

Fresh and crisp

Question 2

Enjoying nature on a fresh and crisp autumn day

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
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Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Clock tower, some food carts, maybe a cool fountain, some grassy areas, seating, and Wi-Fi.

Question 5

Eating hot dogs from the hot dog carts, perhaps other cuisine as well.

Question 6

Most people would enjoy it.

Question 7

The sounds of food vendors selling their wares. The large clock ticking. A fountain.

Question 8

Cuisine of all kinds being sold out of carts. People enjoying the sights and smells and the sound of the large clock.

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Question 9

Have a snack or just enjoy the free Wi-Fi

Question 10

Pure joy.

Question 11

Local birds.

Question 12

A nice statue of Harbaugh with tiny hands.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 19, 2019, 12:07 AM

Question 1

A green space with walkways connecting adjacent streets and places to sit to rest or sit to eat a lunch. It would also incorporate and open up Liberty Plaza.

Question 2

This question is oddly worded. I really don't know what you mean.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Love food vendors, not cafes, conferences. Don't have any interest in the library having anything to do with the commons. They did not support it and are more invested in being right that it will be a homeless gathering area and a failure.

Question 5

Eating a lunch, enjoying a public green space and some kind of scientifically interesting gardens, walking

Question 6

City workers and shoppers

Question 7

Water movement, voices,

Question 8

Trees, green, gardens, other people of all ages

Question 9

Walk, eat, meet and chat, rest

Question 10

Relaxed, a respite from concrete

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

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Question 13

No response

Question 14

Public meetings, surveys with more specific questions when you have actual proposals.

Colleen Stone

inside ward 5

November 19, 2019, 10:21 AM

Question 1

A mix of green space and places to sit, with perhaps a small dog run and access to retail. The space itself should be quiet and not too near fast-moving traffic.

Question 2

Walking, reading, sitting with friends, eating lunch outside. Maybe a nice small market.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
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Get help: 4
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Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Please let's not make something dependent on programming. The space should work organically because of the design. It should be accessible to a population center and literally just off of a high-traffic path for greatest potential usage.

Question 5

Eating lunch, chatting with friends, letting my dog play with another dog.

Question 6

Downtown resident

Question 7

People laughing and talking. Kids playing. Maybe someone playing guitar. Not live music, necessarily.

Question 8

People of all stripes using the space to gather, chat, relax. People feeling safe. People not camping.

Question 9

Use it as an extension of their backyard.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

City visitors, employees of the area businesses.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Use funds wisely. Expensive sculptures do not make a space, design does. It must feel safe and not have open drug dealing and usage. That said, an extension of the library seems outmoded. Downtown could use a spot for someone to hang out and eat a sandwich outside. We don't have that.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

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November 19, 2019, 1:39 PM

Question 1

seating and 'open' air

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
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Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
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Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

travel through -yes!

Question 5

smelling planted flowers

Question 6

No response

Question 7

yes!

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Santa's village.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 19, 2019, 2:28 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4

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Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 19, 2019, 5:19 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
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Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

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No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 20, 2019, 11:12 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 2

Sit quietly and read a book: 2

Use a public rest room: 4

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 2

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 1

Attend a kid's program: 2

Catch the time at a clock tower: 2

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Center of the City

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Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 20, 2019, 12:56 PM

Question 1

benches with shade

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
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Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 21, 2019, 9:17 AM

Question 1

I do not see the need for an additional commons area. Ann Arbor, given its size, has plenty of common spaces like the Arb, Liberty Plaza, frequently shut down main street for various events, campus spaces, parks practically a 1/4 mile apart throughout the city, and so many other

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effective common spaces. I'd like to see a more effective use of this space like a conference center or hotel centrally located in the city, which is severely lacking particularly in a town that attracts lots of great guests.

Question 2

Effective and responsible use of public funds. Ann Arbor has plenty of shiny gems to be proud of and enjoy and yet we do way too little for our under-resourced community members who are increasingly pushed to the periphery of our community.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
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Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Yes, do not spend sizable amounts of public funds to hardscape a space that was built to support a substantial infrastructure. It is a massive misuse of public funds, not environmental friendly, and a slap in the face on our community members priorities when its under-resourced community lacks adequate access and resources to enjoy much of Ann Arbor's great assets.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 21, 2019, 10:58 AM

Question 1

The commons is accessible and incorporates public amenities, resources, and affordable housing. The commons is primarily a built environment and has a library, subsidized start-up food vendor stalls, and tiered affordable housing overlooking a central space. The focus of the housing and the retail space would be on access fo those currently priced out of the downtown area.

Question 2

the hustle and bustle of markets around the world, filled with and surrounded by people, low-cost start-ups, and live-work neighborhoods (15 minute neighborhoods).

Question 3

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Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 1
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Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
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Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I see the commons as a place where things are HAPPENING. The library is there to read, access tech, go for children's programs, etc. We have other open spaces for small concerts, other places for conferences, and lots of ways to tell the time. We do not have enough housing or opportunities for marginalized populations to fully participate in Ann Arbor.

Question 5

meeting people for lunch, getting a haircut, buying a few groceries, and having a place to live. It would be universally accessible

Question 6

people who make less than the county & city median income, people who need accessible housing, and the general public in the commons.

Question 7

activity, diversity, buskers

Question 8

activity, diversity, opportunity, possibility

Question 9

shop, eat, multiple daily tasks, live, read, gather

Question 10

Part of a city that was rapidly dividing along economic and racial lines but is taking the first steps in the opposite direction

Question 11

I think it would be a destination for a wide variety of people, as there would be multiple, overlapping uses

Question 12

No response

Question 13

I really hope that serious consideration is given to ideas of accessibility, affordable housing, and related matters that are purpose built and not just programmatic. The creation of an empty space/park/fountain scape with the vision of accessible 'programs and events, does not ensure accessibility or affordability.

Question 14

No response

George Brach

outside wards

November 21, 2019, 11:30 AM

Question 1

They would be both environmentally-friendly (i.e., low or carbon neutral) and support a wide range of people in terms of ages, abilities, races, and income levels. They would provide affordable housing for low income residents and shelter for the homeless along with a focus on equity. They would support alternative means of transportation like bicycles and electric vehicles and transport for people with disabilities and the aged who can longer safely drive.

Question 2

Centralized development with plenty of green spaces, pedestrian-only roads and walkways, green energy installations, low-income housing and housing for the homeless, mixed use (i.e., housing and retail and other amenities sharing the same space), and scalable for future growth.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

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Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
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Come home to your apartment: 1
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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Live music, work at an office, public/private celebration, cafe, buy incidentals at a store, sit and talk with friends.

Question 6

Elderly person

Question 7

Mostly quiet conversation or possibly live music - low traffic noise.

Question 8

Green space, cafes, pedestrian walkways, office buildings, restaurants

Question 9

Hanging out, shopping, working on a computer/portable device, talk with friends, listen to music.

Question 10

Serenity and appreciation of the diversity of life in Ann Arbor.

Question 11

I see a wide range of ages, races, income levels, and ability levels using the commons in an equitable manner.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

I find it very easy to engage with the City so I don't have any suggestions for making it easier.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 21, 2019, 4:21 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
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Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

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Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No stores or restaurants. We already have enough of those.

Question 5

Trees and nature to look at rather than all the high rises that have climbed over us.

Question 6

All people

Question 7

silence or birds.

Question 8

Trees and plants

Question 9

Sit and relax.

Question 10

Peaceful even in a city.

Question 11

All.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Carrie McClintock

inside ward 5

November 22, 2019, 7:41 AM

Question 1

A public market like Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston with both indoor and outdoor open spaces for human mingling.

Question 2

My travels in Boston, D.C., New York, Toronto and Europe have shown me that indoor markets are favorite places for people to mix and meet, especially when the weather is bad.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
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Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
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Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

A public commons is a place for the people to enjoy life together. Housing, offices and a conference space could support this, but are not this.

I don't want a nature space park because I am a single woman and I have trouble with men bothering me in urban quiet spaces. Successful piazzas, plazas, commons, etc. in urban centers are full of people and therefore safe.

I also want to enliven town during our long, cold, dark winter with an indoor space to hang out.

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Essex market in NYC was recently rebuilt, and it has an upstairs space for eating the food and drink purchased downstairs that has high ceilings and lots of windows to let in natural light. It's one of my favorite places to spend time and meet people.

Structures such as sculptures or fountains give people and children a focus point for interaction. These should be both indoors and out.

Question 5

A place to bring friends from out of town that is warm and indoors, beautiful and uniquely Ann Arbor. It would be especially nice for it to be about the town and not the university. Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston is especially nice because of the historic information there.

Question 6

empty nesters

Question 7

people talking in open cafes, people buying things, children playing around a central focal feature, a jazz trio

Question 8

Colorful stalls with whole and prepared food, Michigan made goods, people laughing over a meal together, natural light coming in through lots of windows, large tables where people can sit together in groups or apart

Question 9

Show up to see what happens, meet people, shop

Question 10

Happy and proud to be in Ann Arbor

Question 11

musicians and artists who would like to reach the public

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 22, 2019, 9:00 AM

Question 1

An area that is well maintained and free of litter.

Question 2

The current state of Liberty Plaza is not my ideal concept of a commons.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Center of the City

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Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 22, 2019, 11:14 AM

Question 1

Friendly, park like community space with a stage, seating, not too much cement.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4

Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

I'd like to see a verdant park, like a tiny central park, in the middle of the city.

Question 5

Peaceful contemplation or strolling after picking up a coffee.

Question 6

Office worker

Question 7

City sounds tempered by birdsong

Question 8

Benches, grass, trees, people walking. A verdant park in the middle of the city. Central Park.

Question 9

Stroll, sit in the grass

Question 10

Peaceful

Question 11

Families, seniors, youth

Question 12

Try to create a welcoming and beautiful space

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Question 13

No response

Question 14

A real city newspaper

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inside ward 4

November 22, 2019, 1:31 PM

Question 1

no smoking. Lots of green, not all concrete. Welcoming to all, but not a place for the homeless to hang out. Possibly a small playground.

Question 2

city parks. Liberty square

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 23, 2019, 7:36 AM

Question 1

Green space with quiet fountains erupting intermittently from a long (recirculating) meandering stream that is surface/shallow so it can be played in. Benches and landscaping. Public art. Black street lamps with hanging baskets of flowers attached.

Question 2

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Portland, Maine park where Farmer's Market is held. Central Park, NYC.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

1. Music can interfere with quiet enjoyment and conversation unless it is limited to acoustical. OK for Liberty Plaza but not The Commons. 2. The Commons space with fountains, landscaping should not try to be all things to all people. It should be so beautiful and attractive on its own that programs are not necessary.

Question 5

Sitting on a bench watching people, watching kids play in the water or skate, seeing public art and enjoying a beautiful outdoor space. Meeting friends. Eating.

Question 6

Families, seniors

Question 7

The sound of people enjoying themselves. No loud music or loud water.

Question 8

Water, art, landscaping, people relaxing and at play.

Question 9

Refresh, rest, play, meet others

Question 10

Gratitude, pleasure, active fun, rest.

Question 11

Homeless

Question 12

A pedestrian bridge to the lot across from the library that would itself be a work of art. More commons in that lot could make room for housing or cafe plus some commons on subject space. Selling space for housing could pay towards extra commons space.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 23, 2019, 7:55 AM

Question 1

Plaza surrounded by new active mixed use buildings with office, homes, and ground floor retail facing park.

Question 2

Traveling Europe

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 4

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Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Enjoying an outdoor cafe facing the park

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Please create new buildings to bring activity to the space. Otherwise it will end up like liberty plaza,

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 23, 2019, 8:43 AM

Question 1

Affordable to maintain and safe to enter at all open hours, mostly open space that can be set up for some of the smaller festivals that currently close streets

Question 2

Oktoberfest, car shows, Juneteenth, book fair

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I checked come home to your apartment, because this space should have

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been developed

Does 'get help' mean a blue light safety phone or homeless/addiction service efforts for the inevitable primary population in this space?

Question 5

Unlikely to use the space other than organized events

Question 6

Festival attendee

Question 7

The festival

Question 8

A festival that isn't set up on a city street

Question 9

The festival

Question 10

Cooler festival temps from not being on asphalt, maybe eventually tall-tree shade.

Question 11

If money had been passed to maintain perpetually an urban garden park, the gardens, cafe, fountains, playgrounds model would be great, but that hasn't been paid for.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 23, 2019, 8:46 AM

Question 1

green gardens

seating for conversation in good weather

small theater-like option

no people sleeping on benches / no drug dealers

Question 2

plazas in Europe where people meet to chat and spend time

I am, however, concerned about homeless and drug dealers because of "common spaces" in places like Seattle, Washington.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 3

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 3

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 3

Attend a kid's program: 2

Catch the time at a clock tower: 3

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 4

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

If art is incorporated into this space, make sure it is from an Ann Arbor artist or at least a Michigan artist.

Question 5

Meet with a friend over coffee.

