From: <u>Aaron Paden</u>

To: <u>Josh Davis; Jonathan Douglass; Aaron Paden</u>

Subject: Re: Farmers Market Proposal to move weekday markets to 800 block of Rhode Island

Date: Monday, January 28, 2013 9:39:40 PM

Jonathan,

Thanks for the information - I'm going to pass this onto our board and see if we have any email responses.

In passing I know that everyone would like to see the week day farmers market at that location or nearby.

but

I know that several of us are concerned about the hedge and don't want to see it cut down as it is a visual break between the houses and the downtown.

Leslie stepped down as ELNA President. Josh Davis is president and I am VP

I'll be handling the farmer's market issue so you can make me your contact on this issue - my cell phone is 785 840-6400.

Thanks! Aaron

On Jan 25, 2013, at 12:38 PM, Leslie Soden wrote:

Leslie Soden

From: Jonathan Douglass < idouglass@lawrenceks.org >

Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2013 10:41:03 -0600

To: 'lesticia@yahoo.com'<lesticia@yahoo.com>

Subject: Farmers Market Proposal to move weekday markets to 800

block of Rhode Island

Hi Leslie -

I sent the attached letter to the properties surrounding the 800 block of Rhode Island. I'm also sending a copy to KT Walsh. Do you or the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association have any comments on the Farmers Market request to move their weekday markets to the right-of-way adjacent to the city parking lot on the 800 block of Rhode Island?

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From: <u>Cathy Reinhardt</u>
To: <u>Jonathan Douglass</u>

Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 4:38:42 PM

Jonathan,

I am responding to your request for comments concerning the move of the weekday Farmers Market to the 800 block of Rhode Island.

I believe this will not work for several reasons.

- 1) The parking lot is normally full, and there is not room to displace 9 cars for two afternoons per week. Many of those cars already have 10 hour parking permits.
- 2) Businesses are functioning in and around that area and they need their private parking spaces which will be difficult to protect if market attendees are improperly using them.
- 3) Compton's construction will be ongoing in this block.
- 4) Rhode Island street is always fully lined with parked cars.
- 5) Even if it were reasonable to have the market take up the east side of the lot, there is no parking for attendees within a few blocks, and the parking garage may be difficult because of the construction of two more buildings at 9th and New Hampshire.
- 6) The Farmer's Market should find a space that has adequate parking for attendees without trespassing on the private property of others.

For these reasons I strongly object to the 800 block of Rhode Island location.

Thank you.

Cathy Reinhardt

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From: Cindy Maude
To: Jonathan Douglass
Subject: Farmers Market

Date: Monday, February 04, 2013 2:55:52 PM

I sent this last week but used an incorrect email address and it was returned. Cindy Maude

Begin forwarded message:

From: MAILER-DAEMON@mail.callahancreek.com (Mail Delivery

System)

Subject: Undelivered Mail Returned to Sender

Date: February 3, 2013 11:58:03 AM CST

To: cmaude@callahancreek.com

From: Cindy Maude < cmaude@callahancreek.com >

Subject: Farmers Market

Date: January 29, 2013 11:39:52 AM CST

To: idouglass@lawrence.org

Cc: Mike Riling < Mriling@rilinglaw.com>

I am writing in response to your letter regarding the Farmer's Market moving to the 800 block of Rhode Island Tuesday and Thursdays. While I support the Farmer's Market, and I think it is a huge benefit to Lawrence, I do have some concerns. They may be able to be overcome, but I would like to express the concerns.

The healthy future of downtown Lawrence depends on a good balance of retail, restaurants and businesses. This particular parking lot is used by several Lawrence businesses and is usually full. M-F 8-5. As I write this, I look out the window and see that both lots are completely full. If we look into the future growth of downtown, using this lot during regular business hours will limit the ability of business to grow or locate in this area.

I do not oppose the use of the grassy area, and there could be some days where using 9 or 10 parking spots may not be a big problem. However, we pay for our employees to have 10 hour passes every year in order to park in one of these lots. I would be opposed to asking them to move their cars if those are the only spots available. I would be opposed to them being towed if they were in one of the spots if there was no where else to park.

But mostly, I am concerned about the ability to grow in this location if we are not able to provide ample parking for our employees. If the City Commission's plan is to ensure the future of downtown with only retail and restaurants, then it would be good for the downtown businesses to understand this plan, so that we can take that into consideration when

we plan our future growth.

Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns about this.

Cindy Maude





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Jonathan Douglass City of Lawrence PO Box 708 Lawrence, KS 66044 RECEIVED

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RE: Farmers Market Request During the Week Day

Dear Mr. Douglas:

I want to express my opposition to the Farmers Market moving to the 800 Rhode Island location for Tuesdays and Thursdays. I understand that the Market will only be using part of the parking area with nine spots. Many businesses rely heavily on this parking area for its employees. Finding places to park is becoming more difficult. With the Library in the old Borders building parking is at a premium. I am afraid that once the development goes in on the corner of 9th Street, parking is going to become a even more difficult though the developers will have parking areas planned as part of the development. I do not believe that moving the Market to this area is appropriate. I strongly oppose the move and request that any such request be denied.

I know that space is available in the Warehouse Arts District on Pennsylvania Street. Tony Krsnich told me he would love to provide space for the Market in the vacant lots down there. I think this would be a much better venue for the Market during the week.

Michael E. Riling

MER/lkb

From: Jonathan Douglass
To: Jonathan Douglass
Subject: Phone call from Tim Hite

Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 2:56:28 PM

Tim Hite, 211 E 8th St, called today regarding the farmers market proposal to use a portion of Lot 8 for the weekday markets. He was concerned with the loss of parking, and said his company has purchased 15 or more parking passes for their employees, so they probably use a good portion of the parking there.

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