



To: Ann Arbor City Planning Commission

From: Deb Dursi, Manager, The Sunday Artisan Market

Re: 330 Detroit St. Development Proposal (Information for May 17 Public Hearing)

Date: May 17, 2022

The proposed plan for development at this site includes using Detroit Street as a staging area during construction. This would eliminate more than half of the parking spaces on the west side of Detroit Street adjacent to the farmers market. To eliminate these parking spaces, even temporarily, would adversely affect not only customers who shop in Kerrytown but also The Sunday Artisan Market vendors who park in these spaces.

For more than 30 years, Sunday Artisan Market vendors have conducted business at the market every Sunday as a way to make a living, in much the same fashion as the farmers market growers do on Saturdays. As some Sunday market vendors make pottery, glass, and wood-and-steel products that are heavy to load and unload to/from their vehicles, it is important that these vendors be able to park on Detroit Street. Moreover, some Sunday vendors are unable to transport these heavy items more than a few feet from their vehicles. To eliminate any parking spaces along Detroit Street could cause undue stress on these vendors and prevent them from being able to make their living at the market on Sundays.

On behalf of The Sunday Artisan Market and its vendors, I respectfully request that the west lane of Fifth Avenue (adjacent to the construction site) be used as a staging area instead of the east side of Detroit Street adjacent to the market space. Using the west lane of Fifth Avenue for a staging area would still allow for traffic flow in the east lane of Fifth Avenue (which is a one-way street in that area).

Thank you for your consideration.

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