Question 6

senior citizens

Question 7

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community, birds, people talking

Question 8

people, trees, plants, benches, sculptures, mosaic art,

Question 9

talk to friends, read, listen to music, take a break

Question 10

relaxed, taking a break, like Ann Arbor didn't over build every square inch

Question 11

groups from library

Question 12

Let the library come up with ideas with you. Link the space to library activities that are interesting to the public. Try to get a coffee house within easy access.

Question 13

Safety in this commons place is a very high concern for me.

Question 14

No response

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inside ward 5

November 23, 2019, 10:16 AM

Question 1

My first choice would be to build affordable housing on the site. Barring that, if we have to create a "commons" I think the best model is Campus Martius in Detroit where there is space, seasonal activities (ice skating, holiday markets, summer beach). However I do not know if we have the population in Ann Arbor to support this nor the \$ to support such programming.

Question 2

Safety. I don't think its proximity to Liberty Plaza with all its problems bodes well for the space not just becoming a continuation.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Center of the City

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Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 23, 2019, 10:24 AM

Question 1

A big building that brings in lots of revenue that the city can use for affordable housing (which can then be built in a location where land is cheaper)

Question 2

What the hell does that even mean? I honestly can't parse the grammar and I'm in graduate school.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1

Experience a memorial: 1

Attend a conference: 1

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1

Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Drug users need a place to buy and use drugs. That's what Liberty Plaza is currently used for at least in part. My best friend was homeless and hung out there, was constantly approached for drugs, straight guys offering him oral, etc. Maybe we'll have more of that if we expand the plaza area! Hope that's what everyone had in mind! I'm all in favor of Food Not Bombs and a needle exchange, but I still think it would be smarter to bring in a bunch of \$ for the city with a giant building and use the funds for affordable housing.

Question 7

What does who what? This is not normal English.

Question 8

The user? The drug user I mentioned earlier?

Question 9

Users use, that's why they call them users

Question 10

High?

Question 11

The cops? They would know where everyone they were looking for was. Very convenient. It's the path between the transit center and Liberty Plaza, the 2 sketchiest places in town.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

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Question 14

If the questionnaires asked normal questions than non-pretentious people could understand. Also, "Latinx" people don't like being called that, according to surveys.

Brian Chambers

inside ward 3

November 23, 2019, 11:14 AM

Question 1

Inviting and relaxing open spaces large enough for large events, festivals, fairs, music, etc. Lots of trees. Rebuild main A2 District Library to be the "Knowledge Economy" city center. Have it with space for meetings and conferences. Include mixed-use housing, with a land-lease structure to keep rents affordable. Offer day care and other family services.

Question 2

Ann Arbor is one of the top 'tech-hubs' of the country (Bloomberg stat). The Knowledge Economy needs library services responsive to the equity challenges Ann Arbor is experiencing. New, modern library services that support start-ups and Millennial needs is important. A Civic Commons that supports events is strongly desired by advocates. Programming events could be taken on by the various organizations already doing festivals and art fairs.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Attending large festivals and events, going to the library and conferences.

Question 6

Young tech professionals, area youth and families with children

Question 7

Music, discussions, children, birds, squirrels, etc.

Question 8

dancing, banners, people gathering, meetings, conferences, people reading and hanging out.

Question 9

Actively participate in what there is to see and hear and do.

Question 10

Contentment -

Question 11

Already listed. Non-profits, social service organizations, etc.

Question 12

Create it with joint AADL programing, as well as with the arts and technology community.

Question 13

Seek Livable Cities and Smart Cities grants.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 23, 2019, 1:00 PM

Center of the City

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Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

"Come home to your apartment"
"Work in an office"
"Attend a conference"
You short sighted developers just can't quit can you....

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

- elected officials stop trying to silence any dissenting opinions.
- eliminate council closed sessions
- only person-to-person campaign contributions for city elections

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 23, 2019, 1:07 PM

Question 1

Affordable housing for people that work and live in Ann Arbor.

Question 2

Housing for the people.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4

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Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

There are many other places in Ann Arbor where these activities can take place. All of these activities would have been possible with the multi use apartment that was planned before the Prop 2 vote. Now none of them are really feasible without taxpayer funding.

Question 5

Parking an automobile. Paying for parking my automobile.

Question 6

People who live outside of downtown that need parking when they drive into the downtown area.

Question 7

Automobile traffic and exhaust noise.

Question 8

Automobiles.

Question 9

Park my automobile.

Question 10

Pure disappointment that this land could have been used for housing honest hard working Ann Arborites. Now people working downtown will continue to need to drive in from neighboring communities and require places to park.

Question 11

Motorcycles. They will require parking too. Concrete surfaces makes a

very durable parking surface.

Question 12

Revote and undo Prop 2.

Question 13

Yes, this is the dream of Alan Haber and it is unbelievable. Now a man that appears to not pay any Ann Arbor property taxes will have say about how Ann Arbor tax money is allocated. There are plenty of parks in Ann Arbor. This will never become a park or common. This is just an anti-development boondoggle.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 23, 2019, 1:14 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3

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Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

more parking

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inside ward 4
November 23, 2019, 1:55 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Center of the City

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Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

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inside ward 5

November 23, 2019, 2:32 PM

Question 1

My ideal commons is an active space that draws all members of the community throughout the day and evening. This space is open to the surrounding streetscapes and businesses making a seamless transition between the commons and surroundings. The commons should make the surrounding houses and businesses more desirable and active because they are all incorporated into the space.

The commons should be a logical thoroughfare for foot traffic and have features to welcome people to stop and stay.

There should be a retail space designed for rotating pop up commerce. This should include a storefront of sorts with the infrastructure to accommodate local stores and non-profits to host indoor & outdoor events. This could keep the place active without the need for the city to fund all of the events. This will also keep the commons active, welcoming, and exciting.

The popup space should have programming for the homeless and existing populations that are currently the main users of Liberty Plaza. However, keeping the space rotating will prevent the ostracizing of any of our populations.

The popup location should set aside weekly time for creatives to use the space for sharing their work. This could be music, theater, art, activities, etc.

If there is enough room a skate plaza would be ideal. Skate plazas are mixed use spaces that draw in a broad group of people of all ages.

Question 2

Areas like Harvard, Louisville, and even our own U of M diag inform my ideas.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2

Buy from a food vendor: 4

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2

Get help: 2

Work at an office: 2

Listen to live music: 4

Watch children at play: 3

Sit quietly and read a book: 3

Use a public rest room: 2

Visit the downtown library: 4

Attend a private/public celebration: 4

Skate on an ice rink: 2

Experience a water fountain: 2

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4

Learn about the city's history: 3

Attend a kid's program: 3

Catch the time at a clock tower: 1

Come home to your apartment: 3

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4

Experience a memorial: 2

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

If an ice rink is created please see what you can do to keep it cold enough to stay open all winter long. I love the rinks in the parks but they are too often closed to to warm weather.

Question 5

Shopping, playing with my kids, taking kids to daytime activities, going back with my wife for evening and nighttime activities that include music, expos, recreation, movies, lectures, protests and discussions.

Question 6

I hope that populations of all ages, race, gender, and socioeconomic status are drawn to this commons. Making it easy for businesses, non-profits, and artists, among others, to setup in the space will keep the patrons diverse and excited.

Question 7

Positive noises of all types.

Question 8

A mix of people engaged in activities and recreation.

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Center of the City

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Question 11

No response

Question 12

If the community commons has a board of directors or sorts that includes diverse leaders from communities that represent the entire population the space will be relevant for ever.

Question 13

Please include people of color and non-profits involved with the creation and design.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 23, 2019, 4:24 PM

Question 1

inviting, with public spaces, both indoor and outdoor, (e.g. an indoor performance space/meeting room, and varied outdoor gathering spaces such as an amphitheater section and an open section, and a section with seating) a place families can gather while children play (NOT a huge playground, but an accessible space places people of all ages can play), a place where groups can gather to share a meal, a place where you tell your friends to meet you and you can all be together, a place where non-profits can hold events, etc. etc. etc. I would NOT like to see any retail, including no coffee shops, etc, there are plenty of local businesses nearby to supply any retail need. The commons should have public restrooms (I realize this is difficult/expensive to maintain clean and safe, but it is extremely important to me that public spaces have public restrooms. Other cities do this, we can too!!) I want it to look inviting by design, while grass and landscaping could be part of the beauty, I realize trees can't really grow on top of a parking lot and am OK with other creative artistic design to make it look great. I want A2 Commons to be awesome, and lauded as an example of what a city commons can be.

Question 2

arts performances: e.g. concerts, plays, exhibits, etc
gatherings: my ideal commons is a place folks think is 'great' when planning where to meet and get together for a variety of group activities. including indoor areas for year round gatherings, and indoor activities (like meeting and performances, see above) and also open as well as shaded/rain protected outdoor areas where groups can gather (ideally these could be reservable, think 'picnic shelter' but more flexible, with

table and seating, could be benches, chairs, or something creative like big rocks or 'logs'), an example experience would be a place where a field trip or day camp could stop for lunch and 'recess', AND a place where folks getting off Michigan Flyer could wait for their ride, AND a place where a non-profit could hold a performance and/or a group picnic etc.
Must have public restrooms (I realize this is a serious challenge, but also a critically important part of a useable commons. Central Park in NYC has them, Downtown Chicago lake front has them, Ann Arbor City Center can too!)

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I think the entire thing should be public services/amenities. All retail can and should be from/by the many nearby restaurants, stores, etc. Same for housing and commercial office spaces. I think the Commons should a public space, an "urban park" with various amenities for use by the public, and NOT a 'mixed use' development'. I would love to see an indoor auditorium/meeting spaces etc. suitable for performances, conferences, etc. as well as outdoor spaces as above. Obviously there is some 'office' infrastructure needed to serve and maintain any permanent buildings structures like auditoriums, restrooms, 'conference center' rooms, etc., but there should not be any commercial business that is located in the park. I DO think internet both inside and outside is important. I would like to see any permanent building structure feature/include an indoor 'workspace' which would be an awesome year round offering: (think of how most coffee shops have become de facto work spaces, we really

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really need public space(s), with good internet, where a few people can meet to work on something together, to chat, or to work alone. Coffee, etc. should be allowed in the space, but it should not be a 'food court' or one coffee shop branded space, re just really need a public space, with wifi, where folks can gather. (the libraries have a few rooms, but they are not remotely enough! The downtown 'city center' really really needs more places where people can get together, year round, to work and talk, where folks can bring in their own coffee/lunch/dinner, or not. Also, just think how easy it is to meet there, with BTC across the street and parking right below, and easy walking distance from campus, Kerrytown, State St and Main St areas. This would be such a great addition to downtown!! Please!!)

Question 5

Everything I checked 1 above

Question 6

EVERYONE

Question 7

quiet conversation, joyful children, laughing friends

Question 8

people enjoying the Commons

Question 9

meet with friends, to go to a performance, talk, or meeting, or just to get together to chat

Question 10

welcome

Question 11

EVERYONE

Question 12

Make it somewhere people WANT to go to do something with others. Make it a shining example of COMMUNITY. (literally, where the city comes together)

Question 13

Our city does not have any public performance spaces other than the West Park Bandshell (and the basement of the Main Library, barely), that I can think of. We really really really need a 'municipal auditorium' and the typically associated parks and other parts of the complex, built for this

century. This Commons is perfectly located for a city owned building/complex with auditorium(s), meeting rooms, restrooms, indoor AND outdoor spaces for public gatherings. Please build us a wonderful space we can all use!

Question 14

More surveys like this that present an issue and give you room to explain/expound on your thoughts. Especially if it is before a 'done deal. PLUS some more immediate way of knowing you are heard, perhaps some interactive format (not sure what would be, maybe a discussion platform? where the city staff and/or council, as relevant, could engage directly with community?)

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inside ward 1

November 23, 2019, 7:12 PM

Question 1

Business & public space partnership

Question 2

I did not support the vote for a public commons. I don't believe there is a demand so close to Liberty Plaza and the UM Diag.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4

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Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 24, 2019, 12:19 AM

Question 1

Shade, many benches with backs, outdoor eatery like LeDog, flowers, maybe a fountain. In winter, if there is room, a place to skate. A place for kids to run around, if room. Perhaps arts and crafts for sale. Places for picnics.

Question 2

Picnicking, skating, as a senior just sitting and taking in nice surroundings. Enjoying children.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 1
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

I would like to see it relaxed without the memorials, lectures, programs that Ann Arbor is so prone to promoting. And what the heck does "get help" mean? So far I'm not terribly impressed with your taste in art, so no to the "sculpture."

Question 5

Relaxing, reading, meeting a friend and eating, walking, enjoying local crafts or art. Watching kids play, people skate.

Question 6

Everyone really, but it would be nice to have a place where seniors can sit down and relax, something you rarely (never?) seem to think about.

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Question 7

Birds, kids, people talking, laughter, traffic

Question 8

Trees, shade, flower gardens, benches, bird feeders, water fountains, kids, people, play space.

Question 9

Relax, read, eat, talk, smile!

