

HCC Recommendation

TOPIC: Proposed move of the Farmer's Market from Memorial Park

SUMMARY: There is a plan underway to move the Farmer's Market from Memorial Park to a location on Fuller next to the Real Food Store. The planned move will involve a street closure Wednesday at 5:00pm and on Saturday morning. The plans have been developed by the BID and the members of the Farmer's Market organization without any involvement of the City Commission.

RECOMMENDATION: The HCC recommends that the City Commissioners work to stop the move of the Farmer's Market from Memorial Park to the Fuller location.

VOTE: 8 Proponents 1 Opponents 5 Abstain

PROPOSERS:

Traffic problems on Fuller at 5:00 on Wednesday as people leave work from downtown.

Accessibility issues for senior citizens that need to load purchases in their cars if parking is not close by.

The cost associated with traffic control and security. Who will pay?

The work planned for N. Main has been delayed so there should be no urgency in moving from Memorial Park.

OPPOSERS:

This has come up very quickly and we do not have enough information to make an informed recommendation.

DISCUSSION:

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the planned move of the Farmer's Market from Memorial Park to Fuller Street. The reasons for opposing the move stated above for the proponents fell in the area of cost, traffic, and the accessibility issues for seniors. It was also pointed out that because of the delay in the N. Main project, there is no need to rush into this move.

The general feeling among those that abstained was that we had not heard enough of the details to make an informed recommendation.