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**From:** Chuck and Sue Dayton <cdayton7@mchsi.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2024 10:39 AM  
**To:** PublicInput  
**Subject:** linn street property

\*\* This email originated outside of the City of Iowa City email system. Please take extra care opening any links or attachments. \*\* I can't find the survey, but I suggest a green space with benches, maybe a space for a couple food trucks.

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**From:** Ray M <michels.raymond@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 11, 2024 9:39 AM  
**To:** PublicInput  
**Cc:** GreeniowaIC@gmail.com; Megan Hill  
**Subject:** 21 S. Linn St Development



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Has there been any consideration of the 21 S Linn lot as a tiny urban park? Perhaps even taking inspiration for landscape and elevation from Isamu Noguchi's *Play Mountain* or similar park concepts?

[https://99percentinvisible.org/episode/play-mountain/#attachment\\_28660](https://99percentinvisible.org/episode/play-mountain/#attachment_28660)

There are a wide array of fantastic parks throughout Iowa City, but nothing that really helps our citizenry within the Downtown District. Just like whitespace on a well-designed page, a green space would act as a tranquil break from all of the concrete, metal and brick of downtown.

I imagine a small park with varying levels of hills, topiary and trees. Perhaps even prairie-based plants so not as much upkeep is required. The change in landscape, instead of extra urban-scape, would allow children to stretch their imagination without the need for play equipment. Differences in elevation might lend themselves to quiet nooks for reading, conversation or even picnics. Perhaps there could even be some comfy string lights above and power outlets tucked among the greenery.

The automated chat asked me many questions about what I thought was missing from Downtown and what would keep me there longer. I can't think of many things that Downtown is missing--but I definitely don't see any green parks. The one park within the District--Blackhawk Park--continues the brick foundation of the Ped Mall. A great surface to help people walk through--but not one that stops, slows, nor invites an extended stay.

I'm sure a park in that space is a pipe-dream--I read the strong desire for a public-private partnership at this lot. A park may not provide immediate incentives, but I think it will improve the look of Downtown and increase the sight-appeal and desirability for surrounding businesses.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Ray Michels  
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he/him

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**From:** Trent Haman <trenthaman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024 3:56 PM  
**To:** PublicInput  
**Subject:** 21 S Linn Redevelopment



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I'd like to express my thoughts on the lot and redevelopment at 21 S Linn.

First, the absolute last thing needed or wanted is another residential high rise. Not only is another high rise an ugly blot on the skyline, but inevitably the residential will fill with students while any ground floor commercial space will sit vacant just like all similar projects have done to date. This offers the general public no benefits and no incentive to visit downtown.

What would be beneficial there would be some type of family entertainment space and/or restaurant. Similar to a Dave & Busters that recently opened in Des Moines. Or Smash Park in Des Moines, offers both indoor & outdoor family games and entertainment.

Another option, an upscale indoor golfing simulator that also has a restaurant/bar attached. Similar to The Range, also in Des Moines.

<https://rangedesmoines.com/>

Or a similar venue in Madison, WI called Hook and Fade.

<https://www.instagram.com/hookandfademadison/?hl=en>

These would bring value to a wide range of people while driving business downtown. Which are the two most important considerations for this space.

Thanks for your time,

Trent Haman  
Iowa City, IA

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**From:** Powers, Michael M <michael-t-hayden@uiowa.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2024 1:03 PM  
**To:** PublicInput  
**Subject:** Opinion On Vacant Lot 21 S. Linn St.



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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email in hopes of encouraging the city to develop either affordable housing or a safe space for the immigrant community we have. I would like to see this lot be used to impact the people who live here and not to benefit business owners or landlords.

### Michael Powers

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**From:** Stan Ridgeway <stanridgeway1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2024 4:44 PM  
**To:** PublicInput  
**Subject:** 21 S Linn St

\*\* This email originated outside of the City of Iowa City email system. Please take extra care opening any links or attachments. \*\* Dear Council,

If some of the space could be reserved for a public rest area similar to the area North of the Chauncey that would be great. An attractive spot in the downtown area with native plants and benches would attract and keep people downtown which in turn would be good for merchants. Thanks for taking input.