Question 10

Hopefully peace

Question 11

I just can't get with your idea of an "audience. I A park should be for all and planned for all. Currently, seniors are often left out.

Question 12

Not on the spur of the moment

Question 13

Don't know yet

Question 14

Parking close to where I'm going that isn't in a lonely structure

Eric Thompson

inside ward 5

November 24, 2019, 6:33 AM

Question 1

My ideal commons provides much needed affordable housing to the city of Ann Arbor.

Question 2

Additional housing to help drive down housing prices throughout the rest of town.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4

Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

We need affordable housing and the y-lot is an ideal place for it.

Question 5

Visiting friends who can now afford to move to town because we built additional housing.

Question 6

Recent college graduates who want to start a life in Ann Arbor.

Question 7

The sounds of their apartment.

Question 8

The sights of their apartment.

Question 9

Whatever one wills.

Question 10

At home.

Question 11

Anyone who would like to move to Ann Arbor but cannot afford it.

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Question 12

Affordable housing.

Question 13

This whole situation has been a travesty and completely contrary to the idea of an open Ann Arbor that can be experienced by all. People who bought their houses years ago for pennies on the dollar are now turning around and rejecting that same experience for younger folks, under the guise of wanting to maintain the "charm" of the city. Disgusting and disheartening, when I moved to Ann Arbor I did so because I thought it was an inclusive environment, not just a place for people making hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. If I'd wanted that, I'd have moved to Oakland County. Do better, Ann Arbor.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 24, 2019, 10:12 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
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Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

This list is confusing and poorly thought out.

"Visit the downtown library" - won't this be true regardless?
"Experience a water fountain" - what does that even mean? Are you referring to a drinking fountain, a splash pad, an ornamental fountain, ...?
"Watch children at play" - other people's children? That sounds a little creepy.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Ann Arbor is facing a housing affordability crisis and a climate emergency. Any project for the center of the city - and especially, any project requiring public taxpayer funds to be spent - must address these

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challenges. (And please don't tell me that planting a few trees on top of a concrete parking structure is an effective way to address climate change.)

Beyond that, I don't really find this survey to be a useful or effective way to decide the future for a key city asset.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 24, 2019, 12:27 PM

Question 1

A tall building that provides low income renters a place to live close to work.

Question 2

It's not really needed. There are several great parks like West park that are under utilized.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

How is this going to be funded? The vote did not include how to raise funds for such a park?

Question 5

None that I can't do in any of the fantastic parks in ann arbor already.

Question 6

Homeless people selling newspapers for \$20

Question 7

Oh man I'm homeless but this newspaper for \$20

Question 8

Some guy following you for a few blocks trying to sell a 4 page piece of paper for \$20

Question 9

Leave to avoid getting harrassed

Question 10

Pressure to buy something they don't need

Question 11

The cops will be there sanitizing the area of above mentioned user.

Question 12

How is this going to be funded?

Question 13

Don't take money away from the other parks. This needs a revote because canvassers were telling people to vote yes on all props.student areas went for it but they do not pay taxes here.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 24, 2019, 4:08 PM

Question 1

Center of the City

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No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Buy from a food vendor: 1
Work at an office: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Attend a conference: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 24, 2019, 6:34 PM

Question 1

gardens.
project grow.
walking & sitting
gathering places
amphitheater for outdoor concerts

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
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Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Center of the City

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Question 5

No response

Question 6

senior citizens, visitors, children, citizens of ann arbor

Question 7

Music, running water, people chatting,

Question 8

Trees, gardens, people, good contemporary design

Question 9

meets friends, relaxes, connects with other people.

Question 10

Safe, happy, resourced, connected

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 24, 2019, 7:47 PM

Question 1

A mixed use building with affordable housing units that has some open space at the ground level

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 2

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2

Work at an office: 1

Listen to live music: 3

Watch children at play: 2

Sit quietly and read a book: 3

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 2

Attend a private/public celebration: 2

Skate on an ice rink: 4

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Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 2

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Everyone

Question 7

I don't think it's a good place for loud activities

Question 8

A building that has an open space to move through

Question 9

Passive uses

Question 10

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 24, 2019, 10:16 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 2

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Lisa Patrell

inside ward 5

November 24, 2019, 11:50 PM

Question 1

Center of the City

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Mostly hard-scaping with enough greenery to soften and be bee-butterfly friendly.. Always a water element. Small playground for toddlers. Several kinds of seating area: social and solitary, standard and versatile use, shaded and sunny. By ways so that it is a preferred way to walk-across town (connection to Liberty Plaza, which sunken feature makes it safe, as it discourages young children from running into traffic), as well as a pleasant loop to get in fitness steps during lunch break, smaller loops for kids within area of playground (this makes it easier from Moms with several children to supervise). Be longboard friendly for teens to commute via their boards. May be even basketball 1/2 court, whose back wall doubles as a movie screen in the summer. Pet's on leash are okay too. Bring food and drink into common space to eat, but none purchased on the premises. Water fountain, with dog spout needed.

Question 2

Piazzas of Italy's small towns; the city center park in Geneva with life-size chess pieces and board; Boston wharf development (location of ICA Museum), Domino Park in Brooklyn NY. Millenial Park in Chicago from the water fountain to the bean and green walkway to the Art Museum.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I see the the Commons as a gathering place for brief and somewhat extended time. Square footage should not be developed for commecial use, instead the surrounding retail should be supported food & drink and

incidental purchases.

Question 5

Reading. Cooling off in the summer. Meet-up place with friends their and to rendevous elsewhere. If I had grandkids, I would use it like used Liberty Square with my own. It was where we ate lunch, ran around a bit, and fed the sparrows before going to the library.

Question 6

Everyone. Family-friendly, Teen-Friendly, Solitary-friendly, Wheelchair friendly (tables should not have immoveable chairs without a space for a wheelchair to join others at the table).

Question 7

Daytime: Water Element spray.. Young Kids voices playing. Teens gldiing by on their boards. A group of friends meeting up. Two people playing guitar. An chime sculpture being played.

Evening: Water Spray. Repasse after dinner or movie couples talking
Some nights a movie on the exterior wall of the library.

Question 8

Daytime: Old friends sitting playing chess. A woman giving her dog a drink at the drinking fountain. Someone having lunch and reading a book. A pair in sneakers and office clothing getting their fitness steps in.

Evening: Quiet talk among couples. A casual game of basketball. Teens taking and laughing on the non-standard versatile seating structure (like the kind in Domino part that is vertical) in the winter: skating under twinkling lights.

Question 9

In the summer heat, takes a break to sit close to the fine spray of the water element and wet the soles of one's feet. In the evening, extend an outing with friends to chat awhile before heading home. Having morning coffee. Doing a ten minute qigong routine before heading back to work. Lunch break. Shopping break. Meet-up place to decide which movie. A route through down that gets one away from the auto traffic noise and hub-bub.

Read Kiosk for bands playing or other current events

Question 10

relaxed
anticipatory
happy
healthy

Question 11

Center of the City

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photographer, plein air painting, political teach-ins,
no commercial square footage, even game days and art fair.
all events should be public, no private events,
more unprogrammed days and hours than programmed in month.

Question 12

gathering group song night, carols during the holidays, other themes at other times. --not a performance a group participation event.

Question 13

connectivity to Liberty Square, the sunken park.
foot traffic (including longboards, wheelchairs) through middle, faster traffic (bicycles, scooters) on the perimeter pathways

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 25, 2019, 11:15 AM

Question 1

place for family and kids to enjoy downtown in a safe and secure environment. Play structure in the middle of downtown would be a great idea

Question 2

similar to the Fountain area in the Michigan Quad for events such as top of the park,

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3

Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

the park should be dedicated to kids. there is no play structure in the immediate vicinity (except for a few activities in the library)

Question 5

benches where i can sit down and watch kids socialize

Question 6

families, children

Question 7

music, sound of water (fountains), a maybe sounds of nature definitely not car horns, traffic.

Question 8

lively, kids and families having a good time.

Question 9

childrens activities

Question 10

sense of belonging to the city. right now too many people just work, eat and leave.
also, this should be a place which can be used year-round, in warm and cold weather conditions.

Question 11

senior citizens, art lovers

Question 12

Yes, please ensure there is enough security in this commons area. i wouldnt mind paying an entry fees to ensure it is safe for families.

Question 13

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

please dont turn this commons area into another Liberty plaza. the plaza is inhabited by bums, drug addicts, alcoholics,etc. everytime i walk by that plaza, there is horrible smell of weed and alcohol. i have to cross the street with my kids. i cannot believe the city does not pay any attention to the upkeep, cleanliness and security of the Liberty Plaza.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 25, 2019, 11:15 AM

Question 1

The ideal commons would replace the Post Office/Federal building. This allows for bigger trees than a park over the Library Lot. The Library Lot could then be developed as a building and the old YMCA lot could be dedicated to public transportation at street level with a building above. More offices/residential downtown with a nice park for everyone.

Question 2

Green open space. Places to sit and walkways.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

I would like to see some kind of focus on the challenge of our time, climate change. Without token solar panels and the like. Something that is solemn and makes one think about it. It should have the moral weight of a war memorial.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Caroline B Smith

inside ward 4

November 25, 2019, 1:38 PM

Question 1

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

A large open space with areas for children to play on playground equipment, many benches and places for people to sit and relax (with chair dividers if necessary) walking paths to connect all the nearby parks and streets, mature deciduous trees and low evergreens to bring nature to the middle of town, plenty of grass, an area that could accommodate performance art and tables and chairs for lunches and games.

Question 2

Many large and small European towns and many towns in the US promote activity and circulation by having diverse areas of open space in their downtown, away from traffic yet close to shopping. Daily use is for shoppers coming TO the area from neighborhoods and those who work or live downtown who want to get outdoors without having to walk the streets all the time or pay to sit at an outdoor restaurant with traffic whizzing by.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
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Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I would avoid the commercial and concentrate on the respite potential.

Question 5

Resting between shopping excursions. Meeting friends and chatting. As one becomes "more mature" it is important to have a place to pause and revive.

Question 6

Seniors, families with children, office and commercial workers, downtown residents, visitors to the city, concert attendees, holiday celebrations by various groups

Question 7

Not a whole lot unless there is a planned event.
Birds and the rustling of leaves would be perfect and maybe falling water.

Question 8

Green space, places to sit, other people, paths, playground equipment, perhaps a fountain with a pool

Question 9

For myself it would be sitting and reviving from shopping. For others, all of the above mentioned activities.

Question 10

Tranquility and community.

Question 11

All of the above.

Question 12

The vision in my head is of what I have described. I'm sure there are many other ideas that are viable. I would avoid buildings, as such, and secluded spots. I see it as OPEN green space, with a view from Fifth Ave across to South Division. It is not a huge piece of land, and it doesn't need to be tarted up with all sorts of kiosks or incidentals.

Question 13

Keep it simple, keep it green, provide space to sit, provide some shade.

Question 14

I'm OK with what's available.

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 25, 2019, 8:19 PM

Question 1

A gathering place for people, start of marathons and place for community and holiday events.

Center of the City

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Question 2

City park similar to the town center in downtown Dexter.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 4
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Keep it non-commercial - no vendors, etc.

Question 5

Start of a 5K, Place for other events, respite for art fair and other event attendees.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Brick walkways, bricks donated by individuals

Question 13

No response

Question 14

More realistic, less nonsensical questions.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 26, 2019, 9:42 AM

Question 1

A commons space needs be anchored on 3 sides with areas of high foot traffic. I don't want an open space that turns into a hangout where families and others don't feel safe in approaching. This is a risk with this area because it's right next to a large bus station and a parking garage. There needs to be restaurants and businesses integrated with a commons area to keep lots of activity and foot traffic on a daily basis.

Question 2

Have visited many US and international cities with city parks and public spaces, background and education in public health, interest in built environment and how it influences human behavior.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1

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Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

An area that has lots of restaurants for outdoor seating with some open area in the middle that could be used for events, city activities, relaxing, working on a computer, drinking a coffee.

Question 6

Young professional - space to eat/drink coffee, and work on a computer and meet in small groups.

Question 7

Activity, talking, peaceful bustle of people eating, working, playing and communicating.

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Bring their family in the evenings, work in the daytime, meet others working in the city for meals or meetings. Spend time on weekends, shop with family.

Question 10

Activity mostly, but sometimes quiet space.

Question 11

Children - outdoor seating at restaurants would be lovely, maybe a tiny park with a couple of small play structures (Barcelona has these throughout the city and they are great!)-doesn't need to be a huge playground because there are plenty of those in the area.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

please make sure that the design will include elements that are in use at all times of the day and attract lots of foot traffic so that people are actually using this space.

Question 14

I like the surveys. Phone interviews would work too!

Presentations at local coffee shops or other businesses would be great too. This is where people frequent so they are comfortable going there to interact with the City.

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 26, 2019, 1:44 PM

Question 1

With greenery, benches, play areas for young children, restrooms, bike storage spots, parking nearby for handicapped, access to nearby streets and stores.

