

Endorsements for angled Parking on Pearl Street

300 BLOCK OF PEARL STREET



300, 302, 306, 312, 313 Pearl

To The Board of Public Works

*The Fortney family owns several buildings in the downtown district and we would like the city to get behind a Pearl Street Renovation of sorts. We are in support of angled parking on both blocks of Pearl Street. We would need to allow delivery trucks delivery zones on busy 3rd. St. Angled parking would provide for more parking than what's available today. We are also in support of book ending both blocks with a Pearl Street Arch that could begin and end... light stringers from building to building on the entire two blocks. Our family has seen this in other communities and it's amazing what it does for downtown. Downtown Denver Larimer Street has done this with great success as well as North High Street in Columbus, Ohio. With the huge price tag of our New and Amazing LaCrosse Center now is the time to time for a fantastic project to tie the Center to Pearl Street and beyond!
Thank you for your consideration.*

Marc R. Fortney
Fortney Companies, Inc.
308 3rd. Street South

317, 319 Pearl

Hi Terry,

This email is to strongly endorse the general scope of the Pearl Street prospective. Items that could be done immediately would be the full switch to diagonal parking on all of Pearl Street. Switching to this type of parking alignment would significantly help out all of the businesses in the area. The businesses in this area are suffering far more than the majority of the economy, and I feel it would be a solid step by the City to show these businesses that their pain is not being overlooked and it is in all of our interest to mitigate endless bankruptcy.

Other aspects we feel could be done right away concern fitting the street lights so that we can hang lights from fixture to fixture much like Larimer Square in Colorado. This would give the City excellent Postcard material and might convince more of the public to frequent this area and save our hurting businesses. We are all struggling greatly to keep up with the Big Box stores and these plans could offer some hope.

I truly hope this letter helps push our City Hall Staff to help all of Downtown with some simple steps to get the ball rolling on this great plan.

Respectfully,
Jason Alberty, President
DISTRICT 901 LLC / 320 Pearl LLC

327, 319 Pearl

To the Board of Public Works,

I am writing this statement in support of angled parking returning to Pearl Street as defined in the Pearl Street Prospective. I am a new building owner to this fine street as of October 1st, 2020. One of the main reasons I was drawn to Pearl, in particular, and ended up purchasing The Gund and Burgermeister buildings is because I was invited to participate in a focus group with other business owners. We walked the street, provided feedback, and I was able to hear all of the potential improvements that had been proposed (metal arches, bistro lighting, patio seating, increased pedestrian walkways). The business owners were collaborative, energetic, and filled with ideas. Then I heard the city was behind City Vision 2040. I unequivocally knew I wanted to be part of that positive change. Everyone is on board – the city, the business owners, and our citizens. I have been telling everyone I know and showing them the Pearl Street Prospective – everyone gets excited! Naturally, this excitement of nostalgia is deep rooted in us. Traveling to cities with historic districts is magical to many of us. I vividly remember the first time I walked into Third Ward in Milwaukee, and then the Gaslamp Quarter in San Diego. What strong feelings these places elicited in me. Such rich history with modern amenities – I couldn't wait to spend my days strolling in and out of an eclectic mix of restaurants and shops. This vibrancy is contagious and I always look forward to returning. I am committed to improving my buildings as a contribution to the historic district that I am so very proud to be a part. I respectfully ask that the board approve angled parking to further our local economic growth by providing travelers and locals a chance to experience all of the feelings of nostalgia and excitement elicited by a beautiful ambiance during his or her dining and shopping experiences that are often only found in big cities. This is another step to achieving the overall vision. Thank you for your time and consideration serving your community in decisions such as this.

With respect,

Tiffany Smith
Meraki Properties, LLC