Stan Ridgeway  
Iowa City

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**From:** AJ Casas <alexio.casas5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 11:44 AM  
**To:** PublicInput  
**Subject:** Suggestion for lot development - 21 S. Linn Street



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Hello Iowa City -

My name is AJ Casas and my wife and I currently reside in east Iowa City. I graduated from the University of Iowa and this city holds a special place in my heart. My hope is that the people, businesses, and overall community continue to thrive.

My suggestion for the empty lot on 21 S. Linn Street is to develop it into a space for food trucks. The inspiration for this recommendation comes from a visit to Traverse City, MI, where they have a dedicated space for food trucks called "The Little Fleet." I'll link the website here: <https://www.thelittlefleet.com/>

Since this space is in the middle of downtown, I feel like it would be the perfect location. It would also ensure that the murals can still be seen and not obstructed by a building. Having a place where local businesses can share their best foods, drinks, and music is something I feel a lot of people in Iowa City would enjoy. Best of all, it would bring people together which is my favorite part about Iowa City.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my email.

Thank you,

AJ

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**From:** James Pobst <James.Pobst@pearson.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 10:30 AM  
**To:** PublicInput  
**Cc:** James Pobst  
**Subject:** Additional comment regarding development of 21 S. Linn



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Hello, I am an Iowa City community member concerned about the development of 21 S. Linn. I did fill out the survey option with my feedback regarding this topic, but wanted to email some additional details regarding one suggestion I had.

In my survey, I emphasized that the corner could be minimally developed as a eating/gathering area for local festivals, notably Iowa City Pride and the Hispanic Festival, given that the main stage for both events is nearby. The main reason why this is an idea to encourage is that I've seen from first-hand observation that people eat/gather all over the place at these events, on nearby curbs or grass. If the City could designate 21 S. Linn as a community eating/gathering place, especially during the season, it would help organize the festivals better and (possibly) lead to less trash scattered around.

Those are my additional thoughts regarding the main suggestion I had of turning 21 S. Linn into a community eating/gathering place. This will also preserve the backdrop of the lovely mural on the building wall.

Thanks for considering my thoughts.

**James H Pobst**  
Project Coordinator  
School Assessment

Pearson  
Iowa City (Remote)

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**From:** Mary Stevenson <mlstevenson62@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:42 AM  
**To:** PublicInput



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I'd like to see a green space for all ages to gather...much like Blackhawk park use to be on the ped mall.

Plantings of native trees & shrubs would help too.

We have plenty of apartment complexes w/ empty storefronts already.

Thanks for your consideration.



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**From:** Werkmeister, Glenda <glenda-werkmeister@uiowa.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2024 8:00 AM  
**To:** PublicInput  
**Subject:** Input on space on linn st.



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I think Iowa City has enough housing for students, but I believe it doesn't have that many housing for seniors with a lower income Without being on a long waiting list to get an apartment, so I'd really like to see a senior living facility put up in that area on Linn Street. Thank you!

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**From:** Janet Wilson <jlackwil53@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024 11:43 AM  
**To:** PublicInput  
**Subject:** Redevelopment of 21 S. Linn St. Public input

\*\* This email originated outside of the City of Iowa City email system. Please take extra care opening any links or attachments. \*\* Hello, I envision a multi story building not to rise too much above immediate surrounding buildings. \*\*\*The GROUND FLOOR would be a great space for a covered FARMERS MARKET. I envision a ground floor space that can be opened fully to the outdoors in the summer and closed in the winter. This space could be used for the ART FAIR and MUSIC venues as well.

Above could be developed for anything from low rent housing to artist space, retail space. It should be treated as an INOVATIVE MULTI PURPOSE SPACE. ACCESSIBLE AND GIVEN TO HELP FOLKS LIVE, AFFORABLY, DOWNTOWN. There currently is enough high end housing downtown.