Question 2

European city parks.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

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Question 5

meeting friends and chatting on benches

Question 6

children, adults

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

more availability

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 26, 2019, 7:08 PM

Question 1

A place for children to play in the center of the city. Downtown is very adult/student oriented and doesn't have a dedicated outdoor space for families/children.

Please do not make another Liberty Plaza.

Question 2

Playground, splash pad, etc.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 4

Use a public rest room: 4

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 1

Attend a kid's program: 1

Catch the time at a clock tower: 2

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2

Experience a memorial: 4

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Please make sure the space is activated (or at least has the potential to be, such as a playground or fountain). "Places to sit and relax or read a book" will likely end with the same undesirable atmosphere as Liberty Plaza.

Question 5

Families, kids, students, etc. all enjoying active uses (ice skating, swingset/playground, fountain, splash pad, etc.). Having a place to spend some time in between stores or museums.

Look to Detroit as a model on how they have successfully activated their public spaces (Campus Martius, Cadillac Square, Beacon Square, etc.); areas that were once dead and undesirable and are now destinations.

Question 6

Children, families, students, seniors. As long as people move through the space (and don't sleep on the benches or urinate in the common space (as with Liberty Plaza) then I think the space could be well used by residents (the people who actually pay taxes for it's development and upkeep).

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Question 7

Kids playing and laughing, music over outdoor speakers.

Question 8

Movement. Not just people sleeping on benches and "hanging out".

Question 9

Enjoy quality outdoor time with others.

Question 10

Safe. A comfortable place to spend time with their family. Basically the opposite of Liberty Plaza.

Question 11

I think if the City doesn't put enough thought into activating the space, there is a strong likelihood that it will turn into Liberty Plaza Part 2, with a strong presence of panhandling, petty theft, inappropriate behavior, etc.

Question 12

Keep it simple. No need to spend years studying, planning, spending money etc. to come up with an original idea when we can already see what works well in other cities (city center ice rinks, splash pads or fountains, downtown playgrounds, etc.). The sooner the City implements something functional, the better chance at resident buy in.

Question 13

Please please please address the problems with Liberty Plaza as well, so the residents will have confidence in the ability for the City to develop a Commons that will be successful destination.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 26, 2019, 8:26 PM

Question 1

An indoor play structure with a cafe and bar.

Question 2

Having a kid

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2

Buy from a food vendor: 2

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3

Get help: 3

Work at an office: 2

Listen to live music: 3

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 2

Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 3

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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2

Learn about the city's history: 2

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Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

A playground and affordable housing would be ideal.

Question 5

Having a playground for my kids.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

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Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Seth Peterson

inside ward 5

November 27, 2019, 10:40 AM

Question 1

It has people in it. People, especially children, are there whether there is an official event or not. It is a spectacle, a place that must be seen if visiting Ann Arbor, but it is also home to the mundane activities of daily living. The reason Liberty Plaza is such a fail is not due to lack of policing, but a poorly designed space--it is not a destination, nor is it even on the way to a destination. It is an urban eddy that the daily life of the city passes by. Providing a sidewalk through Liberty Plaza that just cut the corner between Liberty and Division would provide an opportunity for more life (though the lack of destination along Division is also an issue there).

Question 2

Street markets(food trucks or news stands), Piazzas with buskers, a *special* playground a la the Omaha slides or the City Museum of St. Louis--not just some stock playground equipment for vagrants to vandalize or use as a bathroom.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
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Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Unless you can actually climb up in it and get cool views of the city or it has a giant slide, don't build another useless tower. Clock tower (boring, plus there are already two of those in town) is a recipe for failure. Love the idea of an ice rink, but given the warming climate it is not worth the money to build and maintain. Please no memorials--needs to be a fun place to visit.

Question 5

Passing through on my way to the Library or post office or hanging out and having something to eat while the kids play before or after hitting the library.

Question 6

Downtown residents, though I think attracting children is the key to success.

Question 7

Kids playing, the wind in the trees, buskers

Question 8

People going about their business, people having fun, people gathering for any number of reasons.

Question 9

Everything and nothing.

Question 10

Awe at the spectacle that has been created. Go big or go home.

Question 11

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Any one who visits Ann Arbor--there is a definite need of a spectacle to activate the space or it's a fail.

Question 12

Spectacle, spectacle, spectacle.

Question 13

Nothing you create on top of the parking garage other than a building is going to be successful--just by its location, it is a dead zone. Put the library and/or a new bus depot and/or city hall there and use the sites of the old library and/or old city hall and/or old bus depot for an actual park with earth under it in a more active space.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

November 27, 2019, 10:55 AM

Question 1

I am concerned that this area is too small to accommodate a large number of people. Activities should be to scale with the area.

Question 2

Small urban parks.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
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Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
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Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No

Question 5

Stop to take a rest.

Question 6

Senior citizens, children.

Question 7

Music, conversation.

Question 8

Trees and grass.

Question 9

Rest, read, sit and talk.

Question 10

Safe and protected.

Question 11

Office workers taking a lunch break.

Question 12

My principal consideration regarding the Commons on William and Fourth streets is that it should serve children of up to twelve years of age. Games that provide opportunities for learning skills in the outdoors could help to prepare the children for the more sophisticated games and projects in the public library across the street, and eventually for the nature trips that will enhance their interest in the natural environment. Tending to plants and animals would be the best introduction to significant resources both within and beyond the city limits. U-M would be a factor as well in educating children about the open spaces close to buildings, like the Arb and conservatories. Mentors on the Commons would benefit in several ways from their interaction with the children and the growing plants and play areas for (some) animals.
I certainly endorse reading aloud from stories old and new, as happens in

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the libraries. The more that children and older athletes and experts can work and play together, the better. The Commons could be divided into differing areas or spaces with fixed hours. The pleasures of engagement with the world will no doubt lead to opportunities to institute dynamic changes into the play areas, as surprises for the children and as exciting new opportunities for exercising minds and bodies.

Question 13

No.

Question 14

Updates from our city councilperson.

Name not shown

inside ward 3

November 27, 2019, 3:11 PM

Question 1

Open area, shade from trees, benches to sit on, a fountain.

Question 2

Plazas visited in Europe.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
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Skate on an ice rink: 2
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Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No.

Question 5

A place to rest and relax.

Question 6

All citizens.

Question 7

Laughing people, chatting people, flowing water, birds.

Question 8

Other people of all ages, dogs, pigeons, sparrows, trees, benches, squirrels.

Question 9

Hangs out with a friend, eats lunch, reads, people-watching.

Question 10

Relaxed.

Question 11

All people.

Question 12

No.

Question 13

It would make our downtown so much more human-friendly!

Question 14

Parking!

Name not shown

outside wards

November 28, 2019, 12:36 PM

Question 1

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A space with a built-in venue for performances, similar to the city park in downtown Grand Rapids in nice weather, and an ice rink in the winter (like downtown Detroit's Campus Martius, in Dexter, at Millenium Park in Chicago, in the downtown park in Lexington, KY. Many cities have a similar design of public space. The space would also have places for people to sit and watch the activities going on. Look at Millenium Park as a great example of all that the commons should offer.

Question 2

My own travel to many cities and using the parks mentioned above, including listening to music, ice skating, using restroom facilities, getting food/beverages have made me see the value of these spaces. Additionally, seeing the throngs of people who come to Sonic Lunch in the summer at Liberty Plaza. If there is an engaging scheduled activity, people will attend (even if there are homeless community members there).

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

The space should be for a community to come together or to enjoy the assets of a city. Given what the voters has indicated for Ann Arbor, it does not need to serve as a location for an private office/company/corporation/conference space.

Question 5

Listening to live music or other performances, ice skating, reading, eating lunch, meeting friends.

Question 6

Children seem like an obvious group of users if there is something interactive for them, or a place for a story hour as the neighbor to the downtown library.

Question 7

Books being read, music, laughter of other kids.

Question 8

Other people; flowers, bandshell/stage/ ice rink, etc.

Question 9

See above.

Question 10

Happy to be around other people; part of a community sharing in a common experience.

Question 11

Senior citizens, local business people, guests to our city/tourists, UM students, street people.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Why is there so much resistance to this idea in our community when so many others, large and small in size, have embraced this concept? In most locations, a central park/community space is one of the highlights to the city experience. Again, I refer to Campus Martius, Millenium Park, the park in downtown Grand Rapids and in Lexington, KY. These are clearly well-used spaces that engage most people who find themselves in the vicinity. The city could reap the benefits of keeping people in the downtown area longer by having a desirable place to be. Benefits to businesses via more food/beverage consumption in local restaurants, more people lingering to shop downtown, etc.

Question 14

No response

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Scott McWhinney

inside ward 1

November 29, 2019, 3:43 PM

Question 1

Open. Light. Grass. Flowers. Fountain. Space. Trees. Easy access. Music presentations. Area/stage for presentations either permanent or available. With electricity for outdoor concerts. Some spaces available for food and beverage vendors. Places to sit and enjoy it all. Benches along the perimeter or intelligently placed within the space. Some area also with a roof for people to gather in the event of rain.

Question 2

The grassy area used by the Ann Arbor Summer Festival's Top of the Park, but available for the community from April until October for outside events, concerts, presentations, etc. (Obviously would still be there November to March but please don't put a skating rink in there. Thank you.)

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Music and entertainment of all kinds for Ann Arborites to listen to and enjoy in a lovely space.

Question 6

Ann Arborites of all ages.

Question 7

Good music of all kinds. Jazz, blues, folk, soul, R&B, funk, international, acoustic, rock and roll, country, etc.

Question 8

Grass. Flowers. Trees. A stage where the music and events are taking place. Areas to sit and relax and enjoy it all. Also an area with a roof to find respite under for shade on sunny days and rain on stormy days.

Question 9

Listen. Play. Appreciate beauty. Celebrate. Have fun. Collaborate. Dance. Drum. Sing. Wag ones tail.

Question 10

Joy. Fun. Community. Safe. Appreciation. Ease of use.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 29, 2019, 3:45 PM

Question 1

a public space that provides a park/plaza

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Question 2

If you mean what other public spaces have I enjoyed?
public space in Bryant Park behind the main library in NYC
The downtown park in Pennsylvania Park in Petoskey, Michigan
Market Square in Knoxville, TN
many Cities in Europe

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
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Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

no

Question 5

having a snack at a café and watching ice skating or listening to a concert or other performance.

Question 6

parents

Question 7

listening to a children's concert

Question 8

a temporary art display

Question 9

have a snack while watching ice skating or looking at a fountain

Question 10

pleased, relief from concrete of downtown

Question 11

seniors, visitors, workers on break,

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Garret Potter

inside ward 1

November 29, 2019, 4:40 PM

Question 1

An ideal commons would include trees, lawns or low maintenance living ground-cover, picnic tables, a water fountain, lamps and lamp posts along pedestrian paths, bicycle parking, and maybe a small rain garden or duck pond for drainage/runoff collection/filtration. My ideal would involve changing the existing metered parking spots along the thoroughfare/street/lane--changing them to 30 minute limit unpaid spots. The parking garage is available for anyone who wants to park for a longer duration. Shorter term free parking could be a huge help to people who just need a few minutes to meet up with someone in the commons, take a quick break, or decide where to go next.

Question 2

I think of Portland's Laurelhurst Park or New York's Central Park when I imagine an outdoor city commons. I think of urban parks in Philadelphia and Asheville where people gather, kids play, and people get reprieve from the noise, concrete, and commotion of the city. I have benefited from getting to utilize green spaces/parks/commons such as Laurelhurst

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Park. I was delighted to have a chance to enjoy all that it offered: free short term parking, lamp-lit pedestrian paths, water fountains and public restrooms, sitting benches and picnic benches, lawns to sit, rest, read, or picnic, trees and a pond to be in a bit of nature, and more. Another prominent example is Portland's Holladay Park, which is adjacent to two light rail train lines, the urban shopping mall, and the movie theater. It is a one square block park that provides the same services I have mentioned above. It is a great service to the city.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
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Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

This small block can't be everything at once. The city has great places to do most of the above. Since we didn't build the affordable housing that was proposed, we would benefit from making this location a green city center park.

Question 5

A downtown, city center green space is an excellent addition--a place where people can gather informally and all people (working people, people living outside, patrons of the bus/TheRide, tourists, and families) can get reprieve from the noise, concrete, and commotion of the city--if even for a moment to breathe, collect their thoughts, and move on. The closest substantial green spaces are West Park or the Diag. But, this specific block connects the Blake Transit Center, AADL, Public Parking, USPS, and more. It is within close reach of City Hall, the Courthouse, the

Delonis Center, local businesses, the University, places of worship, and tourist attractions. Just having a space to pause on bike, foot, or park for a few minutes, can help people pause to make better decisions. A green, spacious place to pause is what I imagine.

Question 6

All people--working people, people living outside, patrons of the bus/TheRide, tourists, families...everyone.

Question 7

Of course there will be the sounds of vehicles, traffic, and pedestrians on the surrounding streets, but there will be less noise pollution on this block, more trees to dampen the noise, more quiet, and the potential to hear their own thoughts.

