

**Interested Parties Meeting  
For  
Farmers Market Shelter & Urban Agriculture Park  
Public Comment Form**

**Please comment on what you LIKE about the Farmers Market Shelter & Urban Agriculture Park:**

*Better foot traffic, lager structure, all season market. More presence.*

*I like how accessible it is. It accommodates both vendors & customers alike & would allow for more foot traffic*

*You are looking at all aspects. This provides space for a permanent farmers market hope first I love that everything builds from that to empower the community in make positive and sustainable food choices.*

*Multi- use with ag for us. Much green area retained. Meaningful ag / orchard space. Sizeable multi-purpose building.*

*Accessible garden areas.*

*I love the whole plan - the trails, agriculture garden, playground and covered vendor spaces would all be wonderful additions to our community. I look forward to seeing this happen.*

*Urban farm, area for musicians, demo gardens, multi-purpose room, farmers market shelter, restrooms.*

*The design seems very thoughtful appropriate and logical. A fantastic asset to our community.*

*Demo Garden ASAP*

*We like the social gathering aspects of the plan. We also liked all the gardens. Thank you for keeping soccer fields the community currently uses*

*Open space, good visibility, bathrooms, fan - heating options. 20 ' deep stalls, wider customer aisle. Electricity in every stall.*

*I like everything as they have the farmer's market need this we love coming all year round.*

*Love the use of the land and location.*

*I like but Starlings!!!!*

*Central location, parking spaces.*

*Like that all the vendors are under cover. Doing it in phases only way to go. I like the inclusion of several organizations & community outreach they provide.*

*Good- rain water collection, permeable parking lot, parking lot run off- rain water marsh, southern faced rooftop for solar, space to gather and eat/meet friends on benches, entries wide and many of them, more associations involved more the better will happen with help.*

*I have years of experience going to Minneapolis's hard stand farmers market, which has many similar features. Advantages include: less time / expense / effort in set up by the sellers. Hugely increased turnout of buyers on bad weather days ( because the buyers can stroll / shop in shelter). Restrooms right there for young parents & people with other issues. Support our farmers!*

*Almost everything- enthusiastic Love especially the urban growing classroom/program component.*

*Seems like a functional design.*

*Green Roofs*

*Thrilled that this is moving forward. This location is perfect for the community - easy access by foot for local & by auto or bike. The urban community will benefit greatly, especially the kids - Love having a community center that will encourage people getting together outdoors. Music is a great idea as well.*

*Playground for kids, urban farm, simple design, class rooms.*

*About Time! Great structure including different aspects. 4 season viability.*

*Great idea.*

*Design fabulous all around. Love the visiting promenade area. I'm sure the Farmers will appreciate this design & shelter & can sell later in the year. Glad the tax passed.*

*Featurific*

*Love the layout, good use of space & room to expand. Great idea to have a community garden space. Welcoming, Beautiful. Honors the traditional market use of the space. Kids space too.*

*Love the linear layout of the stalls & the overall look of the entire complex.*

*I like everything about this. I has my full support.*

*The combination of Urban Ag & FM, Kitchen, covered pavillion.*

*Good improvements to a very popular Columbia site.*

*Looks beautiful. This would be great for the city of Columbia.*

*I like the many uses of the space. Urban garden, covered structure, etc. This looks like a much need addition to our community.*

*Everything! Great design*

*Like room for growth and changes for aquaponics & hydroponics types of growth.*

*It's time! Great collaborative effort. Glad you took the student work into consideration.*

*Nice Plan.*

*I like the overall design and layout. Also the diversity of services and activities. Could be the best park in Columbia!?*

*Garden areas, covered market area, playground, multi-use bldg. Restrooms.*

*I very much enjoy the Columbia Farmers Market. I is great to be able to come to such a neat market that gives us an opportunity to support our local farmers. I will love to see a permanent structure built.*

*I love the great friendly environment, & getting to buy fresh food while supporting local businesses.*

*Concept is great! Ground breaking much anticipated. Hopefully by 2017? A tremendous step forward in exposing youth to "Healthy Eating" & community enhancing.*

*It would give local people a place to come on the weekend.*

*The design looks great and would be a very positive development for the community.*

*The shelter and park design seem like a very comprehensive project. I love the idea and would love to be a volunteer in the future.*

*Integration of food production & native plants, playscapes for children, multi-purpose, allows market to operate in 1 location year round. Anchors the market and CCVA in the community.*

*Love that the whole area will be covered & there will be shade. I also love there will be class rooms.*

*The variety, artisans \* sense of community Great healthy produce - good hours & days appreciate winter market in Parkade. Website & email notices are great too!*

**Please comment on what you Dislike about the Farmers Market Shelter & Urban Agricultural Park:**

*Parking!*

*I would not change anything.*

*Nothing. I think it is a very well devised plan.*

*No permeable pavement. Perhaps too many buildings. Still too much grass. Wildflowers / prairie Plantings would be much more in keeping with the design & lower maintenance too.*

*Suggestion It looks like seating is limited by music could the gathering space be closer to music Or ensure additional seating by music area*

