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Dirk Jablonski, P.E.
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RE: Kansas City Street Project

Dear Dirk:

Thank you very much for hosting an open house regarding the Kansas City Project. I would like to have made it to the presentation's beginning but I found our discussion just as informative.

This letter is to voice our objections to the parking meter reinstallation upon Kansas City Street's completion. Our office, along with Casey Peterson & Associates and Bill Brown of State Farm Insurance, do not wish to see the parking meters reinstalled. We feel this type of metering is obsolete and inadequate for two reasons:

1. The design of Kansas City Street, as per the boards at the review, will greatly enhance the streets appeal. The parking meter will detract from that overall "streetscape scene" that will be established by cluttering the sidewalks.
2. The land uses along Kansas City Street reflect that of a professional setting – Accountants, Insurance, Engineering, Architecture, Fraternal Organizations, Law, and Churches. It is our opinion the existing parking meters are not the best way of metering parking for the above stated land/commercial uses. We would like to see the land/commercial use drive the need for the type of metering and not a uniform parking requirement. Currently, the side streets 6th and 7th are not metered but have a 2 hour parking limit. Perhaps continuing this method of metering parking along Kansas City Street is more suited to the professional setting. This may allow clients a more convenient access to a business. They will not have to be fishing for change and guessing at how long they will be in a meeting or interacting with the business – resulting in a possible ticket if they are incorrect.

If there needs to be any more discussion on parking, I would be willing to help. I do believe parking downtown is a major issue but not un-resolvable. There are so many new ideas and development potentials for downtown; we do not want to see a parking dilemma overwhelm the desire for those vibrant places and ideas.

Thanks for your time and good luck on the street reconstruction.

Sincerely,
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