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

I encourage those who will be making the final choices to look at Portland's Laurelhurst Park and Holladay Park as examples for beneficial Community Commons in high traffic urban centers, such as the Library lot.

Question 13

Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss my above comments or continue the conversation.

Question 14

Please keep utilizing ways to connect via Nextdoor, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and e-mail. Thank you.

Cheryl Pelava
inside ward 5

Center of the City

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November 29, 2019, 6:51 PM

Question 1

I would like to see some sort of designed space with congregated seating and a stage style space for performance — it doesn't have to be big to be functional. I like "in the round" seating. Maybe the centered stage could be multi-purposed for say a holiday tree, or a skating area— not sure if the area is big enough for that. It should have winding paths and specimen trees (native species) or maybe showcase botanical displays from U of M gardens?? It should have some capability to display information (directional, historical about Ann Arbor and the purpose of the park, and also useful educational and cultural information of the moment). Above all, it should not be high cost, but Should be modern and in a "plain" style heartening back to a midwestern town feel.

Question 2

I've lived here most of my life and my memorable anchoring experiences are sharing common experience between traditions of town and university: teach-ins, concerts, co-ops, civic events. I want a place that will support and encourage greater involvement of the people with each other and with their government.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Listening to music; bringing friends together for a chat/ sip a latte/ check information board

Question 6

Citizen groups in conference or training— children, university-town projects, job recruiters, seniors, protesters

Question 7

Don't understand the question

Question 8

See above answers—

Question 9

See above answers

Question 10

Safe, belonging, supported, welcomed.

Question 11

See above

Question 12

Not now, but I'd be interested to share idea in the future

Question 13

Not now

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 29, 2019, 7:34 PM

Question 1

Green. Free. Quiet .Benches. Recycle bins. Turn off your cell phones

Question 2

In all civilized cities I've Lived in in the US and abroad, parks exist in the

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midst of concrete and traffic and commerce.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Given the size of the lot and its proximity to shops and restaurants and access to wifi, a green space devoid of the aforementioned is a simple need

Question 5

Read meditate smell flowers be still. Take a break away from the hub a bub

Question 6

Senior citizens, office workers needing a break from their computer screens, customer service personnel needing a break from money transactions

Question 7

Hopefully not much as this space is designed for peace and quiet . Birds are welcome to sing

Question 8

Plants . Birds park benches

Question 9

Nothing. Sit. Detach from noise and commerce

Question 10

Serenity

Question 11

People who are tired and need a place to sit and rest

Question 12

A no cell phone zone which means no gaming, selfies, online shopping

Question 13

No more cement and mortar. Otherwise put a sign up Ann Arbor is for sale

Question 14

I rarely go downtown. It's a city most unfriendly to persons with disabilities. I would engage more if there was parking, accessible recycling, More food street vendors selling reasonably priced food. It's cheaper to eat in NYC and the food is way better

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 29, 2019, 7:51 PM

Question 1

A topiary, garden hedged maze with benches and a fountain activated by human engagement like in Asheville NC, lots of trees and hopscotch and a mosaic in the ground of the signs of the zodiac

Question 2

Traveling in Asheville NC and their beautiful central square

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1

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Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Visiting with friends by the fountain

Question 6

children first then seniors and the general populace.

Question 7

Chimes, water splashing

Question 8

lots of beauty greens and water

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Safe and entertained

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 30, 2019, 3:56 AM

Question 1

Safe and affordable housing for the County.

Question 2

Working with Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence who need safe and affordable housing after a traumatic experience is often rare to obtain in the County due to limited income after many times being financially dependent on their Assailant.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

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Those checked as #1 and #2 will be nice additions to consider around the safe and affordable housing that is so desperately needed in the County.

Question 5

Those that are checked #1 and #2 above.

Question 6

Homeless People in the County - Men, Women, Youth, Children, Seniors, Veterans, Individuals, Families, Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Disabled, etc.

Question 7

Quietness!

Question 8

Help, Assistance, Referrals, Resources, etc.

Question 9

Sleep, Rest and Relax, Eat, Fellowship with others in the Commons.

Question 10

Safety and Security! Peace and Harmony!

Question 11

Same as stated earlier - Homeless People in the County - Men, Women, Youth, Children, Seniors, Veterans, Individuals, Families, Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Disabled, etc.

Question 12

Eradicating the Homelessness in Washtenaw County and ending the generational curse in our future generation.

Question 13

The need is huge and affordable housing is the key to safety in the County, reducing crime, etc.

Question 14

Surveys, Phone Calls, etc.

Name not shown

inside ward 4

November 30, 2019, 11:24 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

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Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 30, 2019, 11:37 AM

Question 1

The Commons becomes a place to hold public events on topics of great interest to the community. I would like to see an amphitheater with a stage built on the site. The way to build this would be to build a new Library on the site that is capable of supporting a gathering of large numbers of people.

Question 2

I would like to see speakers, politicians, public servants and policy experts speak on a wide range of topics of concern to the public. I would like an environment where non-profit groups could secure space to hold events at low cost for the benefit of the public. The Michigan Theater and the University of Michigan currently have such meeting spaces but are not open to the public to host events to community members.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Serve all Ann Arbor residents by creating space to host events in all types of weather conditions year-round.

Question 7

Speakers, music, talk, movies, plays.

Question 8

seats, chairs, tables, stage, movie screen, food preparing and eating.

Question 9

Participate in events of various types involving large groups of people.

Question 10

A sense of community.

Question 11

No response

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Question 12

We need to create a space that is available to non-profit community groups at minimal charge to hold events on topics of great interest to the community. While space is available in Ann Arbor already, that space is controlled by groups who have a different mission and scope of concern than a public space open to community non-profits. In short, that space is already spoken for. With free parking on Sundays, low-cost events to the public would be available at the Library Lot.

Question 13

Many people are still smarting from the loss of the Core Spaces project that was slated for the site. The claim is that due to the high cost of rent, the city should not be holding up or disallowing the housing that was planned for the site. This view is very myopic since the amount of housing at stake would have been a very small fraction of the housing needed to deal with Ann Arbor's housing affordability crisis. The housing crisis is mainly caused by the University of Michigan's average annual enrollment increases of 700 additional students per year for the last 10 years. We need public space that can be used by the public to make what housing that is available a rich and stimulative place to be. What we need is space to hold events that can be hosted by a wide variety of non-profit, community based groups on a wide range of topics of interest to the community.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 30, 2019, 4:34 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

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Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 30, 2019, 7:59 PM

Question 1

Affordable housing!

Question 2

More parking!!

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 2

November 30, 2019, 9:34 PM

Question 1

Very quiet, very grassy large open space, some trees, the occasional park bench, the occasional flower bed, maybe a babbling brook running through, definitely rubblestone walls all around. Preferably a steeple / bell tower visible just outside the stone wall.

Question 2

Just what they have in Cirencester, Glos. UK

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Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Surprised you ask what I think others should do, not how I would like to use the area.

Question 5

Enjoying quiet greenspace.

Question 6

Homeless

Question 7

Other homeless folks fighting

Question 8

Despair

Question 9

Kill time

Question 10

Cold

Question 11

Workers on lunch, but only a few minutes a day in nice, warm weather.

Question 12

Indoor swimming pool

Question 13

no

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 1

November 30, 2019, 9:37 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 3
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3

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Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

November 30, 2019, 10:51 PM

Question 1

A welcoming, public space, visually attractive with rotating public art displays, places to sit and visit with other people or just observe the scene. It has outdoor spaces and other, more sheltered locations. All spaces are open to the public and universally accessible. It is busy regardless of the season. To the extent possible, as seasonally appropriate, it includes green, growing things: trees, shrubs, plantings, flowers, etc.

Question 2

The experiences include opportunities to sit quietly in solitude or in conversation, to people watch, to see children and others in active play or engaged in a chess match. There is wifi access so that people might check their email and there are occasional performances by either solitary "buskers" or organized theater or musical groups.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Some of these activities seem inconsistent with a public urban park and civic center (e.g. apartments, offices, conferences and stores). Other options may all be accommodated but not simultaneously (live music and sitting quietly).

Question 5

Enjoying public art, either fixed/permanent or temporary installations;

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watching children at play; meeting with friends; sitting quietly to read or access online content.

Question 6

Senior citizens.

Question 7

The splash of a fountain, the sounds of children playing in the water or on a play structure, a string quartet playing classical music, and in winter, the sounds of ice skate blades on an ice rink.

Question 8

They see people of all ages enjoying the open space together. Families, young adults and their fellow senior citizens.

Question 9

They can sit and watch or, if they are able, participate directly in the activities.

Question 10

They feel a sense of community. They belong. They feel safe.

Question 11

Performing groups will find opportunities to present theater, dance and/or live music.

Question 12

The neighboring businesses and organizations should be encouraged (perhaps even subsidized) to physically re-orient towards the new public spaces. The City/DDA should actively engage with the adjacent property owners/occupants to create a synergy between all the residents of the Library Block.

Question 13

I hope that you will stay true to the Charter Amendment and not be led astray by those who seek to divert the City from the vision for a central, public urban park and civic center approved by the voters in November 2018.

Question 14

No response

Elizabeth Trudeau

inside ward 1

December 2, 2019, 9:50 AM

Question 1

An open space that is large enough to allow for mixed uses and temporary setups for events. But also a space that includes a dedicated space for children and adults to play and to meet basic needs (i.e. restrooms).

Question 2

I've lived in New York City for a number of years and have traveled to places in the states and Europe that have a range of common open spaces.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 2
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 3
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

I do not see an option to select a place for water play, something like the fountain in Partridge Creek shopping area in Clinton Township, MI. I feel like the small space we are considering could easily add such a feature along with a stage for performances.

We cannot make such a small space do all of the items listed above. I feel that in order to accommodate any of the listed activities that are retail-oriented, we'd need more building around the perimeter of the site to allow for open store/cafe/office/dwellings surrounding the block. If we want to have an active and healthy commons, where people want to go

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and spend money, we need the buildings for the activities to be facing the commons.

Question 5

Attending a performance, watching children play in a fountain/playscape, supporting our local nonprofits/library doing pop-up events, and definitely visiting the library as the downtown branch is my home branch. I'm unsure why "come home to your apartment" and "work at an office" are listed, but if this space is allowing for that, I'm 100% for more people having access to the downtown core area.

Question 6

Children. Specifically those not served by Neutral Zone.

Question 7

Everything. And I'm okay with that because it sparks great conversations to talk about what they overhear.

Question 8

A cross section of our community and visitors.

Question 9

Hopefully they come to meet friends and have a dedicated downtown play area that is more lively than our pocket parks where most visits have no other children present for impromptu playtime. If a splash pad - type of play structure is created, in cold weather, that area would still be available for play. They'd also attend activities hosted by the library and partners (such as AAHOM and Leslie Science Center, University of Michigan Museums, etc.)

Question 10

Excited to be involved in a space that welcomes them and incorporates them into a larger space than a subsection of a park.

Question 11

Adults looking to take a break, for example - people who gather for events such as Sonic Lunch.

The elderly who live nearby who enjoy people watching.
University of Michigan community and visitors (potential students/faculty).

Question 12

I think that question puts too much pressure on one small section of town. I think that this taskforce should work closely with University of Michigan to compliment the already fantastic gathering spaces we have on campus and with the DDA to make events go beyond the borders of

this one block. Why wouldn't we want to close streets (even Main Street) and make events happen from Main to the Library? Teamwork on such big ideas of creating a lasting legacy are what we need, not a myopic look at one city block.

Question 13

Good luck to you. This is a big challenge and I think this concept is way larger than the area defined at the beginning of this survey. We cannot have a plaza, park, and most of the items listed in activities all together, and while I know I'm stating the obvious, I'm not sure how this space can become something great for everyone just yet.

Question 14

I think the city is doing a great job of getting information out to people. I pay attention, so no change needed for me. Thanks for all that you do.

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inside ward 1

December 3, 2019, 10:20 AM

Question 1

Has both a park aspect, with trees, winding (not overly gridlike) paths and performance areas; and an indoor area where meetings can be held and arts pursued, including a stage area. Prefer at least some warm/earth colors and shapes that vary from boxlike. This can encourage creative thinking and a sense of social/intellectual adventure within a warm/safe space. Open to all who abide by good boundaries. A place for both play/rest and seeking creative solutions (and that can include some education re affordable housing, why it's so difficult to create, and how one might work around the system that makes it so). A place where people interact directly more of the time than through devices; more like cafes used to be before laptops and smartphones.

