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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Farmers Market

Meeting (if known)

Comments

I have been following the issue of the existing Farmers Market being forced out of the downtown location (as I see it). Do our Mayor and Councillors not visit the existing location, to witness the wonderful community gathering place this is? There is nothing like it anywhere else in the city. Nor can there be, since this location is so accessible for pedestrians, cyclists, bus passengers, and vehicles. To force this community enterprise to move into a suburban location is both financially unsustainable, and inconvenient for most people in the city. Why do you feel it is so important that the Farmers Market be "animated" six days a week? What is behind this? Cynically I think you want to sell the property to a developer to generate a one-time financial windfall for the city and a fantastic potential profit for a developer. Is that it? Why else would you force the enterprise out of that location? This is one of the strangest - and puzzling, unexplained - decisions by the current council. You risk destroying what has been, for years, a wonderful resource for the city, a tourist attraction, and a support for sustainable local food production. If the result is more commercial (read: import, manufactured) marketing of "stuff" rather than locally produced food - well, it's our loss and not likely to be recovered. Please, reconsider what you are doing to this invaluable feature of our city's downtown.

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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