

Potential Downtown Public Input Meeting Summary of Comments from Citizens

Summary also includes emails received by staff of citizens who could not make the Public Input Meeting

Comments at Public Input Meeting

Many people commented that they support a public restroom and that this idea would be valuable to the downtown area for both tourists and the homeless population. Several citizens agreed with the Committee that a multifaceted approach aimed towards various demographics would be ideal.

Several people suggested providing restroom facilities in parking garages.

Question regarding why a downtown public restroom is necessary.

Question regarding whether consideration has been given regarding a public facility in the parking ramps.

Comment praising the Committee's efforts to resolve this issue, and support for a permanent facility, wayfinding signage and the temporary porta john facilities and recognizing that maintenance would be a significant cost.

Suggestion that the City and the Committee engage in a comprehensive, not rushed plan for a facility that is permanent, safe and aesthetically pleasing.

Question regarding usage of porta potty near City-county building, the number of facilities being requested, and the type of facility being proposed.

Question regarding whether a location has been determined.

Suggestion that a facility not be located in front of storefront or building.

Recommendation to look at using an existing vacant retail space on State Street.

Suggestion to require recipients of liquor licenses to open their restrooms for public use during business hours.

Recommendation that a permanent structure is needed or temporary facilities that are located out of sight.

Suggestion for a hybrid restroom that could be both permanent and a porta-john.

Concern that regardless of availability of a public restroom, some users will still use the street.

Suggestion that the restrooms should incorporate showers.

Suggestion to look into options that other countries employ.

E-mailed Comments

Concerns regarding issues of maintenance and security.

There should be four restrooms downtown, one on State Street towards campus, one on State Street towards the Capitol building, one in the middle of State Street (Lisa Link Peace Park), and one towards the City-County building.

Incorporate public storage lockers into the restroom.

Incorporate public notice displays in the restroom.

Include exterior video surveillance and/or other security measures.

Restrooms should be governed by local ordinance, and not private person, entity or landlord.