

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Market Advisory Commission  
FROM: Sarah DeWitt, Farmers Market Manager  
DATE: October 15, 2015  
RE: Location Recommendation for the Coleman Jewett Memorial Chairs

The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission facilitated fundraising to allow for a permanent art installation at the Farmers Market dedicated to Coleman Jewett, a long-time market vendor and community member who passed away in 2013. Staff reviewed five possible locations at the Farmers Market for the chairs. Evaluations of the locations are provided below.

It is the recommendation of Parks & Recreation Services to install the Coleman Jewett Memorial Chairs at Location #1, at the entry to the Farmers Market along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This space is the most easily accessible and readily available of the five sites evaluated. This location provides dedicated park space that is neither on private property nor in the right of way. It has sufficient shade to keep the bronze from becoming hot, as has been recommended by the project artist. There are no conflicts with regards to other use of the space in Location #1.

Location #1 – at the entry to the Farmers Market Office on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. The chairs would replace the wooden bench at the entry walk to the office

### Pros:

- Creates visually pleasing entry to the Farmers Market Office
- Contemplative space
- Is already used for seating so use would not change or displace other uses
- Located in the shade so that the bronze does not heat up
- Would improve aesthetics of space
- Would clearly be Farmers Market maintenance responsibility
- Visible to pedestrians walking along 4<sup>th</sup> Ave

### Cons:

- Not as much foot traffic as some of the other locations

Location #2 – at entrance to Kerrytown in existing brick alcove adjacent to Kosmo restaurant

*This space is owned by the Kerrytown Shops and is already a dedicated area named “Ginny’s Corner.” This space cannot be considered further for the memorial.*

Location #3 – in public right of way near entrance to Kerrytown along 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

### Pros:

- Highly visible location
- Closer to where Coleman Jewett had his Farmers Market stalls

- One small tree would help to shade in summer in the afternoon

Cons:

- Tree is quite small, so the chairs would often be in full sun and fabricator warned against this as bronze can heat up to the point of causing severe burns
- In public right of way – not clear who would maintain the chairs
- A lot of vehicle traffic, and adjacent to a loading zone, so not a quiet location and potential for a vehicle to damage the chairs
- Streets are being master planned, and configuration may change in next few years
- Concern for snow dumping in this area, potentially on the chairs

Location #4 – Bump out at the intersection of Fifth and Detroit Streets

Pros:

- Highly visible location

Cons:

- Space is already filled with bicycles, the solar panel, benches, planter
- In public right of way – not clear who would maintain the chairs
- No shade, fabricator warned against this as bronze can heat up to the point of causing severe burns
- Streets are being master planned, and configuration may change in next few years

Location #5 – On entry plaza of new winter enclosure

Pros:

- Chairs could be designed into the space for optimal location and use of space
- Highly visible location
- Would be visible to pedestrians along 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and customers using the new entrance to the market

Cons:

- Project still in planning stages so location and timeframe not clearly defined.