*Garden Beds seem wide and not necessarily inviting. Key hole shapes might make it more accessible and allow immersion into garden.*

*Soccer field*

*I would be nice if it could all be done in one phase.. Otherwise it's perfect.*

*Not enough garden space. All of the garden area should be in fruit, nut, & production tanks, Bushes , berry and vegetables.*

*More gathering areas close to the stalls and in between stalls for people to chat/meet/eat would Be great. More covered gathering spaces, outdoor ( umbrellas, pergolas/ etc.) to sit and relax and Use the space on market day not just to shop but to socialize.*

*Not having enough stalls for all the permanent vendors in the initial phase. Would not like Permanent tables installed by the park. We all set up our spaces differently, depending on what we sell and how much we have to sell on any given week.*

*I like it all.*

*No dislikes, just hope it is big enough to meet current and future needs.*

*N/A*

*See no problem with the design I have viewed.*

*Lets really think about trash generation, lets help people become aware of importance of decrease plastic use, we need prominent recycling bins, encourage reusable bags. I did not see anything along these lines. 3 phases sounds ok but a little nerve racking because we will continue and finish project!*

*Attn: Oasis is okay but lots of people shy away from it. Wifi- so vendors can use credit cards processors.*

*More green elements in park design. Clear bicycle parking. Seating, gathering place, more emphasis on Sat / Wed nite market.*

*Need more entry along Ash. Or right in right out.*

*Make sure some of the soccer / open green space stays open and green.?*

*Too Grandiose.*

*Nothing yet.*

*Looks great*

*Want to make sure there is the ability to close off areas for the winter market. Concerned about the ability of expansion in the future.*

*Nothing really.*

*It's timeline is sooooo..... Long.*

*Nothing. These plans and drawings are very impressive and well thought out.*

*Need greenhouse structure ( maybe we missed it)*

*No Solar?*

*Speed up progress !*

*Would be nice to have more shade on hot summer days.*

*Nothing.*

*I love it.*

*Would love to see even more native plant spots . instead of open lawn.  
Is there room for livestock or bees?*

**Are there any additional features or items you would like to see included?**

*Can't think of anything right now.*

*N/A*

*Please Please build the multi - purpose building to be dance friendly. (wood floor, no pillars, no built in furniture) Many dance, yoga, theater groups would use this.*

*Indoor play structures, Greenhouse or hoop house for season extension. Trellises to provide more shade. Plans for fruit trees, brambles, and other perennials*

*Wooden floor in multi-purpose building suitable for dancing.*

*Chickens, Rabbits, close the cycle..*

*Most of the spaces are opened. How we can use them in winter?  
Solar panels - could be cheaper / pays for self.*

*Some sort of water feature would be neat for kids on hot days ( misters) but probably cost prohibitive.*

*NO*

*Possible walk or jogging path that would circle the entire park area including the ARC complex.*

*Ensure that unrepresented groups ar at the table and have a real voice.*

*Additional parking.*

*Nope*

*Make sure there are heaters for the winter market.*

*It would be nice to incorporate porous concrete where possible.*

*I'd like to see the kitchen be a commercial kitchen, you could rent it out in non market hour for local small producers who would can & process food on a smaller basis than the FM. But could sell their products if prepped in commercial kitchen.*

*Maybe a splash pad for kids.*

*Please make sure the 3 phase underground cables going to the pad mounted transformers go through conduits with several spares in case of a cable fault. Please make sure the underground cable is highly reliable like epr ( ethylene propylene rubber) and not a cable that would tend to fault due to water, treeing, like xlp ( cross linked poly)*

*I love the idea of CCUA cooperating with the city ( Parks and Rec) and the Columbia Farmers Market.*

*Would like wooden floor in multi-purpose bldg with suspension system concrete floors are very hard on leg joints.*

*Maybe some tables/benches to be at with provided shade of course.*

*Plans to add drop / roll - up winter access doors to pavillion.*

*Would be great to ensure good parking.*

*Composting bin where organic food scraps could be composted, and used by the visitors.*

#### **Emailed Comments:**

*I noted in the newspaper renderings of buildings for the Farmer's Market. This property is well located and should be put, in my opinion, to the highest best public use possible. I am not aware of the goals for use as a Farmer's Market, which I support, but I feel a central building could have multipurpose use year round. Perhaps there is such a plan for what is being purposed that I am not aware of. You may recall when Lauries purposed giving their large horse barn (which is now in Hallsville)to the city. I felt this building could have been used on this site if it were "dressed up" for both the Farmer's Market and a youth multisport building in the winter months. Perhaps some thought could be given toward this concept for the use of this land. I recall working with the Shys to make their gift of one half the property and the city council for purchasing the other half for a rec center and park-recreation uses. You may want to check to see whether their gift had any restrictions. Their gift was one of the largest gifts to the city that I can remember. And it might be noted we were offered one million dollars for their gift. Personally, I am pleased your department followed through in naming this park in their honor. The recreation center has been a great addition to our city and your department is doing a wonderful job with its operation.*