

McKinney Restaurant Council Survey Responses

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540 Mercantile	No	
Rayfield & Company	Yes	
Chase Hall	No	
The Groovy Coop/Red Zeppelin Records	I'm not sure. I need more information.	I wouldn't want to block anything from street access. There are times people need to load in or out in front of the stores when bringing in merchandise or purchasing large pieces. Also, would they be at random or in some sort of pattern?
Spoons Cafe and The Garage	Yes	Instead of us taking up parking space for Spoons we would really like the picnic tables back. The Garage could use a parklet
Texas Monkey Business	Yes	Great for restaurants, I not sure how it would work For retail, but would be interested.
Layered	No	When the parking is closed ( for example a day before a square event) my business is hurt a lot, most of my customers wants a quick bite or coffee making them park further by taking away close by spaces will hurt my business.
Social living	No	I don't think it would help my business. In fact I think it would hurt my business more than anything. it's already hard enough to find parking for businesses on the Square especially for customers who just need to pop in and out so closing off the street reduces the ingress and egress even more. The city has already done a fine job in extending sidewalks and patio areas and and around the Square. And frankly even doing that update was detrimental to businesses on the Square when you add that along with Covid.
haute poppies floral inc. & The Luxe Poppy	I'm not sure. I need more information.	It's a great idea! I know we have something like this by Filtered and we love it
Jim Schwalls & Associates	No	Great idea. As an office space user the idea removes some parking but the effort to help restaraunts is a good idea
Antigue Company Mall	No	Sounds like great idea for restarsunts but doesn't really hurt or help the mall
Cotton hearts	No	We will get more homeless sitting and smoking cigarettes ALL DAY!!!! NO WAY
Upstage	No	I am very concerned with he safety of this extension. Cars ar whizzing by pretty fast. I am also concerned about aesthetics. Also if everyone tak s advantage of these parklets , we lose actual parking . I am not for this idea .
Patina Green	Yes	I think this could REALLY help our businesses. A lot of our businesses on the square are already small and limiting capacity is making a lot of our business really struggle. This could also give our downtown an even more pedestrian friendly atmosphere! I can't see a downside to this especially considering our parking garages are so under utilized. This can be a way to promote the parking garages more while also helping the businesses/restaurants down here!
the Little Red Hen	No	Absolutely not!

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Doozie's Corner	Yes	I think this is an excellent idea. May work for my business and may not. I do think it would accommodate many businesses downtown so I would not be opposed. Thank you. Donna
Mila Delfin Jewelry	I'm not sure. I need more information.	
McKinney Knittery	I'm not sure. I need more information.	In general I don't like the look of them, nor giving up the parking spaces. However, during Covid-19, and while the weather is nice, I think our knitters might enjoy an outside place to gather and knit.
the Little Red Hen	No	We do not need this! Downtown has to many other needs before we do something this this!!!
The Celt Irish Pub	Yes	Thanks, Amy!
Filtered	Yes	I think this would be a good versatile option to increase patronage and foot traffic not to mention ambiance. From a personal perspective our street is scheduled to undergo construction beginning Jan 2021 so not sure as to the immediate opportunity to participate.
Lone Star Wine Cellars	Yes	We saw this done in Truckee, CA. Great concept and would love to participate.
Walls of Clay	Yes	Absolutely! I have seen both Rye and Lone Star do this and would like to do the same. Walls of Clay offers table service, people would be creating (painting pottery) in the street. Glazes are water soluble and easy to clean up.
Day6	No	But I think it is a good idea for other businesses.
Gather in Downtown McKinney	Yes	How would you decide which business get which parking spaces for their parklet?
The Homestead Heifer	No	Not sure if it's even possible to do "in the square" but I don't think it would benefit in front of my business. I like the parking how it is. I feel like the 3 hour parking should be monitored more sternly as I know business employees take up a lot of those spots. If it was properly monitored; this would allow more in and out crowds and limit time in spots which in return coverts to more foot traffic.

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History Museum	No	I personally love the outdoor tables for takeout! My family has occupied them many times. They are better on the lawn of the MPAC though. IMO easy parking on the square is important. Many times the deciding factor of where we will eat, is where we can find a close space. Parking garages are great for events and tourist outings, but I'm not going to hike in or valet (even if it's free.) There are too many good restaurant choices. In general I would rather see more grass and big trees. Concrete planters are not even close to the same thing. At the museum, we have grass and trees, and people hanging around just enjoying the shade all day long. I wish there was a place where people gathered to play chess or the like! While I'm at it... I wish downtown had more varied destination shopping: a specialty vintage hardware store (door knobs, hinges, screen doors,) an eyeglass store, a great bookstore repair/bindery, vintage lighting and lamp repair, a button store... sources that you can't find anywhere else.
Last art gallery	Yes	There is usually parking just beyond the actual square and allowing parklet's is a likely benefit to customers as well as artist access. This concept was recently Achieved with the extra sidewalk space created by the Light up Louisiana street project.
Carpe Diem Comics	I'm not sure. I need more information.	In General, we don't see a need to make parklets a regular part of our business. However, there may be times when it would be nice to take some of our indoor gaming activities and throw them outside for the public to see. So maybe that technically a "Yes"? :)
Jasper & Petals	Yes	We don't serve food but support more public seating outside. However, when it gets really cold we don't think we need it and then construction starts in Jan on our side of Louisiana so this might be a narrow window and not worth the cost perhaps? This for other restaurants that could benefit from it more we support. Being from Dallas we love PARKing Day and other things like this with Parklets.
Ettiene Market	Yes	This will help create a community feel, I love this concept.
ORISONS	No	This would disrupt walking traffic if I understand this properly.
Food Walks of Texas	Yes	First of all, I see this as a temporary move designed to prevent businesses from going out of business from Covid regulations stifling business activities. As such, I see this possibly being established with a specific term that would be up for review prior to extending the term. My suggestion would be four (4) periods. Finally, I would only see this being done in only two (2) to three (3) areas fo McKinney that has a specific driver for the extended space being a necessity. An example of that driver being where existing Covid regulations limit realized space occupancy at less than 60% in a given establishment.
McKinney Community Development Corporation	Yes	During the current times - with emphasis on outside activity and physical distancing, this seems like a good option for downtown restaurants. Maybe should be considered on a temporary basis - so that could be revisited to assess impact on the downtown area overall . . .

