Parks Commission Comments

- Several commissioners were concerned with the lack of greenscape within the plan.

- There has been discussion about having some sort of playground structure as part of the “new” Davis Town Square (E Street Plaza), but is that really best use of space.

- Additional concerns were expressed about the development of such a central prominent plaza, without having some kind of public/private partnership in place for the programming of the space. It would be a disservice to the community to add this beautiful space and only have it programmed on special occasions. If not routinely programmed, commissioners expressed that the space may be taken over with undesirable activity.

- Would like to see the green spaces more specifically called out in the plan for environmental sustainability (types of plant species, design options, improvements to the livability of the downtown area).

- Central Park does not get much attention within the plan, yet it seems to be so connected to the downtown area. The use of this space and how the future of Farmers’ Market should be considered more in the plan. Should we be looking at better ways to operate the market in conjunction with the downtown businesses?

- Commissioner Ira Bray suggested that there is a significant amount of square footage dedicated to financial institutions in the downtown area. Given the trend for online banking and such, he suggested that some of these businesses may seek alternative locations thus providing the City to potentially re-purpose the space for future park or gathering places.