

# Report for Historic Columbia Market House - Community Survey

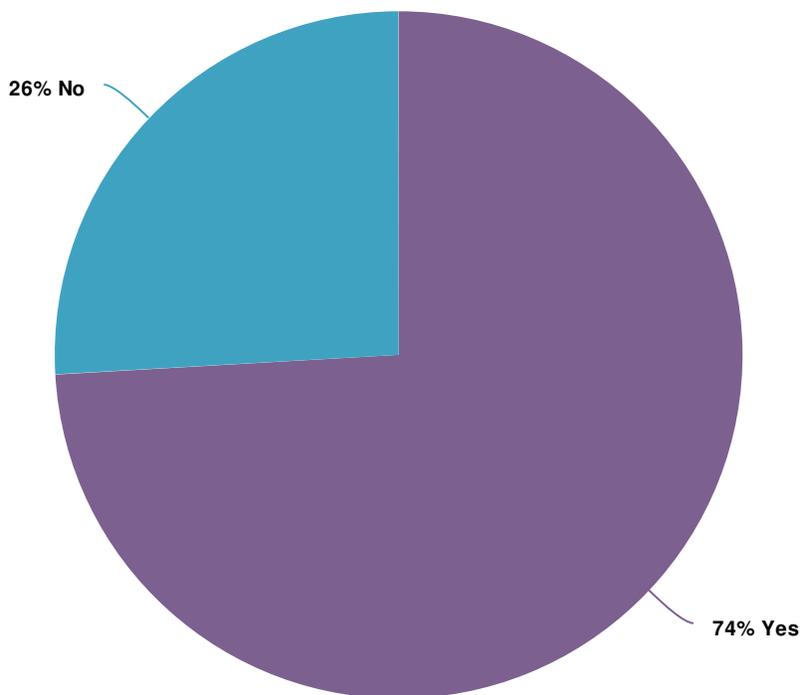
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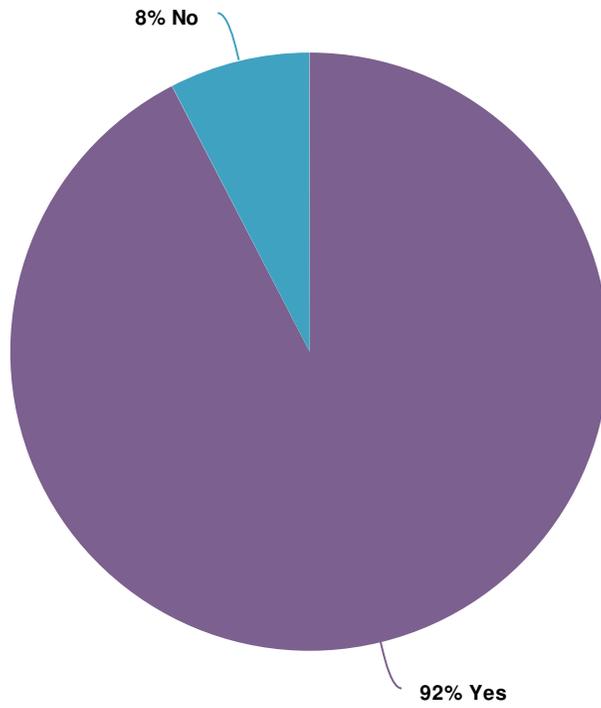
Totals: 159

# 1. Do you live in Columbia Borough?



Value	Percent
Yes	74.1%
No	25.9%

2. Did you spend time or money at the Historic Columbia Market House when it was in operation?



Value		Percent
Yes		92.4%
No		7.6%

3. Please give your TOP THREE ideas for activities, uses, or events that you believe the Historic Columbia Market House should be utilized for?



