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ADDENDUM #2

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Request for Proposals

For

Farmers' Market Pavilion Site

Proposals Due by: 3:00 p.m. CDT on October, 29, 2021

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Introduction

The following information was included in the Farmers' Market Pavilion Site RFP issued on September 3, 2021 on Page 10:

"Public Involvement

Overland Park prides itself on its thorough public involvement processes. The City plans to undertake a Town Hall "listening session" on September 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Matt Ross Community Center, 8101 Marty, to aid developers as they work on proposals. This Town Hall will be open to all interested in the future of this site and downtown. Interested proposers are encouraged to attend this session. An online virtual feedback form will also be provided. Feedback from the Town Hall and the online form will be provided as an Addendum to this RFP one week following the Town Hall."

Addendum #2 is issued on Friday, October 15 to provide feedback from the online feedback form gathered from Tuesday, October 5 through the closing date of the feedback tool (October 14, 2021).

Addendum #1 includes feedback from the September 28, 2021 Town Hall and feedback from the online feedback form gathered from September 29 - October 4.

Interpretations, Modifications and Addenda

All questions regarding the RFP and Addendums should be directed in writing to Assistant City Manager Kate Gunja at kate.gunja@opkansas.org. If necessary, interpretations or clarifications in response to questions received will be made by issuance of an "Addendum" and posted on the City website at www.opkansas.org as soon as possible but no later than two weeks prior to the RFP due date.

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Farmers' Market Pavilion Town Hall Online Feedback

Survey Results

10/05/21-10/14/2021

What is a “must-have” for a future farmers' market structure?

Responses

- If COVID has taught us anything, it is the “must have” of community engagement. Humans are social creatures and as such need safe environments which encourage areas of collaboration and camaraderie. These areas foster improved mental health and a sense of belonging. Having the city market in the heart of the new Edison creative housing district will encourage communication between residents and minimize an environment of isolation. Building such an area needs to be done with the thoughtful foresight of open spaces that can serve the needs of social distancing while maintaining a sense of diversity, equity, and inclusion. This area also should have a built-in capability to pivot to meet the surrounding residential demands as they shift and change. Flexibility of use should also be a priority in the design.
- A covered structure has always been important, particularly on a rainy Saturday. It has always been a great activity with children and the covered option made that easier. It is also a must to have Saturday and Wednesday options running for as much of the year as possible.
- More Parking areas and safety for large crowds
- Variety, and fresh produce
- Local producers
- Integrated or nearby seating
- Convenient parking and shade
- Protection from weather for the possibility of a year round market.
- A large covered area is important -- now that we have covid issues- we now have space between vendors which was not a consideration prior to this- now it should be a high priority. Also it is very important now for patron or customers to be able to social distance. The crowded situation that we had prior to 2020 is no longer acceptable nor will it likely be in the future. The world has changed and we need this market to reflect those changes for the future good of the market. We need way better bathroom facilities.
- More space so it isn't so crowded under the existing structure.
- Space to view vendors/ their products. Cover from the elements. Preorder and pickup opportunities.
- Budget & Funds allocated not diverted from other OP projects.
- plenty of space for strollers, lingering and conversation.
- More vendors and more variation of products. Bring it back to downtown...at least part of it.
- To be enclosed but able to open up when weather permits. Garage-type doors.
- Must have ample space for attendees to walk around and actually see the vendors offerings. The Pavilion is too congested and shoppers end up as a sea of people in the center with no access to actually shop from the vendors.
- Green parking lot with trees and plantings, covered structure, more trees to provide shade for future generations.
- Bathroom
- Access and parking
- City market needs to be open air. We have more than enough height in that area. We live in the midwest, not a big city. We should encourage space and outdoors.
- Permanent market. Year round with indoor and outdoor features.
- No mixed use apartment buildings on city owned property. No developer involvement in Farmers' Market project.
- Better flow of traffic. No major pedestrian crossings through traffic