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The Graphite Store	I'm not sure. I need more information.	Our question would be if the space could be used for anything or would there be regulations?
Kim Guthrie Art	I'm not sure. I need more information.	
Spa Esoteric	No	For the business we have of a day spa..this would not apply to us..I think it is a wonderful idea especially for small space businesses to have more business or showcase their store. We can't really do massages and facials at curb side...
Hugs Café, Inc.	Yes	A parklet would allow our restaurant to expand the seating capacity to at least 50%. The state currently allows for 75% capacity with 6 feet distancing. Our business is unable to seat 50% while socially distancing. I ask the city to prayerfully consider helping businesses out in this endeavor during these trying times.
Homepieces	No	
Hōme•ol•o•gy	I'm not sure. I need more information.	I'm confused on the question. Turning my business into a parklet? Can you elaborate a little more?
Rye	Yes	I appreciate you looking into these, I am very much for them.
Each & Every Detail	No	I think this would be great for downtown McKinney. Especially now that we have the garage with a shuttle, it makes it easier to give up that parking space on the square. I would definitely keep valet if we do more of this.
Prop owner 219-223 e la	Yes	
Cadence Cyclery	Yes	I think this would allow a more open and inviting shopping experience for customers and open up traffic to areas not so close to the square, however we would need more parking garages to offset this space.
Jump inti Art Studios Inc	Yes	
SOHOMcKinney	No	
Goodies Texas	I'm not sure. I need more information.	I would love the potential to create a super short term (one weekend) type Parklet just to be able to hold tasting classes we would have done in store previously. It would be cool if there was one space created like that for businesses to reserve.
Alphagraphics	No	While this does not apply to my business, I think it is a great idea for any retail business. As we move into winter months if small heaters can be used to keep these spaces comfortable, it could really be helpful to make these spaces available to retailers to keep their capacity up. And the publicity DT McKinney could get for doing this could also drive traffic, both local and from out of town to the DT area. Many people still don't feel comfortable shopping and dining indoors so this is a win/win for everyone.
Visit McKinney	No	We don't need to create a parklet but I think it's FANTASTIC idea for the businesses that need more space. And I think visitors to the square would eat them up!!!

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The G.O. Team - JP & Associates Realtors	I'm not sure. I need more information.	This concept sort of exists with the coffee shop across the street on Louisiana. Love the idea of using the small parking lot next to Guava on Louisiana for this concept or outdoor events.
COCKTAIL CREAMERY	I'm not sure. I need more information.	would we have a canopy to protect from the sun, etc? who would supply this. would electricity be available at the site? i would be very open to having an ice cream cart but electricity is crucial and ideally protection from the sun. for us, this would be in the spring-fall timing, winter would not work for us.
Kelly's Art shack	Yes	We believe this is a great idea. With the pandemic not slowing down, people that want to get out and about will feel more secure by having these extended spaces on businesses. It is getting colder, so not as many people will want to be outside in a space if you are gonna do this quickly. February seems like a good time to have these installed.
Harvest	Yes	
Sharlas	No	This is ridiculous. We don't have enough parking for our clientele, especially our elderly who can't walk too far. We have an older population than our neighboring cities. Also, we have a huge issue with homeless on the square. Places like waters creek, legacy west and such are privately owned. They can legally ask homeless to move. This is city property, so we cannot. This would be a BIG MISTAKE!!
Uptown, Arabellas, Sweet Caroline's Gelato	No	Parking has always been the biggest issue in Downtown McKinney for the last 27 years that I have had a store on the square. There is no way I think we should allow restaurants or businesses to extend into our too few precious parking spaces. But to be clear, the answer is no, no, no. With the light up Louisiana Street we lost about ten parking spaces. We can not keep losing more spaces. I know you are saying this about Covid but it will become expected after Covid and I think this is very short sighted from whoever came up with this idea.
Wishful Thinking	No	Since I am not a restaurant, I don't see the benefit to this concept for my business.
Fair & Square Imports	No	Sounds great for restaurants!
Arabellas	No	Please see my response to previous Parklet survey. I do not want to give up any more parking places under any circumstances.
Ambrosia	No	I love this concept for the restaurants! Great idea!
Emporium Pies/Mefford Wealth Management	Yes	
Landry Kate AND Life + Style by Landry Kate	I'm not sure. I need more information.	

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Me and mts jones boutique	No	I don't feel like our shoppers are what your description references....I don't feel McKinney square is conducive to that type of lounging space nor losing parking to something to encourage sitting. Our weather is not temperate enough to get good use. Maybe I'm missing the point? :)
The Pantry Restaurant	Yes	This is a great option for all restaurant in downtown. Thanks for the idea. We are all for it.
Roofing Ontop & Exteriors, LLC	I'm not sure. I need more information.	I would, but my business is on the 2nd floor. I do not have the authority, or space to help with this matter. I would definitely love to see more parking downtown though. Thank you