

Waterfront Park, Ankeny Plaza, and Street Improvements

Stop & Talk at Saturday Market
Saturday, May 5, 2007
10AM-2PM

Members of the Project Team staffed a small booth at Saturday Market, where they talked informally with the public and Market vendors about project goals and preliminary schematic design concepts. Participants noted their comments on flip charts. The project schedule was shared, along with future opportunities for community involvement.

Compiled Public Comments

- Wind
- Why does the university decide that their parking needs are more important than those of the P.S.M?
- What strategies are included to reduce CO²?
- What's wrong with the way it is right now?
- Move MAX stop next to the fountain
- Build an architectural focal point that is a wall for wind that would also be a showcase for the cast iron collection. Cut with windows and open space for water view as well.
- Storage close by for market carts, etc.
- Wind is bad. Need major windbreaks. Probably solid masonry is best.
- More cover.

Comments Received Following the Stop & Talk (most via email)

05/09/2007 - I support the Portland Saturday Market wholeheartedly! I trust that with their relocation, restrooms to accommodate their 20,000 visitors each weekend is taken into consideration. An ATM machine near by would bring more money to the Saturday Market and of course the City. Wind is a bit stronger by the river and tents flying will become a problem. I see some tents by the fire house in Ankeny Park destroyed on some early morning visits!

Most vendors depend on on-site storage, a service provided by the market that eliminates trailer & large trucks loading & unloading, traffic, and is TriMet friendly. I know first hand that visitors coming to the market hassle with near by parking availability.

Thank you for your time. I'm only a small voice that loves what the Saturday Market does for the City of Portland. I would hate to see its light slowly fade. Naomi

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05/09/2007 - As a long term member of the PSM and as a current food vendor in that organization, I have been asked to present to you some design/infrastructure elements that would be beneficial to my business at our proposed new site in Waterfront Park. In the past, I have been concerned with a more holistic view of the design of the new site and the operation of the PSM at that site but in this case, I will address only those design characteristics that would be advantageous to the efficient operation of my business.

In order to illustrate the motivation behind my suggestions for the new home for the PSM, I will briefly describe my business and its physical structure. Cloud Cap Coffeeworks is, as the name would suggest, a provider of coffee and espresso drinks as well as pastries, hot chocolate, chai, blender drinks and other espresso shop items. The business is housed in a self-contained trailer that is towed to the PSM site each weekend. The phrase "self-contained" refers to the fact that the trailer contains most of the features that would be found in a retail, storefront-type establishment but in a somewhat scaled-down version. There is, of course, a two-head professional espresso machine, a two burner gas range, four sinks with running water, a 90 gallon water storage tank and two 50 gallon drain tanks for gray water. Storage is also included in one section of the trailer. This drink dispensing facility is classified by the Multnomah County Health Department as a class three mobile commissary which is one of its highest professional designations.

To insure the continued operation of this business at the PSM, I would suggest that the proposed site provide no fewer infrastructure elements than are present at our current site. Convenient vehicular access to allow trailer placement, multiple electrical outlets of a commercial grade in close proximity to the food area and a readily accessible source of potable water would be essential. In addition, a centrally located supply of natural gas or propane, telephone line access (for use of a credit/debit system) and the ability to connect to the city-wide sewer lines for each business would greatly enhance the efficiency of our business and the PSM Food Court as a whole.

Thank you for your attention to the above matters, and if you would, please include my above written remarks in the minutes of your upcoming meeting. Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact me via e-mail.