ResponseID	Response
8	Brewery, and or venue.
9	Farmers Market, Restaurant, public uses
10	Farmers Market Community Meetings Recreation Programming
11	Christmas celebration, restaurant/pub common seating area, event space to compliment downtown improvements.
12	Borough offices. Gathering place/event venue. Premier restaurant.
13	1. Fresh produce 2. Cafe 3. Hands on craft classes
14	Market place to eat and fun stuff to do like haunted tours of dungeon
15	Market Tours Events
16	Place for local artist/craft to display and sell that is reasonably priced Concerts Make it the tourist center. Close the one by 30.
17	Market, event venue, restaurant
18	Fresh express instead of park school Local events Anything that might help the community examples like community yard sales school supply drive homeless shelter supply drive
19	Movie theater, arcade or something for the kids in town, roller skating rink

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20	Farmers market/food center, community events
22	Reopen it as the market house with Carmen Sweinhart as manager.. When she ran it before the trust was put into place that place was hopping every stand was full and people were coming in by the bus loads almost every weekend... It shouldn't be used as a market it is part of our towns history that way...
23	We miss food ! 😊 Id love to see an area for new musical talent, possibly Lancaster city food vendors to pack it up more. We love convenient family fun.
24	multi culture family buffet
25	1. Wedding/ events (parking is the only issue with this) 2. Skating rink/ snack stand ( I think this is perfect to try to bring families together) 3. Another Farmer's Market would be nice also!
26	Hosting community family events Flea market/ farmer market Special community events
27	1. turn it into a theater in the round for comedy and theater that can also host weddings, parties, etc. and some office space 2. model after reading terminal...market with food and a biergarten. what do columbians spend daily money on? food/beer. alternately, what do tourists want. food/beer/nostalgia/entertainment 3. totally off topic, how about turning the factory that just closed along the river into a large spooky nook type sports destination...
28	Market house
29	Venue for weddings, parties Small food vendors for lunch and weekends Small business gift shops Vendors for holiday shopping
31	Wedding/event venue; indoor kids activity center – indoor playground/ball pit/tumble town/tiny town type place; rec center
32	Open the place up. Let the stall holder decide. Renovate the infrastructure. Help the community recover thru a minimum of rules and regulations
33	Should be used as a market for the people of Columbia. Foods and crafts for regular days maybe Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sundays should be specialty events i.e community yard sales. People who use the market with removable equipment pay a minimum price while people who require equipment to stay pay a higher price. Price should be "at cost" to attract more vendors.
35	Brewery Mixed space with quality market vendors and restaurant. Mixed space with artist studios, with event space for the creative arts such as a stage for productions.
36	Antique/flea market Wedding venues Yoga/ exercise classes
37	Market with fresh foods and space for community activities.

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38	Market, weddings, antique flea market
39	Farmer's market like Roots or Lanc Central, Live music concert venue,
40	Meeting place, places to eat. Things to do for kids.
41	I would hope it would be used as a market again. Community events Restaurant
42	Event Venue Market house-not crafts, just food vendors and cut a break to store owners in town. Mini museum- display towns history
43	Should stay as a market house
45	Brew pub wedding venue. Mixed use
46	Something for the kids! Flea market Antiques - they bring people into town
47	Fruit & Vegetable stands Butcher/Meat stands Bakery & confectionery stands
48	<p>The Historical Society should move to this location. Lots of space, in the heart of the downtown and all on one level for easy accessibility for everyone plus the building is historic itself. (I will list other ideas but this truly would be the best use in my opinion.) This could make a beautiful event space too for rentals for weddings, banquets, etc. A more extensive farmer's market that includes food stands, craft vendors and maybe has a "farm to table" cafe in it as well. (Check out the Farmstead Farmer's Market in Grantville, PA)</p>
49	Wedding venues, Columbia Borough Activities/Events, Wine/Beer/BBQ Tasting events
50	A market, a brewery/ restaurant, community center for children of all ages
51	Market, Fresh Veg. Food only. Wedding and Receptions. Indoor activity/games for Children
52	It should remain a farmers market. But a true market not a flea market. Bring back the antique show Rent it out for special events.
53	<p>1. Maximize ability to tour dungeons - that is such a unique experience. Can't think of anywhere else in Harrisburg/York/Lancaster that offers anything like it. Escape room possibility, too. 2. One market day that includes evening hours and focuses on food vendors - produce and prepared food. Related note - I really miss being able to pick up the Lancaster Farm Fresh CSA boxes at Market, and would gladly patronize a CSA that operated out of there. 3. Flexible community space, including event rental space, informal meeting space, community events, holiday fairs. Whatever the final uses, I would love to see the town's history incorporated into the design in creative ways. Interpretive signage is a good start, but taking design cues from the town's architecture and old town brands in the interior would be incredible.</p>

