

# Curbanas Pilot Program

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# Creating More Vibrant Public Spaces Downtown

- It is a goal of the Downtown Plan to develop engaging public spaces and streetscapes.
- However, many proposed ideas for more public space creation are not feasible at this time:
  - Public Plaza in front of Lincoln Square/Post Office
  - Permanent widening of sidewalks
  - Rerouting Main/Springfield to build a public plaza
- After receiving inquiries from business owners about options for expanded outdoor seating, staff researched alternatives.

# What are Curbanas?

Curbanas are temporary extensions of the sidewalk which provide space for people to sit, eat and relax in downtown.



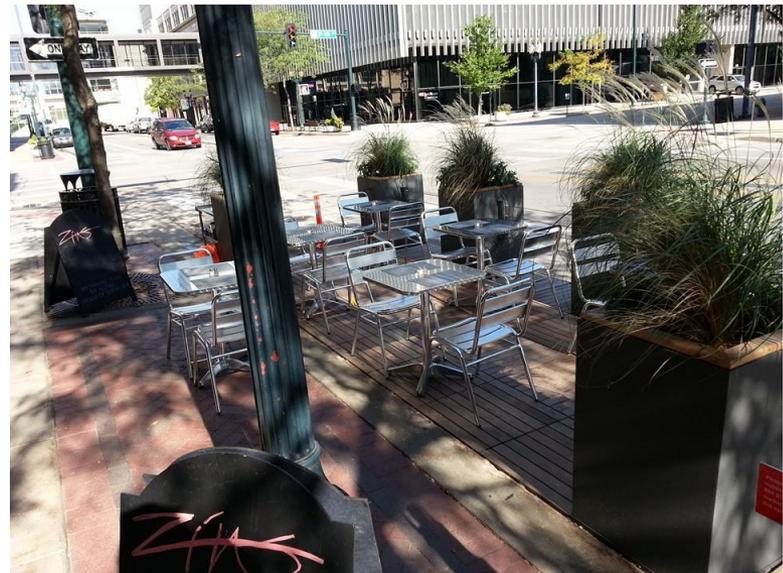
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Curbanas provide outdoor seating and aesthetic enhancements to the streetscape for a much lower cost than permanently extending the sidewalk.

# Where are Curbanas?

Curbanas (or “parklets” in other communities) are becoming popular in both large and mid-size cities.



# Where are Curbanas?



- San Francisco, CA
- San Jose, CA
- Philadelphia, PA
- New York, NY
- Seattle, WA

# Where are Curbanas?



- Vancouver, BC
- Montreal, QC
- Cedar Rapids, IA
- Kansas City, MO

# Benefits of Curbanas



Curbanas will make downtown activity more visible.