- More vendors and food truck. Maybe a little music
- Adequate space for vendors and shoppers. All year/all weather space would be a bonus.
- Plenty of space
- Space. I've been going to Farmer's Markets every Saturday in season for 40 years. I went to the River Mkt for years now I go to OPFM and Brksd every Sat. and when I'm visiting another town I go their market Madison,WI Arlington,VA, San Juan,PR, Chicago. Most days I get there at or before opening for ease of parking, smaller crowd and freshest produce. At its old location OP was getting crowded by 8 and was packed tight by 9 (the few times I got up late) more crowded than any mkt I've visited. Spreading things out esp. in these times of the Covid makes my shopping experience much more enjoyable. The Convention Ctr was a bit too much space. I really enjoy the current location. Brksd also moved to a slightly larger space which has improved the shopping experience as well. It would be nice to have a cover for rainy days (and we've had plenty) but I keep my raincoat handy and my produce is extra fresh. The River Mkt is covered but the few times I went there this year, after 9, it was less busy than OP. I'm not aware of all the different options and issues you face but I'm quite content with the current set up.
- Places to sit
- Parking, support for vendors to grow their businesses, space for vendors to grow into in old OP, clear paths for residents to become vendors and test new business ideas
- rain cover and more room to spread out
- Parking
- convenient parking
- More covered vendor spaces
- Don't build a structure. Should be open air.
- Enough parking
- Open air, space to move around so that there is no crowding of people.
- Attractive structure with easy ground level access.
- Year round use
- No apartments in new farmers market
- Keep the existing architecture of the of the current Market. Any new construction, improvements, demo and rebuilding ect, keep the elements that make it great currently. Its super open, flexible for multiple things, and a great parking lot when not in use. Its a true multi-purpose space. It thinks about the consumers more than the businesses, and that is what community projects should do.
- Space to roam without being sardined in isles. Some open space to eat, rearrange bag of produce, talk to friends would be nice
- A structure that is designed to enhance the market experience for both consumers and farmers. A structure that takes on a symbolic form that signifies connection, community, and local relationships.
- Focus on farmers who provide 100% family grown produce.
- Adequate vendor and parking space.
- Space to spread out where people aren't packed in and crowded.
- Open air feel like the alternate location at Matt Ross; adequate parking
- Parking, parking, parking
- Parking

- openness enhances the shopping experience. It is important to me to have conversation with the vendors. Being outdoors in an open spacious atmosphere makes for an enjoyable time that I look forward to doing on a routine basis. I love the way it currently is set up and attend every Saturday morning. The previous set up was stressful and crowded and I did not attend.
- I think some kind of more year round/ weather stable structure would be great. Maybe it can support other community events. etc etc. I do think that the goal should not be that it encapsulates the whole market but rather that its one piece that is always there, where in the summer or peak season the market expands to an open air environment maybe around the structure or on OP drive, etc.
- More space. Thinking back to the old market space with people crowding the tables and walking up in front of you makes me never want to go back to that area. I would very seriously consider not attending the market and I have been coming for 10+ years.
- Space!!! The growth this year has shown the pavilion kept people away as it was too crowded For vendors and shoppers. People want space to look, talk, shop and eat.
- Plenty of space for vendors, and in a protected area. I do appreciate the "no dogs" expectation, especially with so many people present and the presence of food! It may not be popular with the pet people, but for overall safety, this is the best option! The former space was great, but just felt so congested and concentrated. I can't even imagine that setting now, in the post COVID reality we live in...
- The creation of a true outdoor space for all of the people to enjoy. i have been to several markets across this country and while a parking lot works, this one should be replaced with a true park like setting, not concrete and asphalt.
- Open air market center with lots of space for vendors, walkable
- new location
- Parking other than at Matt Ross. Disabled people and physically challenged seniors cannot conveniently access the Community Center for medically advised therapy on Market days when the parking lot is barricaded. I wonder if I wasted my money joining Matt Ross and should have gone to the Lenexa Aquatic Center instead.
- The spaciousness of the market held at the Community Center has made it much more inviting to attend. The congestion and parking issues of the market on Marty discouraged me from attending.
- Large, covered yet open area that allows for uncrowded circulation; adequate parking including handicapped access spots; maintain the "neighborhood" feel; clean, adequate size restrooms.
- That the structure be placed at clock tower parking lot location.
- A separate structure with indoor & outdoor space for vendors, dining, socializing of patrons. Potentially a multi-purpose space that can be used year round.

