



Center of the City Task Force
 319 South Fifth Avenue
 Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

**An invitation
 to Help Plan the
 Center of the City!**



- Get updates & alerts: www.a2gov.org/citycenter
- Attend a community Open House at Ann Arbor SPARK on Jan. 15
- Provide input to the Task Force: CityCenterTF@a2gov.org

**TO ALL RESIDENTS OF
 THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR
 (AND FRIENDS
 EVERYWHERE):**

In November 2018, voters approved **PROPOSAL A** to amend the City Charter, which states that City-owned land bounded by Fifth Avenue, and William, Division and Liberty Streets, including Liberty Plaza, the surface of the Library Lane parking structure and Library Lane itself, “shall be retained in public ownership, in perpetuity, and developed as an urban central park and civic center commons known as the ‘Center of the City’.”

An Overview of the Library Block Project

COMMONS is the inclusive term for this assemblage of public lands. The City Council Resolution to implement Proposal A described the commons as a traditional form of sharing land for mutual benefit, with mutual responsibility and mutual respect.

BY FEBRUARY 28, 2020, the **CENTER OF THE CITY TASK FORCE** will present recommendations to the Ann Arbor City Council for implementing the City Charter direction to develop these these public lands as a Central Park and Civic Center Commons. **WE NEED YOUR INPUT!**



The Center of the City Task Force: We are nine appointed resident volunteers, plus two liaison members from City Council and one staff person.

You’re Invited to Participate!

AS OF THE WRITING OF THIS INVITATION the Task Force has held community engagement meetings with the AAATA, the DDA, the downtown library, the Old Fourth Ward Neighborhood Association, Kempf House, the Delonis Center, a Y Lot consultant and businesses and residents near the Library Block. The Task Force also gathered survey responses in an “Idea Pod” decadome on the Library block, through an online survey, and at a community-wide open house.



Participants visit the Idea Pod in November 2019

FUTURE PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

GET UPDATES & ALERTS:
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ATTEND A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE:
 January 15, 6–8 pm
 Ann Arbor SPARK, 330 E. Liberty St.

PROVIDE INPUT TO THE TASK FORCE:
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ATTEND A TASK FORCE MEETING
 (see right)

UPCOMING TASK FORCE MEETINGS

January 8, 2020 @ 3 PM

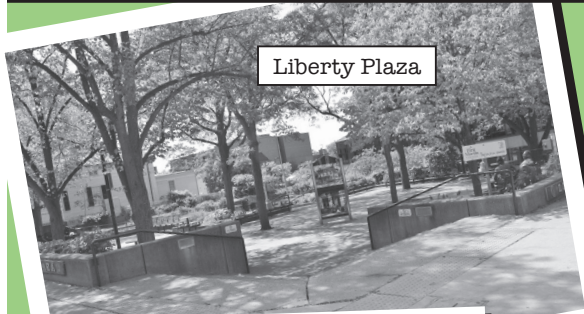
January 22, 2020 @ 4 PM

February 5, 2020 @ 3 PM

February 19, 2020 @ 4 PM

Meetings are held every other Wednesday for two hours—usually at Ann Arbor City Hall. Public comment invited at the beginning and end of each meeting. Other special meetings may be scheduled—subscribe for email alerts: www.a2gov.org/citycenter

What's on the Library Block?



Liberty Plaza

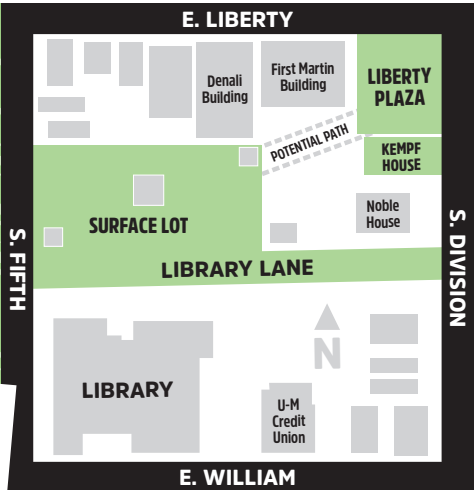
WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS on how the City can connect, improve and better activate all these areas of the Library Block?



Kempf House



Surface Lot



What's Your Vision for the Center of the City Commons?

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE! The Commons is shared by all people acting as equal shareholders. It is a place where creating and living the culture of peaceful sustainability is central as the common mission of humanity. A place distinguished by the highest aspirations of the human family, harmony of cultures and the universal declaration of human rights. A place inviting the love and generosity of Ann Arbor people to think and work and cooperate together to create something beautiful in the physical world, bringing us more together as a community as a whole.

What philanthropists, foundations and advisers might be willing to help?

What are your thoughts on financing?

Rely on volunteers, fundraisers and philanthropy?
A new tax?

Let us know your thoughts about this! Email:
CityCenterTF@a2gov.org

If there were a **Civic Center Building**, what function(s) would you like to see for it?

Imagine... Ann Arbor's Bicentennial in 2024



The Task Force imagines a long-term plan unfolding in stages, with the Ann Arbor Bicentennial (2024) being a high point. The financing, staging and governance will be a decision of City Council, after the Task Force submits its recommendations on **FEBRUARY 28, 2020.**



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