

Alan Haber – Proposed Amendments to file #23-0583

I have a set of Amendments to file # 23-0583 version 1, Council of the Commons COC DRAFT RFP SCOPE Proposal for consideration when the proposed RFP text is put forward.

Please forward these Amendment Proposals to all Council of the Commons members and others in the "distribution list"

Note, it has become evident that there is a division of views and desires that has tended toward an "exclusive" rather than "inclusive" approach to differences. In particular, the central subject word of Proposal A, "commons", as "in urban central park and civic center commons," is cancelled or neglected, or overlooked. These amendments return the Commons to the Request for Proposals. The obligation of the Council of the Commons is to build on past work and the Proposal A language and campaign. The Draft offered on the Agenda does not do this, and does not in my view, meet their requirement for the Library Green Conservancy to provide private funds to support this exclusion of the commons and civic center functions. .

Unless this deficiency is corrected at our Thursday meeting, I will put the deficiency on the Agenda of the Library Green Conservancy Board meeting, requesting funds be withheld until the deficiency is corrected.

These amendments do not diminish at all what is proposed, (except for the exclusion of the undiscussed and unapproved activation report, or the "branding" part of it,) and should be easily included without any loss of the content suggested for the "Proposers."

The amendment proposals properly rebalance the draft to reinclude "the commons". "Failure to do so will lead to further division within the unity we seek.

Amendments:

#1

"Center of the City Commons" is the way the space is conventionally referred to.

Amendment page 1, line 2. style continued throughout the document, p 2, 3rd paragraph 4th line..

Add "Commons" to Center of the City"

#2

p2. add 4th paragraph

"The other principal recommendations were to convene meetings of the partners on the block, remove ground level parking off the parking lot and integrate the long term development as a priority in the City Master Plan."

#3

p2 Community Values 2. add paragraph 3.add this final paragraph:

"The resources available for the Center of the City commons development are indeterminate.

Ann Arbor is a Rich City in Michigan and in America

In the advocacy of this project the initiating view has been:

"Make it beautiful and inviting and the money will be there."

This is a generous city, philanthropic, proud and noticed in the larger world.

Design something beautiful for the people, that it will feel like home from wherever you came, and the People will contribute.

Money and many resources and talents will come from the bottom up and all around, as well as from the top down and far away."

#4

page 2, the block top dot,add last line:

"The block is located in what is called the "Midtown District."

#5

2nd dot (include other block partners to be)

"Jerusalem Garden Restaurant, First Martin Corporation office Building, music businesses, a reading room, and rental homes and apartments, the Intraoperative Council and the University of Michigan Credit Union.. The Credit Union, the Martin corporation and the Library are all considering building changes."

#6

p3

add top dot.

> "Safe welcoming and fosters a culture of peace and non-violence (from the Task Force Report, approved by the City Council)".

#7

p 3. second line from the bottom. delete "basketball". (given the limited space it is incompatible with other uses and should not be directed to explore.

#8

p4.

line, dots 1 and 2 delete "potentially"

#9

line 7.(6th dot on page) replace "potentially provides" with. "Provide options for public restrooms and composting toilets"

#10

add 10th dot.

"Examine location options costs and feasibility of a year round civic center building or 4 season space arrangements allowing such functions as

- > an "Ann Arbor Visitor Center"
- > cafe consciously connected with the local food system
- > ceremonial and special events roomroom
- > city and sister city art gallery
- > class rooms on local history and environmental urgencies
- > peace place
- > social services and help place
- > commons staff and volunteer office"

#11

11th dot

"Maximize solar and geothermal power allied with Ann Arbor's A2Zero policies."

#12

and just for an even dozen, please add a 12th dot

"Evaluate the feasibility of acquiring the Nobel House from First Martin and moving the carriage house to a different locatin,

to facilitate First Martin expansion and a connection between the two main parcels of the commons, Liberty Plaza and the LibrAry Lane Lot".

#13

in the second dot section Implementation.

the fifth dot "Governance and Activation should not be included as it has not been discussed, and in particular, when discussed, the paragraph on "branding" should be deleted The "brand" is the commons, the location is the center of the city, it can conveniently be called "the center of the city commons," as per the city charter, central park and civic center, combining both.

#14

I propose we add two further dots in that section, as I had proposed before.

>>"Describe options for a land trust conservancy organization to hold title to commonly pooled resources and lands and to facilitate

user self-managed governance."

#15

>> "Consider the scope and character of "commons education and culture" needed for effective user self-management of commonly pooled resources"

#16

page 5,

2nd dot. add "(501c3)" after "non-profit"

#17

3rd dot. "Ann Arbor Community Commons Initiating Committee, A2C2, a Michigan non-profit..." use the proper name

#18. recommend a set of resources for helping consider the development of thecommons.

Elinor Ostrom, Governance of the Commons (available in Appendix of Task Force Report.

Peter Linebaugh, Magna Carta Manifesto

David Bollier Thinking like a Commoner"

David Bollier web site. on the commons