What is going well at the existing market?

Responses

- What is going well with the existing market is how it promotes the success of the surrounding small businesses. The effect of moving the market, during COVID, to the Overland Park convention center and later to the Matt Ross community center was profound. These businesses rely on the market shoppers to enhance revenue capture. Being devoid of those revenues over the last 18 months, has created an issue that will be felt, in some cases, for years. Foot traffic is the cheapest form of marketing for those in the immediate area and responsible city planners need to recognize this. The request for a proposal that addresses an elevated parking combined with a mixed-use lower level would not only enhance the foot traffic, but also create a more inclusive shopping experience for elderly individuals or those with physical challenges. The new residential additions along Metcalf, which includes a cutting-edge senior living facility, demands such an inclusive vision.
- There is a following that could fall off if it does not return to the original location soon. The vendors are great and feel like family. The variety was fun when it was at the original location.
Good variety of vendors.
- Love how spread out everything is
- Like the larger spread out format
Parking is easy and there's a good array of vendors
- I have not visited to market since it was moved to the Matt Ross Center (or when it was at the OP Convention Center) because of items noted above.
- The fact that it is spread out enough to reduce crowding. Strollers and wheel chairs have easier access due to it being spread out. Also the current location is level as compared to the pavillion.
- By the existing market I assume you mean at Matt Ross? As a vendor I love all of this set up-- except the setting up the tent and the lack of a close bathroom in the parking lot across the street. I love the spave between vendors and the fact that patrons are good with social distancing -- only a few coming into a booth at one time.
- I like the outdoor market with a variety of vendors.
- Being able to have a weekly market at all in 2020/2021 has been amazing. The staff at OPFM has really gone above and beyond protecting this community resource. The space available at Matt Ross is wonderful.
- The space available to walk, talk, shop eat and mingle is so much better than the cramped tent site.
- space! people enjoy not being rushed and they're still close to downtown.
A decent variety of products but could use more.
- If you mean at Matt Ross the only thing going well there is the space but it is hot, hot, hot on that asphalt on a hot summer day.
- The existing market at The Matt Ross Center offers vendors and shoppers the opportunity to engage with each other. The market at the Pavilion does not have this benefit. Shoppers and vendors alike value the opportunity to see new products and learn about the farmers and their agriculture and the value-added products they make. The vendors, the location, the fun vibe.
- Good variety of vendors
- Spacing is excellent at the Matt Ross site. Must maintain that spacing and openness. Local vendors
- The spacious nature of the market

- No mixed use apartment buildings on city owned property. No developer involvement in Farmers' Market project
- Vendor options
- Great fresh food
I like the space at Matt Ross this year and part of last, but miss the cover from the sun. There is a nice variety of products and produce. Parking can still be an issue as the market has gotten so crowded.
- Space for vendors and shoppers
- I get there early so I have great parking vendors are easy to get to I look forward to going every Sat.
- Spacious, good variety, nice vibe
Great variety of produce and value-added products, clean, feels safe to attend (both in terms of COVID and crime, etc),
- Lots of room
- The open feeling of it now is great.
- Outdoors and well spaced out
- Having the open air structure that is currently in place makes it feel like a farmers market.
- Very casual, very good
- shade
- Variety of vendors, able to find parking easily, short walk from car.
- Vendors are the best! I also appreciate events surrounding the vendors, such as music, children's activities.
- Consistent vendors so know what to expect
- Not a lot. The parking lot structure at Matt Ross is an absolute mess. Vendors there don't sell food, but hand made BS ect.
- More open air at Matt Ross has been wonderful. People have been more comfortable and smiles are all around. The move helped us to realize how the awning closed in they environment.
- The walkability of the space is great and the room for each farmer to express their personalities and products. It does not feel limiting.
- Bring locally produced and with pride
- Not clear which existing market this question refers to. 1. The existing open air market is large enough to accommodate many vendors. But parking is not enough on busy days. 2. The existing pavilion market is too small and is very much crowded. Parking is horrible.
- I love how much more of an experience it is with time and space to linger. I have spent hundreds more dollars there this year because I wasn't rushed to get out of the way of other people.
- If you mean the Matt Ross alternate site, then the spaciousness of the market is great. If you mean the old Pavilion market, the quaint feeling of the market was nice, but hazardous to our health with a permanent threat of COVID-19.
- Lots of vendors
- Variety/number of vendors
- Everything... The open spacious atmosphere. Because of the existing layout, I know the vendors and the story behind their product and look forward to seeing them every Saturday morning. Parking is never an issue with the various surrounding lots. I like to return easily to my vehicle throughout my shopping experience.