Sincerely,
Richard Brusatori
Owner/manager of Cloud Cap Coffeeworks

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05/08/2007 - I'm writing to you on the behalf of the food court of the Portland Saturday market. I have some concern here of our new location .We don't need much, but what we need are very important to help us food vendors to run our business properly to health department, and public needs. I'm worried about where we drive on to our food area to unload our equipment to set up to make our products? Also I looked at a very small area that looked like a bathroom! As you have seen our bathroom area now, I feel the market needs at least the size we have .Our market is growing. The people all over different states have come to visit us and shop for handcrafted art and food. Bath room is very important need. And we all need storage. I didn't see this either, are we going to have the storage we have now and push it across in front of traffic both ways? Will there be a traffic light for this matter? And where is the garbage? Especially for the food vendors. It can't be far, we can't leave our booths for long because of things cooking. I didn't see that on any plan. That's why I'm asking. I have been at the market since 1978. I have raised my family with the business I have worked over all these years. I have many new faces visit my booth and ask question all about this market. The public finds us a very interesting market to visit as they will further into the future. This move will be nice on the water front. But our needs are small but greatly needed. So please show us bathrooms, drive on, storage, garbage, water room. The very first meeting I went to, I asked at that time for a small kitchen area. Has that come up in any plans? We have twenty four spots in the food court. This would be nice, but a clean water area to get water and to dump is a great need to us all as a whole market. I want to thank you for being part of this, and if you have come up with pictures or plan sites of these needs please let me know. Thank you.
Sincerely, Terri Davis

Portland Original Elephant Ears.

I would like the following information to be made a part of the public input of the May 9, 2007 meeting on Schematic Design Options for the Saturday Market redevelopment.

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05/06/2007 - Just a quick note to ask that you think about restrooms, storage, & letting us drive onto the lot with our trailers. I am 60 years old and sell jam and jelly. These items are packed in glass and quite heavy. We have a trailer that we would like to use to sell from, like we have been doing for the last 18 years. We leave our trailer and product inside on Saturday night and lock it up, please consider letting us continue to do this.

Thank you,
Lora Dhone
Moppethill Farm

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05/08/2007 - I have been a member of Portland Saturday Market for over 20 years. The last 12 years it has provided me with my main source of income. I have made a habit of asking my customers where they are from and what brought them to Portland. I can state that Saturday Market is one of the top answers. We ARE a destination for many visitors.

One of the top priority items Saturday Market gave to the Planning Commission for redeveloping the Market is on-site or immediate vicinity secure, accessible storage. After viewing the plans on display at Saturday Market recently, it is obvious that you have made storage an afterthought. A storage building that is located 3 or more blocks away is not acceptable. I, personally, have 7 large carts that must be moved on site every Saturday morning. My setup starts as soon as the Skidmore Building is unlocked...6 a.m., and takes 4 hours to complete. Some of the carts are then returned empty to storage. Just imagine pushing or pulling a 200 pound cart 3 or more blocks over uneven terrain, often in the rain, trying to maneuver around all the other vendors pushing carts back and forth. Now do it again 6 more times, each time walking the same distance back to get another load. And then do it all over again at night.

While not all vendors have storage needs, those of us who make our living at the Market cannot simply throw a folding table and a box of goods in the back seat of a car, and expect to earn enough to live on.

You can build the prettiest market imaginable, but if it isn't functional, it won't work. I doubt if many tourists will put Portland on their list of places to visit, to see "that pretty water feature" by the Burnside Bridge if there is no Saturday Market there.

Please feel free to come down any Saturday morning around 6 or 7 a.m. and watch us transform a parking lot into a mall of shops. I'll even buy the coffee.

Respectfully,

Marie Williams
The Fleece Lady

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05/07/2007 - I'm a vendor at the Saturday market, and have been for the last five years. I've been hearing a lot about what's being planned for the new market design and I wanted to put my two cents in!

The most important things we need down there are bathrooms, storage, access to electricity and protection from the elements. We have something like 20,000 people through there every weekend in the summer, and I was told that only 4 bathroom stalls were being planned into the new setup! I'm worried that if we don't offer at least the amenities that we offer now, we will lose customers, vendors, and or place as a top destination spot for tourists! You would not believe how many of our customers are visitors who were told to come down to the market by family, or their hotels!

This place is truly unique and the city should do everything in its power to make it not only interesting but beautiful and well designed as well! We are a huge asset to downtown Portland.

