



SoHy Co-op

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Dear City Staff and Councilmembers,

We would like to ask you all to consider extending our Use Agreement for The Spot. It expired at the end of 2022, but we would like the city to extend our agreement for the pop-up park through December 31, 2023.

The vacant City lots on Hamilton Street have been transformed into a vibrant community space with the creation of The Spot. We have seen residents and visitors gathering there on a daily basis to enjoy a coffee, have lunch with a friend, read a book, or just take a break from a walk along the trail.

SoHy Co-op has held many successful community events at The Spot, bringing residents together to support local businesses and listen to music in a safe, COVID-friendly way. We successfully partnered with the City to host Summer Jam at The Spot on July 15. We also held a monthly music series, Final Fridays, from April through October. Community groups have also used the space for smaller events like music classes, dance exhibitions and social gatherings.

We created this space to support the local businesses and residents during a challenging time. We have received a lot of positive feedback from visitors who are excited to see the vacant lots changed into a community space.

The SoHy Co-op is a 501c3 nonprofit founded with the mission to promote the small businesses of the area, to beautify the area, and to bring more art-related events to the area.

Sincerely,

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SoHy Co-op co-founders