- The city staff and vendors are great. Diverse options of food and other goods.
- The space, lines are nice. I appreciate the way things are thoughtfully laid out and vendors are easy to find.
- Dedicated market staff (Christina who does the fb videos). She and her team cares about the vendors and shoppers. This staff and these vendors have done an amazing job ever since the city took over the market. Listen to the staffs ideas and vision has they have lead us in the right direction over the last decade.
- I love the expanded space at Matt Ross parking lot. Even with big crowds, it's not too congested. I greatly prefer the current space to the pavilion formerly used.
- It works but hard to say.
- Open air. central location
- the temporary site is much more convenient, larger, with more air circulation, than the permanent location
- The space for the vendors and the easy free parking at the nearby garage
- The Matt Ross area provides a nice uncrowded area but is not covered and likely impedes activities for Matt Ross; The openness in the Matt Ross parking lots enables shoppers to view the various vendors and their products without being jammed into a crowd. Nice mix of vendors. Really like the Wednesday markets - although there are fewer vendors, it's an easy in/easy out when you want a less leisurely experience.
- Good selection of vendors.
- NOTHING - The Matt Ross parking lot is a disaster. It's dangerous for pedestrians to park and walk to. Matt Ross members can't park conveniently at a place where they pay for a membership, people double park, the parking lot itself isn't conducive to browsing the vendors.....

What could be improved?

Responses

- What could be improved would be the parking and well-lit pedestrian access. As the influx of first-time home buyers and later life down-sizers increase in the area, the need for ease-of-access is going to continue to escalate. The use of light-emitting diode street lighting fixtures for energy efficiency and longevity needs to be a key focus. Studies have shown that up to 30% of energy utilization of a city may be attributed to street lighting. Current lighting in the area, like the parking, is inadequate for the projected growth. Another option might be to add a skywalk from the east side of Metcalf Avenue to the city market (Edison) district. This may allow residents to forego the use of their vehicles while utilizing a safe access to the market venue and surrounding businesses.
- There is not as much of a community feel in a parking lot. The covered structure with an outdoor feel made it unique.
- Covered area for seating to consume what I purchased. Generally it is very congested with people /traffic when the market is in progress.
- Traffic flow
- Parking
- Existing pavilion with convenient parking
- When the market is redone there needs to be more restrooms. The pavillion only has 2 stalls in the women's restroom and long lines form on busy days.
- As mentioned the bathroom situation and crossing the street is an issue for some people. Essentially, the market as it is now is 2 markets some only do one side or the other. Advertising has really slacked in the last two years- many cannot find the market.
- Some kind of cover from the elements. Like the pavilion but much larger. A more centralized bathroom location.
- Perhaps vendor organization rather than never knowing where to find your favs. promotion of the market. i think the people that live close by are aware of the market, but southern jocoers are not.
- See no. 1
Allowing more variety.
- Closer parking for the guests would be an improvement. A market with a parking structure could be used for vendors on different levels and parking for guests on the top levels of the structure.
- The parking, adding more trees.
- The small town hominess if the downtown area had been diminished by recent tall structures. Please struggle to maintain whatever remains of that charming feeling. There are plenty of shopping centers, event venues and entertainment sites in OP. Keep it simple, homey and inviting
- Stability. Need to stick with a plan
Variety of vendors, expanded days of access.
- No mixed use apartment buildings on city owned property. No developer involvement in Farmers' Market project
Moving market back to downtown OP (not in Matt Ross parking lot)
- See above
- Parking, but not sure how
I'm good, you folks are doing a great job.
- More food options - ready to eat.