Thanks for your time,
Maggie Kearns
Papaver Jewelry

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05/06/2007 - As a longtime Sat. Mkt vendor, I have considerable concerns with regard to the location move.....many more concerns than I will address here.

My understanding is that there are possible issues with regard to the driving on the lot by vendors with trailers, & also toilets & storage. All of these issues directly affect all vendors in some aspect.

As a vendor with a trailer, it is extremely important that I be able to continue with the availability to use that transport means. If that means is no longer available. I will also no longer consider the market as a viable means of revenue, even though it has been my main source over the past 16 years.

For those without trailers, many depend upon the availability of storage in order to continue their business operations.

Availability of toilets is not only essential to vendors, but over the years I have heard many customer comments stating that the new improved restrooms made the difference in the guests they invited to come to enjoy the market or not.

Thank you for considering these very important issues. I feel they are key in the continuation of an internationally known market. We are known worldwide..... we sell worldwide & need to present ourselves in the fashion that states we deserve that status.

Sincerely,
Gwen Hadland,
The Mouse Factory

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05/07/2007 - I am a member of Portland Saturday Market. I stopped by the booth to discuss the new layout and give some feedback to you. I spoke at great length with Kevin.. I am a member of the board of directors at the market as well. I have been involved in this process since day one. I really am concerned with the lack of understanding that has developed on this project. We have stated very clearly the critical needs we MUST have met with any new site. I did not see these being addressed on the new layout...some key essential basic needs need to be resolved. I saw absolutely NO on site storage...that is not a luxury...it is a necessity...there are MANY members who will have to QUIT over this one factor...it is a decision they made in good faith when they

joined the market...to have a place to store their product...many vendors do not have the ability to bring their product and booth each day...it is something that will KILL their business if they do not have...that has always been on the list of essential needs...the bathroom situation has not been addressed properly...we cannot go back to "port a potty's" that is not the image we represent to our shoppers or the general public...the surface that is being designed is not a flat even surface...we will not survive on a multi level presentation...that is not a friendly shopping environment...we have adjusted our current site to accommodate for this already...the proposed layout is a step backward...these 3 issues are just the start of my concerns...I truly do not see how this will be even something we can afford...our membership has stepped up with fees in the past...this feels like it is something we just cannot afford...while it might meet the needs of Parks...I do not feel these plans are in the best interest of the Portland Saturday Market...I sat in many meetings where we have been told "we will take care of you, don't worry"...I have been waiting patiently for this to be a true, good faith statement...I do not feel that is the case at this point...I hope to speak directly with you...at another meeting perhaps. Please add these to the information gathered from this weekend...thank you for your time.

Patty M. Kelly
Doodlebug Duds

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05/05/2007 - Thanks for having this set up today. I am a Portland resident, tax payer, and have supported my family here – as a Saturday Market vendor for the past 20 years. So I hope to get my 2 cents in to day☺. I have traveled the US doing art shows in many cities but Saturday Market is one of the very few places in the country that supports people actually making by hand the items they sell. As such, this is a unique draw for tourists and truly sets our city apart. I am concerned with a few elements of the 'new home' plan that don't seem to be addressed here. Taking into consideration the realities of different set up needs, I think these 3 issues are really important:

>**Storage**: We do not use it, but MANY Vendors would be immediately put out of business, if there was not a close by storage option accessible for people with large, cumbersome + heavy objects needing to be transported by carts.

>**Drive On Loading/Unloading**: Most businesses have unique structures + containers specific to their products, our vehicle is set up to hold these, it takes us 5 hours to set up (starting at 4:45am on Sat. But we drive in to off load our stuff at our spot in @ ½ hr (if we could not do this, transporting the stuff by hand would take several hours + be a backbreaking proposition.

>**Connectivity**: I'm concerned that having the market on 2 sides of the street may make it appear to be 2 separate areas – having services (restrooms/info/credit card) on both sides, clearly marked (maybe paved walkway across) + removal of Arches in Ankeny might improve the flow.

Thanks for hearing me out.
Zekra Brasher