

# PLAN THE COMMON

## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - RESULTS

QUILL BOOKS & BEVERAGE

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This form was used to investigate whether the space known as the "common" currently includes physical features or program elements that are inviting and foster social interaction or include any spatial elements that might hinder interaction. The intent is to make sure the new design does not lose or eliminate desirable elements that currently exist in the space. Results are shown in red.

1. Does the place offer a variety of places to sit and rest? **Provide a diversity of seating options**  
8 No 14 Yes
2. Does the place offer things to look at/nice views? **Improve views and visual interest**  
15 No 7 Yes
3. Does the place have a slope or steps that are nice for sitting? **Consider raised seating/ stage**  
19 No 3 Yes
4. Does the place have gateways or well-defined entrances? **Gateways to be pronounced and attractive with possible signage**  
9 No 12 Yes
5. Does the place have a kid-friendly play space? **Include child friendly/ play elements**  
19 No 2 Yes
6. Does the place offer a variety of places to sit and rest? **Provide a diversity of seating options**  
7 No 12 Yes
7. Does the place have a multipurpose area big enough for markets, demonstrations, or community events? **Space should include open flexible programmable areas**  
14 No 8 Yes
8. Are there fixed food and drink vendors in the place or places (including food carts) available?  
10 No 11 Yes
9. Are there a variety of active ground floor businesses adjacent to the place - including food and drink vendors? **Encourage food and beverage businesses on ground fl. retail**  
5 No 16 Yes
10. Does the place have tables for eating and socializing? **Maintain areas for outdoor seating**  
7 No 15 Yes
11. Does the place have public restrooms? **Public bathrooms are costly and require regular maintenance. Consider port-o-lets during large events**  
20 No 1 Yes
12. Does the place have good lighting at night? **Design to include a diversity of lighting types**  
13 No 2 Yes 5 Unsure
13. Are there any unnecessary permanent fences/ barriers? **Do not overly delineate spaces with fixed barriers**  
13 No 8 Yes
14. Are there any off-limit areas? **Space should be open, safe and welcoming to the public**  
19 No 8 Yes
15. Are there any extreme grade changes, uneven paving, or other barriers for people with limited mobility? **Maintain areas for outdoor seating**  
17 No 4 Yes
16. Are the only food or shopping options very expensive or only accessible to high-income people? **Encourage F & B businesses that are affordable to all ages**  
21 No 0 Yes
17. What would you like to see in the space that is currently missing?  

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17. What would you like to see in the space that is currently missing?

- Art
- Small stage (2-steps)
- Smaller compact shrubs
- Pergola with vines (look at Historic Distric Alexandria: large pergola with vines, quaint seating)
- Lighting
- Decorate for events
- Kids games (large tic-tac-toe/chess table/backgammon)
- Bubbles
- Electric car station and hand held device charging areas - Free Public WIFI
- Elements that activate the space
- Buildings need facelift
- Too many trees
- OPen views and pedestrian circulation
- Add stage at the end where fountain is, so its not open behind musicians
- Look at small park, Crystal City Crown Plaza in Alexandria, Virginia
- Maintenance
- Less concrete
- Love the veggie gardens
- A reason to enter the Common
- Comfortable, variety of seating
- Inappropriate businesses surround the space
- Flexible spaces
- Grass and people
- Water fountain
- People, loveability, interest, life, softness
- Color, greenery, art, lighting and water
- Food truck space
- Make credit union space feel like a part of the Common
- Stage/entertainment area
- Wind sculpture