- Better parking, better integration of vendors into the local business community, more obvious paths to becoming a vendor, more people trying new things—concrete connection between market and economic development strategy for the area.
- It is disconnected from Downtown. It also takes all of the parking for the community center. Community center is not being used on Sat morning.
More vendors
- Just expanding the covered vendor structure.
- Larger space
Have vendors be more organized, maybe by category.
- Traffic flow especially on Saturdays. It was always so packed in that pavilion, so much so that I avoided Saturdays sometimes.
It was too crowded
- No apartments in new farmers market
- More space for more FARMERS. And please get rid of the tchotchke (knick-knack) vendors. The only things that should be sold at the farmers market are things that can be cooked and eaten.
- It's really good now...not over commercialized and very authentic. Maybe a little music would be nice.
- I don't have any pets but I know that there is a desire for a pet-friendly environment. Perhaps a dog-park space close by?
- Prices could be lower - give more incentives for low price
- Have to have adequate parking regardless of plan.
- I do miss the live entertainment!
- More space for vendors at the existing permanent site. ie: more stalls and wider stalls to help maintain a sense of space.
- There needs to be a crossing guard for the walkway between the parking lots. With so many people crossing, cars can't get through. I know there is enough staff because I see at least 1 police officer standing around there every time.
- Keep a good mix. Going heavy with meat and other extraneous vendors is not why I go to a farmers market
- Food truck options
- Maybe seating? I realize that's unromantic, but attending the market is a balance of grocery shopping, and hanging out. Most folks usually are sitting on curbs to enjoy their breakfast. Some actual tables or other areas could be really handy.
- Admittedly the atmosphere isn't as nice as being right downtown with the shops and clock tower. I think if it stays the street should simply be shut down to traffic.
- Keep DTOP politics and their petition out of any decisions. Those businesses should be able to succeed on their own.
- The building plans proposed sound interesting. Using the parking lot across the street on Marty to the east and that space over there...Would really add real estate to the space. Seems like that parking lot and buildings over there need sprucing up anyway. I would just suggest that no more apartments go up, at least on the city owned property. Seems like enough there now. Incorporating the clock tower into the mix would be cool too. I always love the bands that play on Saturday morning, but some mini-amphitheater would be cool too.
- Parking is always at a premium, so that must be addressed.
- Not in a parking lot, would be better at old location
- a brand new market, because the old site is so crowded and dark

- Parking. See above.
- Pedestrian access could be improved if there were sidewalks on both sides of the street. I think the street that runs between the two sides should be pedestrian only during the market
- Parking - it can always be found but can be a bit of a hunt and I wonder about the safety of pedestrians and vehicles that are distracted looking for parking places. It would be nice to have music back as well as an area of seating & tables for people who buy prepared food at the market. Perhaps have the prepared food/drink booths together in one area.
- Move back to clock tower parking lot location.
- Moving the location of the Farmer's market to a different location.

What is something that would make the market great for years to come?

Responses

- What would make the market great for years to come is addressing the issues brought up in the previous questions. The Overland Park City Market needs to provide an inclusive, safe, diverse, and equitable shopping experience for all residents. It should rise to meet the needs of the residents and create an excitement that makes it a premier destination. The Overland Park City Market should meet and then exceed the expectations of those that frequent it.
- An area that is easier for performers to be viewed. Making it easier to get to the market without walking past dumpsters and power lines with more seating to enjoy the area.
Please More parking for members that workout Saturday morning at Matt Ross CC.
- Would love a Sunday market
- More food trucks and specialty foods
- Existing pavilion because it seamlessly encourages participation in the downtown OP experience.
- The ability to be enclosed for year round use.
We need a home. We need it to be roomy and we need it soon. The longer this drags out the worse for vendors. Every move and change diminishes a good market.
- A large variety of vendors
- A good vendor source.
- Keep city and county government out of more & give credit to the vendors and their work. They make it happen, city should support by getting out of the way to day.
- inclusion. arts, entertainment, food, bringing it all together.
Daily vendors.
The continued focus on local agriculture and the forward thinking of more value added agriculture products.
- Trees, imagine a shady farmers market where people can sit and have a coffee and a bite to eat from the vendors.
- A map of where vendors are located
Draw customers from surrounding areas. So many OP citizens still do not know about our market.
- A stable location that has consistent programming.
Access to a permanent, year round market with organic/local produce, meat and vegetables.
- No mixed use apartment buildings on city owned property. No developer involvement in Farmers' Market project
- More infrastructure for vendors
- Vendors all in one spot
- Space for growth, indoor/outdoor capability for a year round market, plenty of parking Keeping it as is
- See above
- No more modern apartment buildings!
- A real feeling that the market is a pathway in the process of starting a small business and that people can grow into the larger community

