



**Amanda Tainio, Principal**

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Memo To: Jord Wilson, Pateros City Administrator

RE: Notes from Pateros Community Market Committee (Angela Van Eysinga – Co-Manager) Interview

A phone interview was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 with Angela Van Eysinga, Co-Manager of the Pateros Community Market Committee to discuss and obtain information for the Pateros Downtown Market Study, supplementary to the Community Survey.

Attendance:

- Angela Van Eysinga – Co-Manager of the Pateros Community Market Committee
- Amanda Tainio, Upward 7 Consulting

The interview kicked off at 2pm.

- Amanda Tainio provided an introduction and summarized the project.
  - The study will provide the planning necessary to be competitive for future grant applications to fund construction for Pateros Mall infrastructure.
  - The study will be based on research, discussions, and feedback and builds upon previous efforts.
  - Initial public participation activities will be wrapped up this Fall, conceptual plans and a draft market study will be developed, and the final Downtown Market Study will be presented in the late Spring of 2024.
  - A focus group will be utilized to provide feedback throughout the process.

Amanda T. kicked off the Q&A with Angela:

- What is your vision for the Pateros Mall and incorporation of the community market?
  - She envisions the market remaining on the mall but expanding. Having booths further out and visible from highway, incorporated w/ landscaping that has more interest to draw people in.
  - Improvements needed are more electrical outlets, more shade/overhead shelter (roof w/ solar panels to power electrical outlets), bathroom closer than the park (too far a distance), a more permanent bathroom would be ideal but porta potties would be helpful temporarily, also a water bottle fill station/drinking fountain.
- Are there any challenges or issues you foresee?
  - City is on-board w/ expansion but co-manager doesn't want to cover more than one day. Need more involvement for volunteers to manage market. A paid coordinator worked ok but volunteers can run the market and expand it w/ help.
  - City involvement w/ refuse control and advertising/promoting helps the market.
  - Sidewalk replacement for infrastructure.
  - Ash trees can be replaced w/ other landscape and shade enhancements (sun/heat is an issue).



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- What does the market need to expand (duration, area, etc.)?
  - Christmas bazaar building – would love access for year round market (old grocery store building – blue roof next to bakery, resource & tech center are also in building – owner is trying to sell building).
  - If a public entity could purchase building, it would be helpful and allow for improvements.
    - Upstairs overlooks downstairs at one end, need windows in building, open up divided spaces
  
- What infrastructure is needed for the mall to be a multi-use space?
  - Electrical outlets (see solar idea) and shade
  - When market first started, they did kids activities and now library does
  - A lot of family groups come to market – need to incorporate kids (painted kids games and interactive public art were survey ideas she liked)
  - Friday night doesn't compete w/ other markets but she would like to expand to Saturday morning also
    - 2 day setup would be tough for vendors so having a lockable space would make expansion easier
    - APJ vendors setup tents next to park booths to watch their stuff but this wouldn't work on mall
  
- Does/could Pateros have a theme? What is/would it be?
  - Angela and husband pushing for this since 2014 fires
  - In 2015, they setup a coffee stand w/ theme of Ives Landing
    - Ives Landing Theme – businesses would add artwork w/ paddle wheel boat theme, dock a paddlewheel boat in the river which could include a restaurant
    - Paddle wheel boats were steam powered
    - Rock in park had a hook/loop to pull boats up
    - Unique theme for this area
  
- Additional comments:
  - May send via email (*none received over the week*)
  - Handicap access is ok at mall, ADA parking at bakery, just need closer bathroom
  - Community building (where resource center is located) is only accessible during Christmas bazaar for bathroom, but only one shared bathroom
    - Could add another bathroom on bakery side by bumpout (chimney?) – right in middle of market
      - 169 Pateros Mall (Resource Center is Suite A), Christmas Bazaar is in warehouse area.