



City of Gardner



May 17, 2022

RE: Temporary Closure of Pleasant Street

Dear Business Owners,

On May 16, 2022, the City Council unanimously voted to approve the temporary closure of Pleasant Street for a trial period **beginning on Monday, June 20, 2022**. The first two parallel parking spots on Pleasant Street near Parker Street will remain open and usable, as will the first parallel parking spot at the intersection of City Hall Avenue. George Sweeny Park will remain open and usable with the small portion of Pleasant Street at City Hall Avenue allowing for traffic to turn into it. (See Picture 1)

The street will be closed with concrete barriers with tables and new planter boxes spread throughout the street. These planter boxes are available for sponsorship if businesses would like. Candor Realty/Millennium Holding Group has also agreed to allow the City to anchor into the Bullnose Building to run lights over the street from the Victorian light posts. The tables will mostly be the black metal tables purchased from the State last year with some picnic tables as well. (See Picture 2+3)

We want to make sure you had at least a month's notice before the trial period begins, in order to give you an adequate amount of time to inform your customers, employees, distributors, etc.

We want to make this trial period as successful as possible for both the City's efforts and your businesses as well. As such the following will be done in conjunction with this project:

- Port-o-Potties will be installed by the Bull Nose Building in order to reduce the number of people who stop in asking to use bathrooms. These will be handicap accessible and will have a handwashing station.
- Extra trash receptacles will be put out and the small Victorian trash cans will be removed and replaced with larger capacity containers. (See Picture 4)
- New way-finder signs will be installed directing traffic to parking areas for the businesses on Pleasant Street. (See Picture 5)
- New directional signs will be added at the corners of sidewalks showing which businesses are located in which area. (See Picture 6)
- New Parking Signs will be installed at all free public parking locations in the downtown. (See Picture 7)

To accommodate for the loss of parking spots on Pleasant Street, the Public Safety Committee of the City Council voted 2-1 to approve the Mayor's proposal to remove the parking meters on City Hall Avenue to create a free parking option for those driving in the area. The parking spots in front of City Hall on Pleasant Street are already designated as free parking.

Please let us know if you have any questions and we will be happy to talk with you at any time. We also plan to have someone from the City stop by the different businesses periodically to discuss how this initiative is going and gain your feedback. We want this to be as collaborative a process as possible.

Thank you very much for signing onto our original letter and we look forward to working with you through this process.

All the best,

Michael J. Nicholson

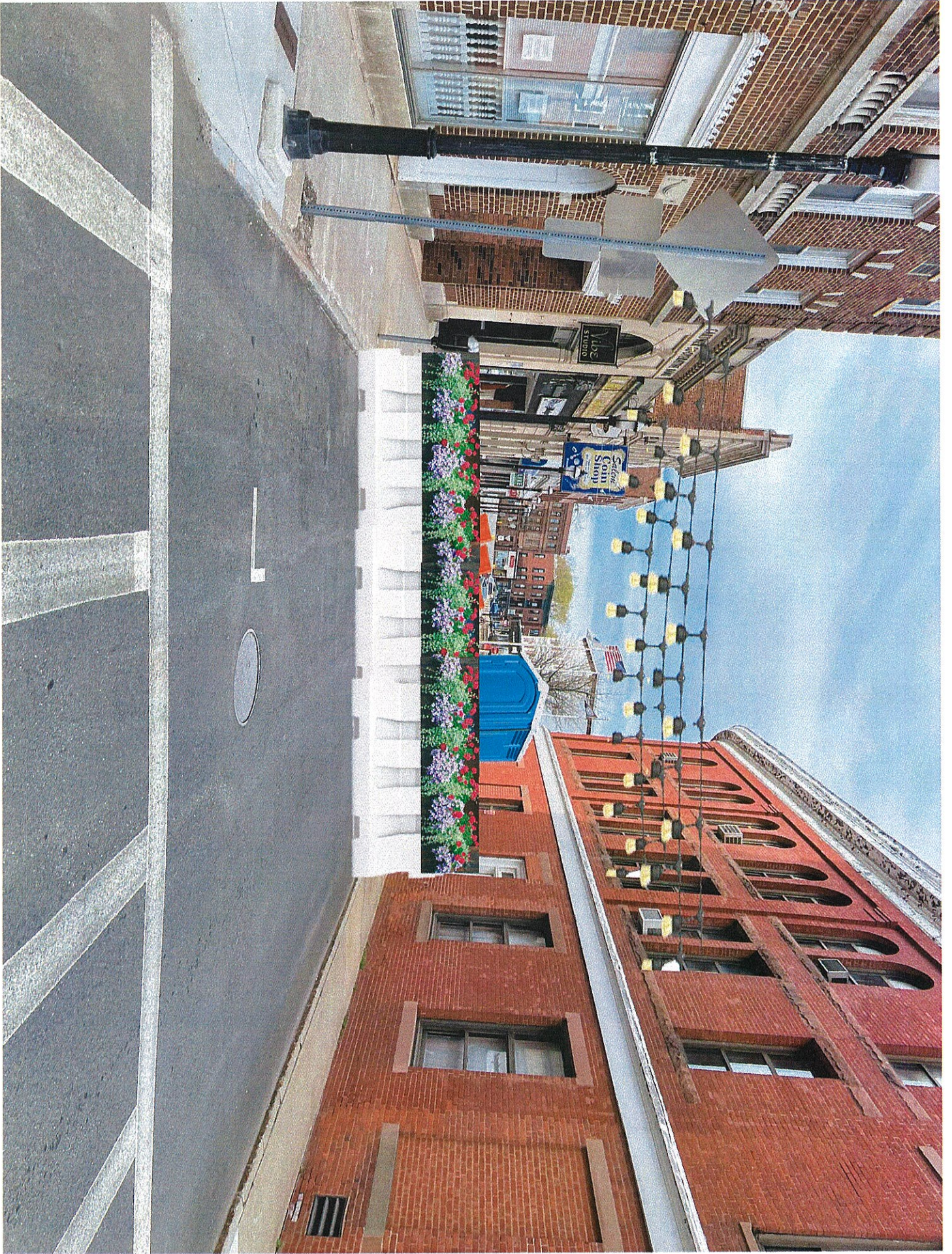
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