The Mayor and Council  
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Just after 2:00 p.m. today, I heard a loud scraping noise at the front of my house. I looked out the window and I see one of the farm truck within an inch of my fence. The only thing that prevented damage to it was the fact that he hit a traffic sign beside it. This was another disconcerting factor after being awakened by them at 5:00 a.m. this morning as happens other mornings on Fridays and Saturdays.

This happened because the access is too narrow and that cars are allowed to park anywhere on the street. Concerns for this type of problem has been expressed before and all that follows is weak apologies without action. It seems to me that privatization and self-regulation does not work.

I fail to understand why the City is so completely supportive of this project at serious cost to the tax-payers in spite of the fact that Center Mall didn't remove barriers, pave, repave, install electrical systems, and recently - I've been told - will provide gas service for some reason. People living here who have been paying taxes for a number of years don't get treated so well. Wouldn't the retailers at Jackson Square love to have these amenities, especially the free parking.

If this project is going to remain, I think the City should take on the responsibility of ensuring space to move back and forth through the laneway and to control the parking. But instead, I'd rather it go!

Yours truly,

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cc. Spectator