Something that would tie into the OPEN PEDESTRIAN friendliness of downtown IC.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Janet Wilson

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Quentin Misiag <quentinmisiag@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 12:26 PM  
**To:** PublicInput  
**Subject:** Redevelopment of 21 S. Linn St.: Feedback from Iowa City native and downtown advocate



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Good afternoon City of Iowa City team,

I hope this email finds you well! My name is Quentin Misiag and I am an Iowa City native and Downtown Iowa City advocate. I recently noticed the city started soliciting input on the redevelopment of 21. S. Linn St. Given this is a signature piece of property downtown, I wanted to share my ideas for the lot. Here are a few elements I'd like to see incorporated:

- High-rise single or double mixed-use building, at least 8 stories tall with a maximum height of 20 stories
- Underground parking
- Protection of adjacent mural, with an incorporated alley with uplighting and addition public art elements
- Small urban park space, similar to the [EMC park](#) in Downtown Des Moines
- Mid-tier hotel, similar to the [Hewing Hotel](#) in the North Loop or [Jasper Hotel](#) in downtown Fargo
- Retail spaces that face Washington and Linn St., with tall windows

Here are some examples of projects that could be modeled:

<https://neumannmonson.com/111-east-grand>

<https://neumannmonson.com/219-east-grand>

<https://slingshotarchitecture.com/work/eagle-view/>

<https://ironcladmn.com/>

Thank you for your consideration!  
Quentin

Rachel. FYI Per your record.  
I did respond. GF.

10/4/2023

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Mr. Geoff Fruin  
City Manager  
The City of Iowa City  
410 East Washington Street  
Iowa City, IA 52240

Dear Mr. Fruin:

My name is Cecilia Nuxoll. I am ten years old. I know you are not going to have the public give their ideas about what to do with the area that the US bank used to be in until 2024 or something like that so I thought I would write a letter. The city is probably going to make it multiple stories so I thought one story could be an indoor playground. There could be a restaurant area for food and snacks to make money because going to the playground should be free. You can do anything with the other stories but please consider the indoor playground.

Sincerely,



Cecilia Nuxoll

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**The Proposed Irving Weber Memorial Project**

**From:** A member of the Iowa City Senior Center and Trail of Johnson County

**To:** A proposal to Iowa City Council and City Manager submitted by Rob Dietrich 4/29/24

**Re:** Future plan for the former USBank property at the corner of Washington & Linn st

This is a multi-use proposal for how the property recently acquired by the City of Iowa City (the original city Hall grounds and civic center) might best be utilized to enhance our downtown for all citizens and especially retired adults who sometimes fail to receive recognition as artists and artisans, not to mention their prominent role as community volunteers who make our city function more efficiently.

The proposal is named the **Weber Memorial Project** honoring the memory of Irving Weber, longtime city historian and honored local citizen. The proposal has **three parts**: The first part, **Weber Plaza**, is a park-like green space located on the southern half of the now city-owned property, hovered over by a colorful three story mural on the east building wall adjacent to the property.

The second part, **Weber Place**, is a multi-story affordable housing project on the northern part of the lot, designed for a retired or soon-to-be retired age group as residents, modeled after the Ecumenical Towers project. That well-managed housing project dating from 1974, houses 81 apartments where residents pay annual rent equal to 30% of their adjusted gross annual income. For all residents whatever their income, that amount is fixed. And that program has been successful from the start. There are currently no vacancies and the average waiting period for occupying vacancies is currently 12 months, which definitely indicates the need for affordable housing downtown. Ideally, the Ecumenical Towers (a private entity supported by 12 local churches) might be the sponsor of Weber Place and an inquiry toward that end has been initiated; but the likelihood is that a combination of public, private and grant resources would be in a better position to move such a project and that is a matter for the city fathers to determine, but it seems that both the green space idea and especially the need for affordable housing are matters of considerable public interest and support.

And finally there is a third part to the Weber Memorial Project, to add to the Weber Plaza and Weber Place, and that is the city acquisition of the old mortuary property on Linn street, for additional affordable housing OR to remodel and to construct within the three floor levels of the old building a new feature called **Weber Creates**, a collection of artisan studios for painters, printers, ceramicists silver smiths, voice and piano teachers,, jewelry and dress makers and the list goes on, for reasonable rental fees, under the jurisdiction of the City Parks and Recreation Commission. What better way to augment Iowa City's downtown entrepreneurial reputation as rhe Arts and Entertainment center for much of Iowa?

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*Robert Dietrich 4/29/24*