- an attractive building that can be used for lots of events year round.
- Would love to see more farm tour options to meet our growers where there are
- I believe it has been great for a really long time, and I see no reason why it wouldn't continue to.
- No buildings that block out the light.
- No more apartments on adjacent property
- offer winter hours.
- Make a flexible space that can be used for a variety of events.
- Food trucks that don't run on generators (loud)
- No apartments in new farmers market
- Get rid of the tchotchke booths. The only things that should be sold at the farmers market are things that can be cooked and eaten.
- An environment that could provide for more months of operation.
In the future, a farmers market app that can provide information on farmers, products, make payments.
- I think the focus on quality is the key
An adequate permanent structure for farmers market and other downtown activities. Must have parking for any plan to succeed.
- Keeping prices affordable for all income levels.
- maintain a focus on a vibrant downtown Overland Park. Don't box in the market with too many tall buildings
- Continue with a variety of vendors.
Space for other artisans
- I think as long as you keep true to its current feeling, local vendors/farmers etc it'll continue to be great for years to come. In addition, adding the live music, special event weekends, etc are great and promote people not just showing up, but sticking around. (you may have to think about transit, lets assume attendance grows and grows, it'd be smart to think of a shuttle, trolley, city bikes, etc.
- A designated space that is larger or incorporates the entire old market whether covered or not. You could have multiple rows in the old space to keep more distance but move things back to downtown.
- You've got have quality vendors and diverse products which we have. Now we just need more space.
- Space...for expanding. AND space that can be multi-purposed based on needs in the future. A seating area? Food court like format for outside dining? Amphitheater? Even a kid's corner with small recess/park like equipment?
- It is all about the funds required to create a great space for not just a Farmer's Market but other events also.
- restaurants and bars around the market serving brunch, attracting people to downtown OP on weekend mornings
- more accessibility & better parking & more social distancing
- Room to grow! Also the possibility of a market year round with some indoor space
- Maintain a "downtown OP" ambience - no more high rises, please. Winter hours - some vendors still come but it's more word of mouth by the vendors. Large overhead fans to keep air circulating on warm days. Continue to require vendors to be informative about the source of their products.
- Potentially look at blocking off streets east of parking lot for expansion, food trucks, etc.
- Having it's own structure in or around downtown OP that can be used by the entire community.

Please let us know if you have any other comments or suggestions.