Question 2

Not sure what's meant here- experiences in my own past? I have much experience participating in and coordinating small groups of creative artists in a manner that's cooperative rather than hierarchical. I see countless examples daily of how people can manage themselves without any hierarchy other than one of skill and experience to be respected or a natural ability to coordinate and lead benevolently. Experiences with the group creating the Commons have strongly supported the sense of what it could be; also the more loosely-woven community that used to exist in the "Technology Center" on Huron/Washington/Third pre-2003.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

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Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Most sound very good. Would prefer no tall buildings like clock towers. I'm aware that affordable housing is being asked for; could picture a caretaker, for example, maybe a few residences but not a big development for that purpose (maybe some more in the sense of the old YMCA- might be best to tie it to a "job" of some sort in connection with the Commons). The reasons for housing problems are such that we need a good space to create viable/benevolent alternatives from, and this could include places to work on that. I would include "studios" as well as offices; art space that's affordable; a common area for display and performance.

Question 5

Possibly performing, leading a discussion, teaching. Definitely participating in some hosted by others. Gathering with friends or being there on my own reading or dreaming, etc.

Question 6

Mixed audiences of all ages and backgrounds for most things

Question 7

Conversation, music, sounds of children playing, fountain/water, leaves, somewhat muffled sound of city traffic and pedestrians

Question 8

Trees, other plants, some paths that wind, performance area(s), eventually a building, dome structures, some warm/earth tones as well as paler ones. Humans, city animals, etc. Ice rink, water, fountain.

Question 9

Relax, read, talk with friends and strangers, attend performances, workshops, classes, etc.

Question 10

Relaxed, excited about possibilities, a sense of adventure and opening doors, good boundaries when desired while also a friendliness.

Question 11

Visitors from other parts of the state, nation and world can be included in the audience described. Special groups (people/children with special needs).

Question 12

Leave a lasting legacy: Communicate about it; eventually a book; maybe a website. Social media okay but not as effective in some ways (too linear and too random).

Question 13

Thank you for all your great work!

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

outside wards

December 3, 2019, 11:48 AM

Question 1

Campus Martius Park in Detroit

Question 2

Campus Martius Park in Detroit

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2

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Get help: 4
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Ice rink is very interesting

Question 5

Special events and food.

Question 6

Young families

Question 7

Background music, people talking, children running and laughing

Question 8

Other families and children, young adults, empty nesters, groups of friends, visitors from out of town

Question 9

Spend an evening or afternoon there with family to eat and play - like a year round Top of The Park

Spring/Summer - sand beach
Fall/Winter - ice rink

Question 10

Community, energy, fun, happy

Question 11

All ages and life stages

Question 12

An event schedule and Facebook page

Question 13

Don't just make it a static park. Have eating options available and special events for families year round.

Question 14

More of these surveys!

Matthew Raphael

outside wards

December 3, 2019, 3:11 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 2
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 3
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

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Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Don't sell out to commercialized business.
Keep it for the people, zone that businesses not be chains.

Question 5

Enjoying nature; watching artists practice unique artforms, seeing people organize around social values ; providing unregulated services

Question 6

Families and peoples

Question 7

Music birds squirrels foot traffic children

Question 8

Artists if all kinds , soccial space for community organization

Question 9

All the above

Question 10

Free and at ease

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Don't sell out

Question 14

No response

George Hoffmann

inside ward 5
December 3, 2019, 3:15 PM

Question 1

People gathering not having to purchase anything

Question 2

Parks and public spaces in other towns

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Reading

Question 6

Retirees

Question 7

conversations and kids playing

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Question 8

Art, grass, people

Question 9

People watch

Question 10

Connection

Question 11

Highschoolers

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

December 3, 2019, 11:06 PM

Question 1

It would be like the town squares found in many small towns, i.e. It would have trees for shade, park benches, picnic tables, & maybe a bandstand.

Question 2

I have been in a number of small towns that had town squares that were very pleasant places to spend some time while visiting a town.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No.

Question 5

I would use this primarily when I am in town for some event, like the Art Fair, Rolling Sculpture Car Show, Michigan Theater or Hill Auditorium event, or when shopping or eating downtown.

Question 6

I would expect the general population of Ann Arbor & visitors of the city to be the users of the commons.

Question 7

I would expect occasional concerts & other events, but primarily I would expect it to be like a small town square, where people can take a break from whatever they are doing & enjoy some open space in the sun or the shade.

Question 8

Ann Arbor residents & visitors enjoying open space in the sun or the shade either by themselves or in groups.

Question 9

I would be enjoying open space in the sun or the shade either by myself or in a group.

Question 10

Refreshed by having some comfortable open space in which to relax or visit with others.

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Question 11

I named several groups above.

Question 12

No.

Question 13

No

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

December 4, 2019, 6:11 AM

Question 1

Need for a space in downtown to host conferences and events. For conferences there is nothing, other than UM. Portland Oregon built something very useful: <https://www.oregoncc.org/en>

Question 2

We need to use WCC for the Local Food Summit now - which is very remote. Would love to have downtown ability to host large groups or conferences.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 3
Sit quietly and read a book: 3
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3

Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Not a great location for natural space. We have the Diag and West Park within walking distance for those.

Question 5

More of a hub for conventions, concerts, group meetings. Larger public meetings. Complimentary to library facilities.

Question 6

bigger venue than kerrytown concert hall for some concerts or performances; convention space for events that are too big for library or city hall. Bring vibrancy to downtown through events.

Question 7

depends on event

Question 8

attractive, functional space

Question 9

attend workshops, meetings, events

Question 10

connected

Question 11

wide array of possibilities if infrastructure to support larger group meetings and events was built.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 14

No response

Joseph Pratt

inside ward 3

December 4, 2019, 11:14 AM

Question 1

A park with some trees and benches. A small stage for small concerts or presentations. This would be a sort of sanctuary at the center of town. Alternatively, the area could be a site for a new library which, in my view, is a type of commons.

Question 2

A area that is typically more quiet than the surrounding city. Such a space would be available for concerts or speakers (Lectures for example). Also organized activities for children such as games, performances, or other activities.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I'm puzzled by 'Come home to our apartment'. Comes off as a tip of a hat

to the mayor and Zachary Akerman. Please remind the gentlemen that there will be no apartments on the commons.

Question 5

Sit and read. People watch or watch children enjoying themselves. Enjoying a concert of local talent be it classical, jazz, or rock. Observing presentations by the Neutral Zone.

Question 6

Children, teenagers, seniors, families, downtown workers.

Question 7

Classical music, jazz music, public speakers, theatrical performances.

Question 8

Sculptures that are from both classical and modern traditions.

Question 9

Sit and read, take a break from shopping downtown, listen to a concert, relax with friends.

Question 10

relaxed, happy, entertained, enlightened.

Question 11

Out of town visitors.

Question 12

Regular events, say, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.

Question 13

A small millage for the commons area could help fund my suggestions.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

December 4, 2019, 12:21 PM

Question 1

Center of the City

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A public park with natural features. This park would be interactive. Perhaps housing for a full-time caretaker.

Question 2

nature. Fountains. Plantings. Community designed structures.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 4
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 4
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Experience a water fountain: 4
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 4
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No housing, except for a caretaker.

Question 5

Events.

Question 6

Seniors and visitors.

Question 7

Live music.

Question 8

Art and gardens.

Question 9

Play and be quiet.

Question 10

Calm.

Question 11

Kids.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Philip Stoll

inside ward 1

December 4, 2019, 2:09 PM

Question 1

grass, native plants, walkways, opportunities to sit on benches or the grass

Question 2

concerts in summer

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 4
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 2
Listen to live music: 4
Watch children at play: 4
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 4
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 2

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Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 4
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 2
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

People who work downtown or work at or attend the U of M

Question 7

quiet

Question 8

grass, native plants (they require no watering), benches, the bare minimum walkways, not too much concrete (no body likes to look at concrete)

Question 9

take a respite

Question 10

they are away from traffic and noise

Question 11

families with children, retirees

Question 12

To prevent the Commons from becoming a homeless hangout make is highly visible from all directions (to discourage illegal behavior) and enforcement. A mother told me "there is no children can be in a park where drug dealing is going on."

Question 13

The people of Ann Arbor approved Prop A. It should not be used to build affordable housing.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 3

December 4, 2019, 3:48 PM

Question 1

Places to sit and eat or play games, some permanent structures for kids to play on, greenery and interesting durable art work.

Question 2

small parks in Ann Arbor and in NY City

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 2
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 3
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Those I rated lower are available in other parts of downtown and don't need to be duplicated here.

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Question 5

Resting after visiting the library, meeting friends after parking in garage and going to other downtown venues, enjoyiing watching kids busy with planned activities.

Question 6

The biggest user I can imagine is kids going to library.

Question 7

Hopefully other kids playing together or doing fun projects in supervised way.

Question 8

Places to sit, exercise on, interesting structures, other people quietly talking

Question 9

Climb, play, talk to adults

Question 10

safe, entertained, stimulated by what's around, enjoying an urban setting

Question 11

People who live nearby could use it for an outdoor experience, meet friends there

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Because of the infrastructure existing on the site, the site will be mostly hardscape and structured, not a garden of eden in the middle of the downtown. The site can easily support an affordable housing development above it that would be a significant and inspirational addition to the downtown's housing stock, while maintaining an open space for everyone's enjoyment.

Question 14

No response

Chris Bergin

outside wards

December 4, 2019, 9:28 PM

Question 1

On top of the task force's definitions, a commons must be a non-commodified, public space, free for any to use and enjoy at no expense. Not without rules and expectations, but no expectation of spending money to be there - much like a library.

It ought to contain a mixture of uses and opportunities, spaces and forms, made by design to foster and support each other, and malleable enough to be evolved by community use. Movable seating mixed with fixed/built in seating, multi-function spaces like amphitheaters, plazas, fountains, rather than rigidity/purity/homogeneous forms and uses. Housing and commerce should integrate with, but not necessarily be the backbone or focus of, such a space. A democratic space subject to and designed for the needs and desires of those who use it, rather than a single team's or architect's vision and plan. Above all else, it must be accessible. If a toddler can use it just as well as a wheelchair-bound senior, it is accessible to all.

Question 2

Public libraries and downtown street corners stand out most. They are public spaces, where there are written and unwritten rules and expectations, but where most things are free game. Musical performances, tables and flyering/pamphleting, educational experiences/lectures, spaces to sit, stand, or walk while chatting with friends, people-watching, seeing and being seen, all take place in these public and mostly democratic spaces. The street's potential and democratic character are only impeded by traffic, and both spaces mingle and mix freely with more commodified spaces - storefronts on the street, cafes and coffee shops in libraries - each supporting the other.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2

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Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

"Get help" requires a definition, is this a medical emergency or are you looking for financial aid? Private celebrations can hardly be compatible with public spaces, unless there are specific boundaries set - as in a library - for a space available for any to use privately for a time. As I said before, a Common space must not be a commodified space, and as such commercial activity should not be the focus of it. Good food for sale and an abundance of seating likely won't harm a public space though.

Question 5

Sitting with a book and/or food/coffee. One of my favorite downtown spots, Nickels Arcade, is where I most enjoy doing this during warmer months. Were it affordable, I would rent an apartment in or near this space with little hesitation.

Question 6

All people should have a place in a public space, regardless of age or demographic.

Question 7

Depending on the weather, scheduled events, time of day etc, and whether there are indoor vs outdoor spaces it could be children playing, a crowd's chatter and city ambience, water from a fountain, live music on weekends, the buses at the transit center, all the sounds of the city.

Question 8

Greenery and trees, materials that complement the surrounding architecture (brick, masonry, etc), places to sit in both shade and sun, possibly a water feature like a fountain, people coming and going.

Question 9

They sit, walk through, read, buy food or a drink, chat with a friend, people watch, walk the dog, watch their child play, live in an apartment or work in a shop.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Frequently changing public exhibits and/or art installations tied to the local history of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and the southeast Michigan area.

Question 13

Build a mid rise mixed use apartment building on the Y Lot, and designate the majority of its units as low income housing. The majority of transit users in the area are low income renters. Such a structure would create immense opportunities for its residents, generate virtually free ridership for the bus network, and draw pedestrian traffic to the area, all of which will further boost the city's tax base.

Question 14

Low income housing within walking/biking distance of downtown.

Geoffrey Henny

inside ward 4

December 5, 2019, 12:52 PM

Question 1

My ideal commons is a shared space - community owned (i.e. not owned by government or business and run by trustees) that includes some or all of the following characteristics as outlined by Jay Walljasper here <https://www.onthecommons.org/sites/default/files/how-to-design-our-world.pdf> page 44 under 12 steps to Creating a Community Commons: Protection from traffic, crime and the elements. A place to walk, stop, sit and stand; things to see; opportunities for conversation, play and to enjoy good weather; human scale size and sensibility; aesthetic quality. I would add a location where people can come together to engage in joint community projects that progressively transform the city to a caring community whose initiatives are led bottom-up rather than top-down. That location should be all weather all seasons civic center building. Governance of the space and its elements should be by the community under a trusteeship agreement with trustees drawn from the community.

