

**ADDITIONAL UNDOTTED – VIBRANT CENTERS**

**What are our likes and dislikes about Neighborhood VIBRANT CENTERS? – Cedar Rapids Neighborhood Event – January 31, 2009**

*(Dislikes are in italics and red font)*

Attractively Claimed Space	Comfortable Walking Environments	Lively Activity-Filled Venues	Small Town Cozy Atmosphere	Using Our Natural Areas As Attractions	Diverse Architecture	Farmer's Market	Public Places & Spaces to Gather	Complimentary Mixed Use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aesthetic pavement</li> <li>• Signage</li> <li>• Attractive</li> <li>• Atrium</li> <li>• Cleanliness</li> <li>• <i>Parking too close to storefront</i></li> <li>• <i>#1 Parking-where?</i></li> <li>• <i>#1 Parking on curb</i></li> <li>• <i>#1 No personality</i></li> <li>• <i>Storefront/parking generic</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food – covered walkway</li> <li>• Barrier between street and sidewalk</li> <li>• Benches</li> <li>• Define edge to pedestrian areas</li> <li>• Narrow streets to decrease traffic</li> <li>• Easy access for pedestrians</li> <li>• Pedestrian mall</li> <li>• Wider sidewalks – places to sit</li> <li>• Walking</li> <li>• #5 Pedestrian friendly, housing, visually appealing</li> <li>• #6 Walkways - Wide + covered</li> <li>• <i>#2 Narrow sidewalks, not inviting</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sidewalk dining</li> <li>• Live music downtown or neighborhood</li> <li>• Add music, local bands</li> <li>• Sidewalk cafes</li> <li>• Looks free to attend</li> <li>• Shows things to do</li> <li>• Activity</li> <li>• Atmosphere</li> <li>• Entertainment</li> <li>• Colors</li> <li>• Destination</li> <li>• #4 Downtown &amp; activity, big activity/events, diverse businesses, historical, upbeat, real, 24 hours/7 days, Public transportation</li> <li>• #6 Specialty shops, compact w/lots of things</li> <li>• #8 Entertainment - Music space or open space</li> <li>• #8 Informal entertainment</li> <li>• <i>#1 Doesn't 'feel' inviting-in &amp; out - no interaction/take care of business</i></li> <li>• <i>#3 Narrow sidewalk, not inviting to pedestrians</i></li> <li>• <i>#3 Sidewalk on street; no bike lanes; where would bus pull over?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locally-owned biz</li> <li>• Modest size</li> <li>• Smaller size (scale)</li> <li>• Welcoming environment</li> <li>• Friendly</li> <li>• #1 Parking – convenience</li> <li>• #1 True Value - Neighborhood store - Parking, walk too</li> <li>• #2 Looks like old downtown</li> <li>• #6 Small business, relaxed</li> <li>• <i>Too crowded /cramped</i></li> <li>• <i>Too sterile</i></li> <li>• <i>Too segregated</i></li> <li>• <i>Big scale</i></li> <li>• <i>Too busy/flashy</i></li> <li>• <i>Too crowded</i></li> <li>• <i>#3 No character; looks industrial doesn't look like a home</i></li> <li>• <i>#4 Too crowded &amp; urban, not "homey"</i></li> <li>• <i>#4 Big mob, cold, unfriendly</i></li> <li>• <i>#2 Main street - too tight - too compact</i></li> <li>• <i>#3 Busy, not inviting, cold</i></li> <li>• <i>#4 Big mall concept</i></li> <li>• <i>#4 Too commercial/crowded</i></li> <li>• <i>#8 Too small</i></li> <li>• <i>#9 Too crowded</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trees and people</li> <li>• Open air/sunshine</li> <li>• Trees</li> <li>• Trees</li> <li>• <i>No foliage</i></li> <li>• <i>Street feels cold</i></li> <li>• <i>#3 Too narrow, no green space, not engaging</i></li> <li>• <i>#4 No distinct features, no sense of nature</i></li> <li>• <i>Lack of greenery</i></li> <li>• <i>No trees</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diverse buildings</li> <li>• Europe-feel</li> <li>• City-feel</li> <li>• Awnings</li> <li>• #1 Visual interest</li> <li>• #6 Buildings have different architectural styles, green space across street, wide streets, small town</li> <li>• <i>Plain buildings</i></li> <li>• <i>No individuality</i></li> <li>• <i>Poor architecture</i></li> <li>• <i>Too modern</i></li> <li>• <i>#1 Not enough parking, blah, cold</i></li> <li>• <i>#3 Too boxy</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmers Market in open</li> <li>• Food market</li> <li>• Inviting, like farmers market</li> <li>• Buy local produce/growers</li> <li>• Market to shop outside</li> <li>• Urban feel with local foods</li> <li>• #7 Familiar – like it now, farmer's market</li> <li>• #7 City Market</li> <li>• <i>#7 Market</i></li> <li>• <i>#4 Didn't like design, cold</i></li> <li>• <i>Nothing special-looks like Marion</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection from elements</li> <li>• Like indoor for winter</li> <li>• Gathering place</li> <li>• Outside/open eating</li> <li>• Social interaction</li> <li>• Social</li> <li>• Social space</li> <li>• People gathering</li> <li>• Covered area</li> <li>• #4 Multigenerational, open space, all seasons</li> <li>• #5 Weather</li> <li>• #5 Outside seating</li> <li>• #5 for neighborhoods</li> <li>• #5 Interaction outside</li> <li>• #5 Dining outside while being a part of activities/community</li> <li>• Skate Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing above commercial</li> <li>• Mixed use</li> <li>• Mixed use</li> <li>• #4 Open mall – Informality /good shopping</li> <li>• #4 Multi level</li> <li>• #5 Open space/trees/family/corner store</li> <li>• #5 Multi-use aspect &amp; walking distance</li> <li>• #7 Housing/businesses, mixed use</li> <li>• <i>Single story purpose /use</i></li> </ul>

**Re Vibrant Centers, Not Sure Which Column Above – especially without picture reference**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accessibility</li><li>• Accessibility</li><li>• Accessible</li><li>• City buy-in to help improve</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cyclical use</li><li>• Diversity</li><li>• <i>#5 Visibility</i></li><li>• <i>Trees too close (hiding signage)</i></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>#4 Lifeless</i></li><li>• <i>Don't understand what it is</i></li><li>• <i>Not as pretty</i></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Too small town</i></li><li>• <i>Stark image – building doesn't address street well</i></li><li>• <i>Designed in "sunnier" climates</i></li><li>• <i>Pictures don't address winter</i></li></ul> |
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**NOTE:** There were no additional items regarding the category **Supporting and Developing Art & Culture**. With the exception of the skate park (placed above under **Public Places & Spaces to Gather**), there were no additional items for Kid & Youth-Focused Activities.