Responses

- Please see above. I will be contacting Logan Heley regarding other suggestions.
- It would be best to do something that quickly replaces the current structure. We need to get to a permanent solution quickly to allow the tradition and familiarity of the Market to continue.
- I think it's important to incorporate the local businesses that are in the market area
- I think the vibe of the farmers market could be more fun / upbeat with some live music and/or performers. I moved here from Des Moines, IA about a year ago and always loved the performers (jugglers, salsa dancers, etc) as well as the array of musicians at the Des Moines farmers market.
- It appears that the construction of so many new apartment buildings in close proximity to the existing pavilion has negatively affected parking. I used to always take visitors to the market but have not done so for two years because of issues with parking and shade on hot summer days.
- I do not like the idea of the city partnering with private individuals on this project.
- I know a big indoor market would be great. However, I feel it's not necessary. Part of the charm of the farmers market is it's simplicity. An unobstructed experience reflects the humble individuals that make the market great. A larger circular pavilion with overhead heat sources and fans would allow for vendors and shoppers to be comfortable while maintaining the down to earth feel the market has provided for so many years. I also don't think the market needs to run year round. Part of the market excitement is it's seasonality.
- Use our money and city resources wisely and it will thrive! Thanks for asking!
- Would like to see the market go back to the downtown area...I think it is big enough now to have many vendors, not just the few that are currently there, under the cover next to downtown and still have quite a few in the MR parking lot. If you don't, some of those business may close and that would be bad for everyone.
- Some people are wanting more food options but there are restaurants all over the place in DTOP. Also, I noticed many people mentioned shade was important.
- Thank you for the opportunity to share thoughts on the future of the market.
- I can't stress enough how important it is to remember to have a plan for trees. Not just a 3x5 little square with a unmaintained, under watered, tree stuck in there. Plant some trees for the future, give them space and maintain them so they grow happily in "the city of trees"!!
- Don't forget your roots and become another big city cliché.
- Key elements: year-round downtown market; sustainability, local emphasis, organic options.
- No mixed use apartment buildings on city owned property. No developer involvement in Farmers' Market project
- Move the Farmers Market to a location with more parking.
- Please help set up vendors for electronic payment
- Just keep thinking out of the box
- Keep up the good work!
- Thank you to all the volunteers that keep the market going.
- I love the farmers market.

- I go to the farmers market every weekend. It is a great community asset. It needs to be in the original location. Some are trying to make the farmers market a referendum on apartments in downtown OP. It is not. I like the apartments - it makes downtown a living, active neighborhood. Keep up the good work. Downtown OPK was very stagnate for years. The new park, community center, parking garage, new buildings and other investment will continue to pay dividends. I intentionally shop in downtown OP to support the businesses. Make the new farmers market super cool- make it the best in the Metro. Bring people in on Saturdays.
- Please don't move to a crowded market
- No more apartments are needed. It is overkill.
- Don't spend too much money on this
- No apartments in new farmers market
- Same as before. This is a FARMERS market not an artisans market. If you want to do that, do it on a different day of the week.
- Thank you for asking for community input
- A permanent art installation inspired by the farmers and locals that come together would be nice feature or center piece.
- Evaluate the taste and responsibly grown to select farmers
- Don't sell off any city owned property to developers wanting to build high density housing. That would be a sure fire formula for downtown failure.
- I'm so grateful for how adaptable the market was during Covid. I hadn't been there in years because I didn't like how the Pavillion packed people into such a small space. The past year I have been about 5 times and I've spent several hundred dollars to buy cheese, meat, produce, live plants, and preserves. Thank you, OP!
- The two story option is intriguing, especially if the vendors are not inconvenienced. The quality and variety of vendors makes the market so attractive.
- Parking keeps me away. I cannot walk long distances and it has gotten worse
- Listen to what the vendors have to say about the layout that best suits their doing business.
- Anything we build should keep sustainability in mind. Many of the farmers and attendees are showing up bc of their connection to a more green/healthy option... we should respect that by making sure whatever we build doesn't hurt our environment.
- Love having Parisi coffee. Great mix of old and new vendors. I'm disappointed that Shake Shack is moving. I think having small businesses supported in the area is key.
- Seeing more wagons, strollers, disabled folks and more culturally diverse shoppers this year has been a nice improvement. Good job with the advertising.
- I never worry about parking as I park well away on side streets and then walk...just part of my routine. I'm just concerned that more buildings that GO UPWARD (like apartments or tall business buildings) will obstruct the view and beauty of this potential new structure. Trying to capture the openness and experience of the current market, and re-create that same sense of sky and open, in the new venue with the structure...THAT'S what I hope for!
- It would be great if Metcalf was more walkable, but would settle for more walkability close to market center
- I did leave a public comment, Brenda Rice, Thanks!
- Overland Park is becoming needlessly congested and difficult to get around.
- We really appreciate the market and have been regular shoppers for several years. If we can buy it at the market, we don't buy it at a grocery store. It's fresher and lasts longer.