Question 2

I have lived in Europe for many years as well as in places in the US where the Commons and Commoning are well understood economic, political and social concepts. I particularly like what is happening in the city of Ghent in Belgium - see <https://blog.p2pfoundation.net/a-commons-transition-plan-for-the-city-of-ghent/2017/09/14> . I am developing a community ecovillage program at my university <https://ecovillage.org/?s=geoffrey+henny> with the local city. I have studied and interacted with the works of such Commons and Commoning leaders as David Bollier and Michel Bauwens. I am currently developing an international conference proposal for the Anthroposophical Society to be held in Dornach, Switzerland to be titled "The Political-Economy of

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Commoning as a response to Climate Change - Transforming the Nation State into Polycentric Caring Commons." I have integrated Commoning and the Commons into many of the courses I have developed and teach at my University as part of our fundamental transformation of the core curriculum - which I led in 2018.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 3
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

I would include the following: Experience a welcoming environment that celebrates diversity and inclusiveness. Have a place where collaborative activities can occur in an environmentally pleasing and ecologically sound context.

Question 5

Helping to organize and integrate Commoning activities throughout the city and providing educational experiences for those wanting to learn how to engage in such activities.

Question 6

Any group that is interested in learning how to share resources to improve their members quality of life outside the traditional private/public binary choices and/or wants to expand their participation in the public life and development of our city regardless of how influential or wealthy they are or what their demographic characteristics are.

Question 7

They hear and experience welcoming, sharing, mutual learning together, conversation about what it means to be human and a member of a community. They also hear enjoyable sounds that enhance the quality of their lives.

Question 8

They see activity, creative works happening and enjoyable sights. They see people of all ages, races, educations, experiences and sexual orientations interacting with each other around happenings, projects or just being together in community.

Question 9

Works on projects, enjoys the sights and sounds around them, finds new friends and collaborators, helps others and is helped in turn to learn, deal with life issues or just have a good time.

Question 10

Welcomed and welcoming. Part of an exciting and creative city they are proud of and that is doing wonderful things that expand their horizons and opportunities. Able to experiment. Able to find refuge. Feels peace or excitement or just conviviality as the case may be.

Question 11

Any group that wants to feel they can access the heart beat of the city, reach out to others, share resources with the assistance of others who know how to do that effectively, and participate in the City's day-to-day being and development. This could also include people from outside the city, groups from our twin cities, groups from other parts of the world that want to exchange ideas and collaborations with us.

Question 12

I think we can learn a lot in Ann Arbor from the work being done by people associated with the P2P foundation <https://p2pfoundation.net/> and <https://www.onthecommons.org/>. We should always be very conscious of the following factors in whatever we do: Hearing unheard voices, reducing unequal access to resources, making a peace place, bridging differences, and helping people of diverse backgrounds and views come together and learn from and about each other.

Question 13

I would like to see a more developed and stronger process for achieving agreement on what can and should be done with the existing site. This would include putting up two or three quite well developed visions that people can discuss and change or reject so they have something tangible to work on. Most people are not able to conjure a total approach from scratch without some models or what is often called a "straw man

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(men/women)" to get the ball rolling.

Question 14

A more interactive web site.

Name not shown

inside ward 3

December 5, 2019, 8:46 PM

Question 1

Shaded places to sit, including tables. Lots of greenery. Playground.
Clean public restrooms. Safe.

Question 2

Montreal

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 4
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2
Skate on an ice rink: 3
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Minimize commercial presence, other than a few food & drink vendors.
Mom & pop - not slick corporate.

Question 5

Hanging out on the grass. People watching.

Question 6

People of all ages and incomes.

Question 7

Kids. Wind.

Question 8

Trees, grass, people. Maybe some art.

Question 9

Relax & socialize. Meet friends & strangers.

Question 10

Happy & stimulated.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

Minimize the hyper-commercialism that has transformed downtown Ann Arbor over the last several decades.

Question 14

This is good.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

December 5, 2019, 10:57 PM

Question 1

Open for extended hours, at least comparable to city parks; open space; flexible seating; shaded areas; green space where manageable; filled with variable activities; available to anyone;

Question 2

Center of the City

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Barrier free walking and seating; changing over time with seasons; perhaps routinely used by groups for gatherings; games, art activities, including poetry, chalk drawing, sand painting, etc.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 2
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
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Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Flexibility is key, as is change, and being a welcoming space for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Question 5

Meeting friends, listening to music, appreciating visual or performance art, relaxing outdoors, observing.

Question 6

Children

Question 7

laughter, singing, clapping, dance music.

Question 8

lots of people, open space, water features, climbing structures.

Question 9

run, jump, listen, paint/color, sing, dance

Question 10

happy, engaged, interested by unusual and new activities and people

Question 11

Visitors, who want to sit and view activities or watch a performance.

Question 12

Design some display space that will allow placement of variable sized art objects. Rotate curation of art through different community groups.

Question 13

Keep it open, connected, as green as possible, including shade. Please avoid excessive use of space for coffee shops or food vendors. Our city sidewalks are being used for those types of businesses. Let this space be for the people.

Question 14

More push notices via social media or other method. The city web site is passive, difficult to navigate.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

December 5, 2019, 11:08 PM

Question 1

An expanded library.

Question 2

I don't completely understand this question. However I think a park is not the answer. Expansion of the library makes the most sense. Perhaps develop it into a large indoor community space to host events.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 3
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 4
Use a public rest room: 3

Center of the City

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Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 3
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

December 5, 2019, 11:48 PM

Question 1

Open spaces, benches, plantings.

Question 2

Cities visited, documentaries.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 1
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

Should not be retail, office or residential.

Question 5

Attending festivals, enjoying music, looking at art and nature.

Center of the City

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Question 6

Visitors, shoppers, pedestrians

Question 7

Water splashing in fountain

Question 8

benches, plants, fountain

Question 9

sit in shady area to rest

Question 10

relaxed

Question 11

downtown residents

Question 12

Seek extensive public input.

Question 13

It would seem the Mayor and City Council are not really interested in developing the commons given their lack of enthusiasm..

Question 14

More surveys better advertised.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

December 6, 2019, 7:12 AM

Question 1

Trees, benches to sit, perhaps a few outdoor tables and chairs to be able to eat at.

Question 2

European squares. They are meeting places, often there is a musician or two playing. People sitting outside talking and just enjoying.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 3

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 4

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 1

Sit quietly and read a book: 1

Use a public rest room: 3

Visit the downtown library: 2

Attend a private/public celebration: 4

Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 3

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 3

Learn about the city's history: 3

Attend a kid's program: 3

Catch the time at a clock tower: 3

Come home to your apartment: 4

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2

Experience a memorial: 3

Attend a conference: 4

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2

Buy incidentals from a store: 3

Question 4

No commercial enterprises. They take up space and limit participation by everyone. No conferences or workspaces for the same reason.

Question 5

Just sitting and talking with friends. Getting a carry out food order and eating it there.

Question 6

Everyone

Question 7

Sounds of other people, music, children

Question 8

Others eating, talking, relaxing.

Question 9

See above

Question 10

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Like part of the community

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Lots of natural beauty.

Question 13

No response

Question 14

I like these surveys. Not always available to go to meetings.

Mark Hieber

inside ward 5

December 6, 2019, 7:54 AM

Question 1

A combination of open space and shops, conference center & hotel with a wintergarden space that can open to the elements with strong pedestrian connectivity thru it to all nearby streets. Well-programmed with events and activities. Curated- this should not become a hang out space that becomes uncomfortable for others to enjoy. A reoriented library presence and a sense of a front door on the space. Highly visible with, nothing above or below street elevation as far as the open spaces.

Question 2

look at these projects:

<https://ny.curbed.com/2019/12/4/20995877/snohetta-550-madison-avenue-post-modern-nyc-pops-redesign>

<https://www.asla.org/2017awards/327692.html>

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Work at an office: 1

Listen to live music: 1

Watch children at play: 1

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 1

Experience a water fountain: 1

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Come home to your apartment: 1

Attend a conference: 1

Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

December 6, 2019, 9:45 AM

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 4
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 3
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 3
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 1
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

senior citizens, low-income residents, children

Question 7

silence, children playing, nature

Question 8

birds, trees, and benches

Question 9

watch wildlife

Question 10

peace, tranquility

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

December 6, 2019, 9:50 AM

Question 1

Indoor and outdoor meeting and interaction spaces open 24 hours. Lots of middle-income housing. Cafes (inside and outside). Integration with the (new) library. Integration with BTC and old Y lots. Safe pedestrian crossings on Fifth Ave. One or more beautiful mid-rise to tall buildings.

Question 2

I don't understand the question.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 2
Get help: 2
Work at an office: 3
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 2
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 2

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Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 3
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 1
Experience a memorial: 3
Attend a conference: 1
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 2

Question 4

Water fountain or splash pad needed to mask traffic noise. Flowers and plants needed to soften the view and mask bus fumes. Only in favor of live music that's not loud, and no "canned" music.

Question 5

Living there

Question 6

Women friends

Question 7

Talking, laughter, water splashing

Question 8

Seating, a water fountain and sculpture, flowers. sun and shade, inviting building entries, activity in all directions

Question 9

Sit, talk, sip coffee/lemonade and have a light bite, read, people watch

Question 10

Safe, engaged, in the center of things

Question 11

Seniors, families, teens, disabled people

Question 12

Build lots of housing and integrate a lot of it with a new library.

Question 13

It is essential, to create enough synergy for success, to plan the Library Lot, the Library, the Old Y and the BTC together.

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

December 6, 2019, 11:10 AM

Question 1

It is a multi-use, multi-age mixture of public space and small (micro) private enterprise. A place to relax and just be, to interact with fellow citizens, where everyone feels welcome and no one feels the pressure to buy something in order to be allowed to occupy space (anti-commercial), but where refreshments and other "incidentals" are available to purchase. I envision something like a large open plaza with a few cafes, bars, and small shops on its periphery. There might be a day set aside for a market where local producers sell their wares. Retailers might enjoy tax breaks or other subsidies in order to be able to operate in a way that doesn't require patrons to hurry in and out or spend lots of money.

Question 2

My experience of European cities. What makes most European cities so much more livable than American ones is the existence of public spaces where residents are encouraged to just BE (rather than to be en route to somewhere else). There is not a lot that goes into a Spanish or Italian plaza. It is paved and maybe has a few trees. The main thing is that it is an open, public, civic space.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4
Get help: 3
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 2
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1
Learn about the city's history: 2

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Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 4
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 4
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 4
Experience a memorial: 4
Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 3
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

Question 4

I think the actual infrastructure should be as simple, and therefore adaptable, as possible, so that any and all temporary activities (children's programming, cultural events, performances, etc.) can be accommodated. The exception would be a play structure for children.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Teenagers

Question 7

Adults engaging in lively conversation, children shouting and laughing, their peers telling jokes, and maybe some drums and acoustic guitar.

Question 8

Lots and lots of people doing different things: sitting, drinking coffee, talking, laughing, running, walking, watching, playing. What this person does NOT see is car traffic!

Question 9

Hangs out with friends in a place that is not commercial (a mall, movie theater, gaming arcade), not a private home (a basement, bedroom), not a car. This is a place to be a teenager, to practice autonomy while at the same time being in the presence of adults.

Question 10

Community. The teenager feels that she is part of a larger society that is supportive of her need to stretch her wings and to have models of responsible adult behavior.

Question 11

Families with small children, young adults, senior citizens, visitors.

Question 12

No response

Question 13

No response

Question 14

No response

Name not shown

inside ward 5

December 6, 2019, 11:17 AM

Question 1

In the context of turning the library lot into a commons, I see lots of open space including grassy areas, some sheltered/covered space, benches, and a stage or other structure that would allow for events including concerts and rallies. A well-maintained public bathroom would also be essential.

Question 2

Community events including concerts, fairs and festivals, meetings and rallies.

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 3
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 1
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Attend a private/public celebration: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 4
Experience a water fountain: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 4
Learn about the city's history: 3
Attend a kid's program: 1
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2

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Attend a conference: 3
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

There should be no for-profit commercial businesses in the commons, except possibly local food vendors (eg food trucks or booths) during specific public events. There are plenty of cafes and restaurants in the area.

Question 5

I imagine sitting there to rest, read, drink a coffee during an occasional leisurely afternoon downtown. I would go out of my way to attend concerts, rallies, fairs, and other free community events if they were held on the commons.

Question 6

Low-income and homeless people

Question 7

The sounds of people talking, laughing, kids playing, music

Question 8

A diverse mix of community members - downtown workers and city residents, out-of-town visitors, students, etc all having a nice time

Question 9

This user exists like a respected member of the community

Question 10

This user feels welcome and comfortable and respected

Question 11

EVERYONE. That is the point of a commons.

Question 12

Make it accessible to everyone including the poor and the disabled.

Question 13

The commons should be for everyone. If that's not the case, it isn't a commons.

Question 14

No response

Donna Babcock

inside ward 1

December 6, 2019, 12:36 PM

Question 1

A green, quiet, lovely place: a "bicentennial legacy" park, a "gateway to the city" park, a history and nature park" (including the indigenous people and natural features of Ann Arbor and surrounding areas.)

Question 2

Sorry, I feel this survey is rather lame. You're asking for justification? Would you like my resume?

