

Mifflin and Carroll Plaza – October 6, 2025 Public Meeting Summary

[Meeting video](#) and [presentation slides](#)

Meeting participants: approximately 40 (20 in-person and 20 online)

At the October 6th meeting, staff presented the design progression since the last meeting, showing a concept based on the Radiating design while incorporating elements of the State Street design. The revised concept was generally well received. Staff also discussed the many unknowns related to future redevelopment so certain features may need to be adjusted once more is known.

This summary highlights the most common themes in public comments and perspectives shared at the meeting and in online response forms. This document is not intended to convey every comment made.

What is your reaction to the current design??

Nearly 70% of survey respondents (as of October 24) responded they really liked or somewhat liked the concept. Several comments were made at the meeting that supported the overall design, but discussed how certain elements might need adjustments in later phases of the design.

What elements do you like?

- Radiating paving pattern; asymmetrical and interesting
- Planters, trees and balance of paving and greenspace
- Preservation of large honey locust trees on Carroll St.
- Low-speed shared space for bikes and pedestrians (with very limited vehicular traffic)
- Lively character with public and café seating
- Public art
- Openness of space creates an inviting area

What elements do you not like?

- Removal of parking/loading areas
- Allowance of any vehicles in the spaces (should be only pedestrians and bikes)
- Concern space will attract unhoused individuals
- Location of certain planters may not work with future redevelopments.
- Concern about access for businesses and residents

What is missing from the designs?

- What is being done to keep the space safe and comfortable
- Restrooms
- Wayfinding
- Lighting

How would you use the space?

- Visit foods carts and restaurants
- An attractive pedestrian route that allow people to stop, sit and enjoy the surrounding
- Attend events and the farmers market

Ideas for public art

- Something bold to draw attention
- Related to the Capitol, museums and location
- Lighting can be art
- Public art can be programming (music)

Other Comments

- Make sure functional design constraints are considered (alley access, trash, delivery, emergency services, uber/lyft, etc.)
- Programming must be discussed to ensure the space is active. Programming has costs and its uncertain who will lead that effort.
- When lighting is designed, think about adjacent uses to avoid conflicts with tenants or residents.