

Input from cards [Collected, but too many cards for reporting back out loud]
“What’s missing?” question:

May 4, 2004 –

- Simplify. Get rid of clutter & overhang.
- Attractive and unique retail stores & greenspace. Clean & safe.
- More greenery with congenial seating areas. Like Rock Bottom concept but not a place for family or grandkids. Don't like junk food carts. Likes indoor/outdoor concept.
- More unique retail shops; Starbucks.
- Retail shops. Pedestrian mall on adjacent streets.

May 5, 2004 –

- Landscaping. More green space.
- Eliminate streets around the square & make it more pedestrian friendly.
- Make it easier to walk to stores.
- Square feels isolated in the center.
- It separates consumers from stores.

May 6, 2004 –

- Take skywalks down.
- Keep fountain focus.
- Have Post Office back to face on the square with street level access.
- I think it's fine, as is.
- More public access (including for wheelchairs).
- Remove stage and surround with open-air cafes, wine bars, etc.
- Skywalks should go and stage.
- There is value for a covered connection, like skywalk, if that could be done at ground level or within square.
- Maybe defray costs with sale of customized pavers and used those for history statements— honor civic leaders, commemorate rallies, etc.
- More greenery.
- Emphasize landscaping and de-emphasize structures.
- Create meditative area for stress relief.
- Full-time park ranger type presence for safety, 24 hours a day, not a police officer. Replicate Bryant Park—trees, seating, etc. for 4 blocks

May 11, 2004 -

- There is no stress or place for public speak-out area as forum for discussion; seems skewed toward people who are affluent.
- People who are middle or low income should be able to come here and enjoy themselves.
- How do we attract people to Fountain Square? Abandon the Banks project which will compete with downtown area.

- I was concerned about article in paper about City funding that didn't mention 3rd and 4th Streets. They connect the Banks to Fountain Square.
- What is the significance of Fountain Square? Let's tell that story. What about equivalent of Hofbrau Haus on this side of purple people bridge? If not, then be serious about retail around the square and don't cannibalize Tower Place.
- What about tying in redesign of Government Square, which is in the planning stage? Remember the people who take the bus.
- I remember coming to the square after our sports teams won. We need to manage big crowds.