

## **Sociability: Inviting / Inclusive**

### **May 4, 2004 –**

- Have events for children and families, so children can grow up being used to coming to Fountain Square.
- It is not a child-friendly area. “It’s not a place where you want to take your 6-year-old.”
- Circular steps (from PowerPoint) where people can sit—makes it feel friendly.
- Spanish steps from skywalk to square.
- Takes children for ice skating, but nowhere to buy snack and drink just there. Also go to see trains and arcade at Christmas time. We drive home to get something to eat. Only Tower Place food court—that gets boring.
- Make it appealing for all ages.
- More street performers to create a sense that this is an ‘in’ place to be—that something is always happening here. Get drum band; it can move around. Lead people to the square. Dancers move to the music. Get the sense that there’s always something happening there that isn’t happening in Springdale.
- If we don’t have the people living downtown, how far will these great ideas go? We need another great big parking center to accommodate tens of thousands of people. We need 7-story buildings like in Paris. The number of office workers is dwindling. That hurts small retail businesses. More office workers and more people living downtown will do the most to bring vibrancy downtown.

### **May 5, 2004 –**

- You’ve got it right. Fountain is good.
- Events appear without much publicity. Are they scheduled?
- ‘Inviting’ comes from aesthetics and ambience of space—charm, appeal, lighting, greenspace, landscaping.
- What about adding Verdin clock designed for squares?

### **May 6, 2004 –**

- Have fun seating, not only choice of wall or plastic chair. Seating is one of the most important factors; find a way to utilize center, not just the perimeter. Maybe it’s too early in season and not all the tables are out.
- Fountain is important; people like to sit where they can see it.
- Ice skating rink adds to friendly feel in the winter, brings people down.

### **May 10, 2004 –**

- Having housing in that immediate area would help.
- More warm and friendly. Attractive for family members.
- Attract people of all ages; include children.
- City, County, and media need to be on board—informed and supportive

### **May 11, 2004 –**

- Too many places that are not accessible to everyone.
- There are children in Over-the-Rhine who do not know that this is a river town. It must be welcoming to everyone.
- During Christmas, the ice skating rink draws families. Have a unique opportunity for every season that attracts children.
- Who's the audience? 60,000 people work downtown. And there's a growing number of residents. Grandma only brings the kids downtown to see the trains once a year.
- William White called this the best public space in the country.