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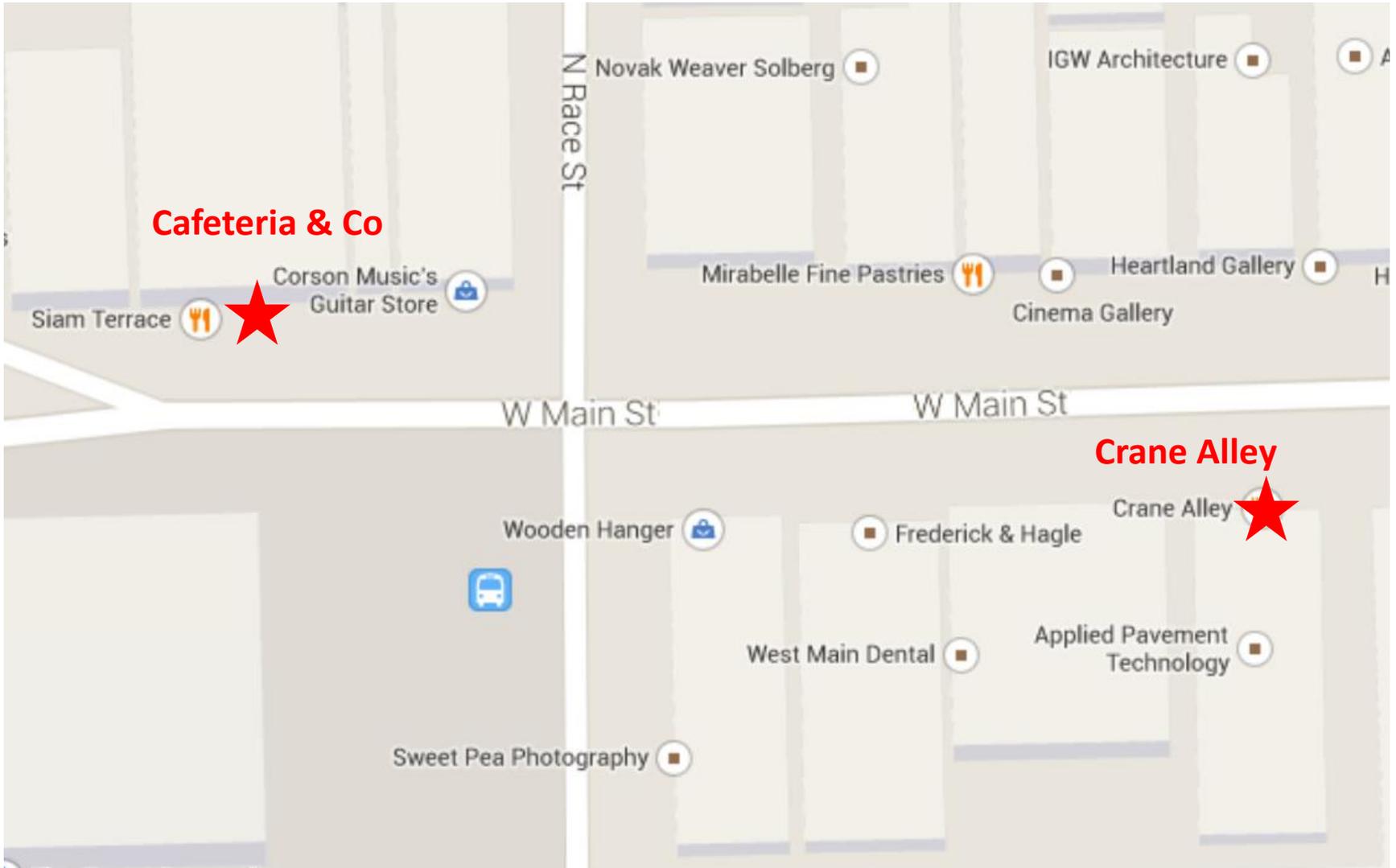
Curbanas provide opportunities for outdoor performances for local musicians without obstructing sidewalks.

# Main Street Curbanas Pilot Program

## *Site Criteria*

- Adjacent to a restaurant business with capacity for outdoor seating
- Located on a road with 30MPH speed limit
- Located adjacent to a dedicated bike lane
- Less than one block to City-owned parking deck and parking lot

# Proposed Locations on Main Street



# Crane Alley Curbana



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**<- A few feet to  
Parking Deck  
entrance**

**Additional street ->  
parking**

# Crane Alley Curbana



Concrete bump-outs and planters on each side of parking bay

# Cafeteria & Co. Curvana



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← ½ Block to  
Parking Lot 11

Remaining  
parking space

# Cafeteria & Co. Curbana



# Curbanas Open Houses

At the Urbana Civic Center:

- Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 9:30am

Staff will be mailing notices to downtown businesses to invite them to attend.

# Proposed Pilot Program

- Proposed pilot season would run approximately April to October, 2014
  - Staff would report back to Council in Fall 2014
- Would follow same permitting process as existing Sidewalk Café license
  - Additional \$250 toward installation costs

# Proposed Pilot Program

- Public Works is currently evaluating the cost effectiveness of in-house construction vs. going out to bid.
  - Parklet kits can be purchased for approximately \$10,000 per parking space but could potentially be built in-house for substantially less.
- Permanent sidewalk expansion would cost at least \$20,000 per parking space.

# Proposed Pilot Program Timeline

March 2014	Noticing/Open Houses
March 2014	Budget amendment & fee schedule approval
April 2014	In-house construction or going out to bid
April 2014	Installation
October 2014	Tear-down and storage for winter
November 2014	Pilot program evaluation
December 2014	Report back to Council

# Thank You!

Questions?