

Open House Session Comments [+ star stickers indicating endorsement from another participant]:

- With the planned dissolution of RVAP, the university is in need of an affordable/accessible advocacy center for victims of all crime
- More small business. More national retailers.
- Too many bars, too many smoke shops
- Drive-in movie theater (until other development) [+1]
- As a student of the university, my safety is always a main concern with being a young adult who is often unaccompanied
- Trees – lower CO2 footprint. Culture – esp. in nature [+2]. Informal outdoor gathering space. A place to breathe. Welcoming storytellers, esp. seniors (across street).
- Union and organization incubator [+1]
- Stories Project – a museum for American Writing and Literature
- Community gardens [+1]
- Semi-park area like green dining courtyard
- Affordable housing – immigrant & refugee friendly [+2]
- Stories project [+1]
- Candy store
- I know this is expensive land and a possible tax boon for the City. However, we already have an adequate number of eateries, restaurants & retail spaces. What we do not have is a fully open, fully natural space for people young and old to gather. We need a place with trees and other native plantings to attract native species and to attract plein air storytellers, poets, dreamers downtown. Many seniors support my position. - *IC Senior Center Commission President*.
- Low income housing / mixed housing – *Melissa*
- With the planned dissolution of the university of Iowa's RVAP program, Iowa City needs an advocacy program, not just for survivors but for victims of all crime. The building would not only create jobs for university students, but those who were put out of work earlier this week.
- As a community organizer for Escucha Mi Voz, Iowa, it is imperative that the city consider creating affordable housing that is safe for our growing immigrant and refugee population. A concept that would include a community space that encourages unity as well as implementing green climate friendly initiatives and community gardens. – *Yaneli Canales*
- Iowa City is such a diverse city and I think this is a great opportunity to represent that and use this space to showcase that. Yeah, entertainment is nice and fun, but the city needs more than that. We need a safe space for immigrants and minorities.