

## **Council of the Commons Purpose**

The Council of the Commons is an advisory body to City Council and the City Administrator that will build upon the work of the Center of the City Task Force by providing written recommendations annually on such subjects as funding needs, an operations and maintenance model, and the role of the Council of the Commons.

### **Questions to Consider when Developing Recommendations**

1. Define funding needs
  - a. What is needed to design/engineer the space to allow for new amenities (the Task Force's public process helped identify desired amenities but there has not yet been a design developed to understand how desired amenities could be configured in the space and what is needed to maintain the integrity of the parking structure below)?
  - b. What is needed for the capital investment of the new amenities (a detailed answer to this would be dependent upon an approved design for the space, but potentially a ballpark figure could be developed)?
  - c. What is needed for ongoing operations and maintenance?
2. Explore operations and maintenance model
  - a. Who is providing funding?
  - b. Is there another model for programming events other than what is in place that the City should consider?
  - c. What role should existing groups, such as the Library Green Conservancy and the Initiating Committee, have in the operations and maintenance of the space?
  - d. What role should City departments have in the operations and maintenance of the space?
  - e. Are there others that should play a role in the operations and maintenance of the space? If so, who are they and what would they do?
  - f. If there are multiple groups/entities doing the operations and maintenance, how do they coordinate? How is safety and completion of work being assured?
3. Determine the role of the Council of the Commons going forward
  - a. Are there other issues related to the Center of the City that the Council of the Commons would be helpful in providing advisory recommendations to City Council?