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Listen to live music: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Learn about the city's history: 1
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Experience a memorial: 1

Question 4

Some do not apply.

Question 5

Please...you do not have enough space for my input which I will send separately.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

I will submit my ideas separately as this survey does not allow enough space.

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Question 9

No response

Question 10

Oh please...

Question 11

I will submit my ideas separately as this survey does not allow enough space.

Question 12

I will submit my ideas separately as this survey does not allow enough space.

Question 13

I will submit my ideas separately as this survey does not allow enough space.

Question 14

No response

John Floyd

inside ward 5

December 6, 2019, 2:58 PM

Question 1

A gathering place that welcomes the variety of people who live in Ann Arbor. In particular, some portion of the space is suitable play space for young children and families coming and going from the public library.

Question 2

Lounging, conversation, perhaps suitable beverages, child's play

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
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Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 3
Watch children at play: 1
Sit quietly and read a book: 1
Use a public rest room: 1
Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 3
Skate on an ice rink: 1
Experience a water fountain: 1
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 1
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2
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Attend a conference: 4
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

Uses that take over the whole space - e.g. celebrations or live music - by their nature exclude other uses, or people whose celebrations or musical tastes differ from the scheduled event. My preference is for activities that simply allow people to "be" in a part of town that does not have much space where people can do that without spending money. Not opposed to popup stores, but the space is so limited I would favour "hang out" space.

Question 5

Hanging out with friends and/or people-watching. A cup of coffee purchased on-site might be nice, but is not essential, especially if near-by shops can supply it. Watching kids play. I'd be willing to check out popup stores - if they rotate frequently.

Question 6

Whom do I exclude?

Children with parents, middle/high school students, downtown residents/workers, library patrons, seniors, city residents, visitors.

Question 7

City sounds: Conversation; laughter; water; idling buses; road noise.

Question 8

An urbane public space:
Growing season: some planters; possibly a fountain; perhaps a cafe table or two
Year-round: varied people; bench seating; a small play space/playground equipment; restrooms.
Winter: possibly a small rink (over the play space?); festive lighting

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Question 9

Largely passive activities.

Question 10

That they have arrived at the center of town - the center of "Things" - and are welcome.

Question 11

University students might wander through.

Question 12

1) The best chance for a successful public space is to think of, develop and use The Commons as "The Library's Front Yard". It is important that this public space and public building complement each other. An attractive, urbane, outdoor space makes the library even more appealing to a broad audience, and a flow of library patrons can help draw a varied user group to The Commons. Institutional/Personal pettiness has to be overcome.

2) The default condition of Library Lane should be "Closed to Vehicles", opened only occasionally for specific mundane tasks - e.g. garbage collection, park maintenance, parking ramp maintenance, etc. The Commons should flow as an unbroken space to the library.

Question 13

Commons opponents have contended that the chronically unemployed sometimes dominate urban public spaces. Supervision of this space - and posted, Constitutionally-permitted behavioural rules - may help keep it welcoming for ALL people, as it does in Detroit's downtown parks and squares. If any one demographic dominates a public space, then, in some important way, the space has failed. If any one demographic is excluded from a public space, the space has failed.

Paying for supervision of downtown public spaces seems like an obvious role for the DDA, even if they don't want it. With all the development since the big zoning changes, the property tax revenues should exist to support supervision, no?

Question 14

Fewer dishonest/contemptuous/arrogant elected officials and employees. Most interactions with the city are painful.

alan haber

inside ward 5

December 6, 2019, 3:40 PM

Question 1

The commons fits its space. It is the social experience of commoning within whatever is the space. My ideal commons in the center of Ann Arbor would maximize (elevate) usable people space and subordinate the automobile, which takes up much of the surface. The Library Lane parking lot would become as large a ground level park as possible, and an elevated terrace over the parking ramps would be built, with a connecting bridge to Liberty Plaza, over the First Martin Company parking Lot, or as a connecting commercial arcade through a future First Martin expanded building, with a re-landscaped Liberty Plaza and Kempf House. It would include and have as a major element a several floor, many functioned Civic Center building, built above Library Lane from Division Street up to and somewhat overlapping the Library so there could be a connection between the two buildings.

It would have, in time, reorientation and in-fill of the surrounding buildings to the Central Park, including the Library, the Credit Union, the Noble House and carriage house, First Martin Building, Jerusalem Garden...

Outside it would look green with growing and blooming things and edibles, pathways and places to sit. flexible for many functions.

Inside it would have a visitor center and a place to see and learn where we are, in our watershed, environment, history, communities, and a ongoing classes on the climate and new technologies of adaptation and sustainability.

My ideal ideal commons would have a carousel, made by local woodcrafters and turned around by appropriate technology people organizing the wind and solar energy, fun for kids of all ages.

Ideally also, it would acquire from the First Martin Company the old hospital and carriage house for ground floor use as a social service, mental health, new work help center.

both outside and inside there would be a peace place, for recognizing the culture of peace and non-violence for the children of the world, and for helping make peace in our town when needed.

Question 2

50 years experience, intensely and intermittently, of People's Park in Berkeley California have given me the experience of mutual respect and interaction among people of great diversity, ...age, class, color, origin, mental health condition,..deriving from the awareness of the shared ownership and guardianship of the space.

Being there on the 50th Anniversary of People's Park, where I was also at the beginning in 1969, gave me a experience, surprised me with an experience of being "free" and among free people, on their own place, such as I have never had before, and I think few in our country have. I would have us endeavor such here, through participatory democracy, rather than the confrontation and blood imposed by government on the situation in Berkeley.

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Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1
Buy from a food vendor: 2
Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 1
Get help: 1
Work at an office: 4
Listen to live music: 2
Watch children at play: 2
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Skate on an ice rink: 2
Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 2
Learn about the city's history: 2
Attend a kid's program: 2
Catch the time at a clock tower: 2
Come home to your apartment: 4
Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 1
Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2
Experience a memorial: 2
Attend a conference: 2
Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 2
Buy incidentals from a store: 4

Question 4

wide variety, not characterized by commerce.
many activity possibilities as background
I look also for foreground. the commons as a "downtown destination,"
always, often something new and interesting, worth checking out.
magnetic.
commoning is all over the world, another way of being and seeing,
eye opening is an aspiration.
teaching and learning on the character of the commons and commonly
pooled resources that there are ways of cooperation not dependent of
privatizing and monetizing that which is the wealth of all.

Question 5

participating in the planning and self management of the endeavor as a
whole,
health willing through its next five years for the city bicentennial
and planting flowers etc
and doing public events, earth day and peace day, as I have for the last 5
and more,

Question 6

native American.

Question 7

drumming and voices of the ancestors
bird songs when our gardeners and growing things can entice them
and what everyone else hears

Question 8

representation of the history of the lands of Ann Arbor and our area, in
terms of the animals and succession and dispersion of tribal
communities,
a marker of some sort that native people would have put there.

Question 9

same as everyone else
they might smoke the peace pipe in a ceremony, or build a sweat lodge, or
have a powwow.

Question 10

welcome,
recognized
at home away from home
restorative justice

Question 11

african Americans,
hispanic
new immigrants and refugees
teens
visitors from around the world, and from elsewhere in our locale

Question 12

Notify everyone in Ann Arbor, in so far as possible, that the commons is
common possession, shared and invite active participation into the
planning process.
Use inspirational language, this is our opportunity to "un-pave a parking
lot and put up paradise," to affirm the highest aspirations of humanity, to
show Ann Arbor as a world city, connecting with world consciousness.
Appeal to the artist in everyone to help make something beautiful, all
together.
Associate this creative endeavor with the United National General
Assembly Call (53/25) that a common mission humanity, in whatever we
do, is the creation of a culture of peace and non-violence for the children
of the world, if we are to survive.
We should dedicate this center of the city land to that purpose.

Question 13

The struggle for the commons and the creative process of its coming
back into being and being defended is a world wide process. It is a
challenge to, or an affirmation of cooperation in the face of, monetization

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and privatization and competition and dominance.
Envision this undertaking being conducted in a separate account, a common good economy, like a public bank.
Concentrate on bring forward a vision of beauty and cooperation in each of commons areas: green roof park, elevated terrace, civic center building, Liberty Plaza, Kempf house. Worry about money later.

Task force members may not have considered themselves getting involved in some big philosophical political question when they applied to help create the commons in Ann Arbor.
Consult the peer-to-peer, P2P.org website for an engaging introduction to the commons and commoning
read Peter Linebaugh's primarily, given to each of you, on the commons and commoning
read Elenor Ostrum's book in Trello on governance of the commons.
the hardest job may be describing a structure and system of governance, self managed by the users, not run by the government or some private corporation.

Question 14

Trello documents should be accessible to everyone, the public, and able to be copied
There should be a discussion forum on the web site...it would entice me to go look.

Name not shown

inside ward 5

December 6, 2019, 3:44 PM

Question 1

MAXIMUM open green space. No infrastructure beyond walking paths and benches (i.e., OPEN).
MAXIMUM. OPEN. GREEN. SPACE. That's all.

Question 2

Who wrote this question?
I have plenty of professional experience w/survey research and have taught PhD students at the U of M how to construct surveys and write questions. This question is UNacceptable, is ambiguous, has multiple possible interpretations. The questions about Audience are totally amateurish and, actually, ridiculous. How are you planning to interpret those questions??? How many different ways do you think respondents interpreted those questions? What meaning do they really have or were they intended as merely meaningless filler, whether you realized it or not. (I assume the consultant gets paid more for a longer questions list, even if foolish.) There are much better ways of getting at that idea. This entire

online list of questions/survey is BADLY written and SKEWED. WE DESERVE BETTER!

I also have a strong professional background and experience working on public engagement; issues relevant to urban design aimed at promoting sociability, economic vitality, ecological sustainability, social inclusion/justice, and public health; and maximum flexibility over these rapidly changing times we live in.

Is this what you mean by "experience"?

Or do you mean how many dozens of urban open spaces/parks, in the U.S. and elsewhere, and of what range of types/designs of urban open spaces/parks, have I personally visited/played in/etc.?

Or do you mean that you value the fact that I think analytically so can think about this particular space in the context of downtown and our town, e.g., location of the lot and its surroundings within the larger social, cultural, economic, ecological context?

Or do you mean the fact that I've attended public discussions of various sorts about the library lot and I've also informally talked with many of my neighbors and co-workers and others about their thoughts about doing something with the library lot.

Or do you mean what do I know about how different forms of public spaces do and can impact the surrounding social and economic activity and general vitality of the area?

Or do you mean experiences with the ravages of climate change and the immediate need to make ecological issues a prime consideration in how we design our cities?

Or do you mean ... ?

Or ... ?

Or ... ?

...

Question 3

No response

Question 4

My STRONG preference: Only those activities that can occur within MAXIMUM. OPEN. GREEN. SPACE.

No infrastructure or hardscape beyond green open space with walking paths and benches (i.e., OPEN and GREEN).

The lot is in the center of town. Many activities, those on your list and others, can take place within the context of MAXIMUM OPEN GREEN SPACE with walking paths and places to sit.

Allow people / the community the opportunity to be creative and spontaneous in how we use the space.

Abide by the wisdom of "Less is More."

Question 5

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Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

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Stop posting poorly conceived, poorly written, poorly focused surveys. It's theater not authentic public engagement.

Name not shown

inside ward 3

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Question 1

Above all, the commons should be a space that attracts people and is active day and night and throughout the year. Exactly what comprises the commons is a secondary consideration. The important thing is to give people a reason to visit it.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Sit and talk with friends: 1

Buy from a food vendor: 1

Meditate in a garden or grassy area: 4

Get help: 4

Work at an office: 2

Listen to live music: 2

Watch children at play: 4

Sit quietly and read a book: 3

Use a public rest room: 3

Visit the downtown library: 1

Attend a private/public celebration: 1

Skate on an ice rink: 4

Experience a water fountain: 4

Have a drink at an indoor/outdoor cafe: 1

Learn about the city's history: 4

Attend a kid's program: 1

Catch the time at a clock tower: 4

Come home to your apartment: 1

Appreciate an artistic sculpture: 2

Use a computer in an internet "hot spot": 2

Experience a memorial: 4

Attend a conference: 3

Center of the City

Share ideas for the development of a Center of the City Commons.

Participate in a hands-on crafts activity: 4
Buy incidentals from a store: 1

No response

Question 4

We have to keep in mind that the library lot is actually a small space, and one that already contains two structures (access points to the garage). I'm skeptical that an ice rink large enough to be useful would fit. Is there any demand for a clock tower, or for panels about the city's history? Would these ever draw people to the space?

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Why are we asking this question? Naming user groups already limits the discussion about who the commons is intended for.

Question 7

I hear people.

Question 8

People

Question 9

No response

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The idea of putting a park or library "green" atop a parking garage was absurd to begin with. A plaza will simply be a dead zone in cold weather or after dark. When I think of a lively "center" in Ann Arbor, I think of the Kerrytown/Farmers Market block. The library lot is too small, however, to reproduce anything similar to that.

Question 14