

Adjacent Property Owners (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)

The following were points brought up during discussion:

- The space should be flexible for use;
 - Flexible
 - Moveable furniture and structures
 - Incorporate lighting and art
- Eliminate curbs
- Add greenery
- Spend less on the creation of the space and more on the programming of it
 - “Structure in an activation budget” – Jon Witz
- Needs to be usable for families in the day and nightclubbers at night
- Adjacent property considerations:
 - Activation of vacant L’esprit building
 - Stagecrafters acquiring liquor license and could change things
- Seek cooperation from the Railroad company
 - Clean up needed
 - “Build a pedestrian bridge over the tracks”
- Scope of project points:
 - Definitely need to address Center to Main
 - Two sides (Lafayette to Washington, and Washington to Center) cannot function the same due to size and already perceived uses.
 - Alley direction by Stagecrafters should be addressed
 - Vehicle access needed for residential building off alley

Business Owners (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

- Roadway / Crosswalk considerations:
 - Add another crosswalk on the north side of Washington-Fifth intersection
 - At least enhance the current crosswalk for better safety
 - Signalize and add more safety features, or add a blinking stoplight
 - “Keep the big empty space on road for U-turns”
 - Signalize the crosswalk for safety
 - DO NOT do stamped concrete – it is not accessible for wheelchairs and strollers
- Public restrooms should be considered
 - “3500-4000 drunk people empty to area at 2 am and urinate all over the place”
 - Currently no public restroom anywhere for families to use
- Concerns raised over liability
- Maintenance and cleaning MUST be included in any plans for a pedestrian space, currently the trash on the street is already awful this may make the issue worse

- More power washing from Worry Free rather than the once annual after ABE due to the amount of vomit on street
- Information that the DDA has contractors would help them know we already do cleaning and other upkeep
- Mix of Business Considerations:
 - Need more than just bars in the area
 - Explore adding small huts for business start ups. This helps add retail at an affordable rate and potentially lines up retailers to move into brick and mortar
 - Security at night would be needed
 - Cadillac Square style of booths
 - “Stop giving away liquor license”

City Staff (1:30 PM – 3:30 PM)

- Ways to keep the cars out for pedestrian safety
 - Parking on street was closed down after 5 PM years before closure of street, this helped Police with line of sight and prevented people from being hit due to lower visibility.
- Needs to be a way for emergency access for a fire rig
- Concerns for floating or movable furniture as people will steal it when they are drunk and “being stupid”
- Better lighting is important.
 - Current lighting is too dim for public safety
 - Center street area is also too dark, consider adding that in
 - Potentially add a lighting option that lets public safety turn up the brightness at 2am while people are crowding the area and safety concerns are heightened
- Police do not want there to be a stage as then they will have to deal with live singers after noise curfew hours
- Public restrooms are less than desirable
 - Homeless population may squat
 - Safety concerns
 - People will still urinate in the alleys
- Engineering would like to see permeable storm water technology like permeable pavement, turf with drainage, woonerf design

Public (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

- Party Buses & Limousines & Rideshare
 - Current issue is they park in the 15 minute unloading zone and then have nowhere else to park
 - Project should explore adding parking, potentially at the expense of the plaza project
 - Party busses block the crosswalk at times

- Designated drop points for rideshare would be nice, definitely could be located on area between Main and Center
- Plaza must be built for use in all four seasons
- Rebrand the project to remove stigma around “Fifth Avenue”
 - This is the heart of the retail district on Washington
 - Compelling current patios to be removed would help
- Desired items if project moves forward:
 - Seating to “enjoy ice cream”
 - Flower boxes or plants
 - Eliminate the curbs
 - Walkable area
 - Lighting
 - Bike Racks (incorporate a bike path portion?)
 - EV charging stations at the borders of the project