City Block Town Square Design: Listening Session

- Who will be the users of this space? What types of amenities should be considered to meet the needs of different users. For example, consider:
 - o Downtown Residents, Downtown Workers, Locals, Tourists
 - o Children, Youth, Adults;
 - People of different ages; different abilities
 - o Pedestrians, Cyclists, Drivers
- What types of uses would you like to see and experience? For example:
 - o Active v. passive recreation
 - o Quite v. dynamic spaces
 - o People watching, people gathering, people dining
 - Opportunities for interacting with space through public art, performance, and play.
 - o Improvements in moving people safely through the site
- Are there activities or uses that should be discouraged?
- Consider places outside of Paducah that you have traveled to and enjoyed visiting. What activities, uses, and features attracted you to these places? Here are 3 examples from my personal travels:
 - In Bardstown the whole town smells like bread because of the bourbon distilleries. I enjoy making this stop on the Bourbon Trail because of the museums, shops, and restaurants highlight its importance to the local and regional community.
 - In Madison, WI, the Saturday farmer's market is around the Capital Square. We'd spend the day at the market, go to a restaurant for lunch, and then hang out on the grassy lawn to people watch, read, play frisbee, etc. In the summers, the symphony would host free outdoor concerts. We'd spend the whole day Downtown.
 - o In Monterey, Ca, the historic downtown is also a tourist district. The Plaza area has kiosks, small local shops, and frequent musical performances. There were active play areas including a fountain to splash in, bocce ball courts, bicycle and kayak rentals, and ice staking in the winter.
- Are there environmental factors that need to be considered and designed for to encourage more activity and use? For example:
 - Shade for hot and humid summers
 - Sun and warmth during winter/early spring months
 - Opportunities to maximize activity during high season (spring and fall)
 - o Day v. night considerations
 - o Public safety considerations
 - Noise, trash, delivery trucks
- Paducah is well known as a place of creativity and art. How can this site celebrate and reinforce this aspect of Paducah?
- The corner at Broadway and Second is an important intersection. How should we be thinking about this corner and its future use?