



## **V.2 Ann Arbor Community Commons Initiating Committee and Library Green Conservancy Report to the Council of the Commons on a planned Fall Food, Art, and Fun (FAN) Market 3 Event Series on the Library Lot and Liberty Plaza**

### **Introduction to the FAN Series Experimental Project**

The Initiating Committee of the Ann Arbor Community Commons (Michigan Registered Non Profit), in collaboration with the Library Green Conservancy (its fiscal agent and a 501c3) and in consultation with members of the Council of the Commons, is now planning to launch a Library Lot and Liberty Plaza community research experiment to inform future plans for larger redevelopment of these sites in line with the Center of the City Park and Civic Center Commons Task Force Recommendations (Commons). The plan starts with a pilot three “Food, Art, Fun (FAN)” Market Event Series (preliminary label to be refined) aimed at extending the elicitation of more diverse community feedback on site-use started by the Task Force. See image below of preliminary organizational concept of the library lot below. This experiment will be run by professional management and a team of volunteers. This follows on the successful launch of the Garden Project on the Library Lot created and operated by our Green Team.

### **FAN Events**

The first FAN Event is planned for one of the first two Sundays in September. It will include local food and produce vendors and food trucks and appropriate block partners, select artists and craftspeople, as well as interesting other vendors and non profits. It will have some entertainers, including music, and a kids fun area. Puppet shows, games and clowns are being canvassed. It will have an information booth on the Center of the City Park and Civic Center Commons Initiative. The subsequent two FAN Events will probably include demonstration projects on Sustainability (Net Zero), in consultation with the City Sustainability Department, and exciting visions of an equitable and inclusive future Development of Ann Arbor; in consultation with the DDA and City Planners. A game of visioning for the public is being canvassed. Data, images and feedback will be carefully collected, compiled and analyzed as was done with the Task Force. Besides eliciting more diverse community feedback on Commons options, this FAN Series is designed to demonstrate the value to the public and local businesses of having an Ann Arbor “Commons” and to show forward momentum. The FAN series will be properly permitted and insured with all necessary safety, health and sanitary requirements in place.

## Image of FAN Preliminary organizational concept of the library



### Funding and Management

Funding for the FAN Series is being provided by private donations through the Library Green Conservancy. The series is being organized and professionally managed on behalf of the Initiating Committee and the Library Green Conservancy by Dana Queen with the support of a team of volunteers. Dana is the current Saline Farmer's Market Manager. She previously successfully launched the Dexter Farmer's market and advises/assists the Manchester Acorn Farmer's Market. Full disclosure she is the step daughter of Council of the Commons Commissioner Geoffrey Henny. The following image is a preliminary view of how the Library Lot might be organized for the FAN Series. We welcome all advice, counsel and support from the Counsel of the Commons.

**Submitted on behalf of the Initiating Committee of the Ann Arbor Community Commons and its Fiscal Agent the Library Green Conservancy by**

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