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54	Market House Museum of the Underground Railroad Rent it out for Events ; Weddings, concerts, etc.
55	The same as always Baked goods - Crafts- Fresh produce- Retail goods.
56	I like CHI 's plan for the Market house , they do good things for Columbia and will continue to if you give them the chance!
57	It needs to be protected for the history of it & brought back to the wonderful Market that it once was. Also, bring back the holiday events that were once in there. I can not add additional uses as I am firm on just bringing it back. Columbia is so rich in history & has so many new, exciting happenings now that would hopefully attract supporters once again.
58	Open it as a market again, lower rates,more exposure,hold vendor events,holiday bazaars,
59	Music event, art displays and community kids activities
60	Farmers Market stands community events
61	Rec center Center for community teens
62	The market did not generate much business. So, I would say that we need to take a different approach for using the building. Entertainment venue? Activity site? Not sure.
63	Market with better management. ...Christmas events like it was several years ago. ...".special" events
64	I would like to see the space cleaned up and maybe used for more community events. Maybe you could have historical themed nights from time to time, maybe swing dancing lessons, lessons on the town/walking tours, etc. I wish we could have another market, but believe in order for that to thrive, we would need different vendors. While I love some of the vendors that were there previously, it was always the same people and their stock rarely changed. I went back several times and always found the exact same things as the time before. Maybe you could have more of a Roots type of market and see if farmers would be interested in selling produce. I think also if you maybe made it so the vendor schedule shifted, and tables were reasonable to rent, maybe you could get a mixture of vendors, like crafts, clothing, jewelry, makeup, etc. I just think anything that involves bringing the community together would be a worthy cause.
65	A place where affordable produce can be purchased Community events can be held U am not supportive if making it a private for rent facility which will be used by wealthy out if Towners almost exclusively like Columbia crossings are

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66	Community activities as far as weekly wine tasting, beer tastings, restaurant food shows, craft shows, art shows. Have food trucks outside during the activities. Rent space out once a month so the individual families in Columbia for a community yard sale, instead of households having their own. Rent the space to a brewery and restaurant that would be open daily. Make the market place a destination place for the people. You need to create excitement to pull people into Columbia. Treat it like a business.
67	1.Vendors of pretty much anything legal. 2. Advertise better.3. Holiday doings all year round. Kind of what I remember as a kid.
68	Market, wedding events, flea markets
69	Food and drink music crafts
70	Actual market sales (produce, dairy, food items, copy central market in Lancaster), Halloween, Christmas, Easter events, etc., workshops (similar to Columbia Crossings/Zimmerman), TOWN meetings
71	Microbrewery tasting room for many local breweries.
72	A true c.farmers market like it used to be. Less crafts
73	Museum. Event center. Artisan shops. Problem is no parking
74	Market house Market House Market house
75	1. Teen use 2. Music Night - Saturday night - Music events changing each week so everyone will be happy with a week or more 3. Craft Shows or Locals to share their small business or talent
76	Brewery Distillery Farmers Market
77	Market, crafts, events for kids
78	Market Social gatherings/performances food
79	Local vendors Small businesses Sublets Restaurant
80	A market An event space Music hall
81	market fresh meats produce - maybe a rental hall weddings family gatherings but be selective to what goes on there.
83	Market, Community working space, business
84	A restored market house for small businesses
85	Farmer's Market Expos and events Dungeon tours

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86	Knock it down and build something useful like a parking garage. Knock it down and build a parking lot.
87	Farmers' Market
88	Farmers market, selected cultural events
89	1. Wedding/Event hall that would be rentable to anybody. 2. Yoga/Dance/Fitness center. 3. Reopen the market with better parking options and new, expansive marketing.
90	Bring the market house back with fresh foods Hold family safe events
91	Boys and girls club? Roller skating rink?
92	Local community theatre Party venue Music/ movies during in-climate weather
93	1. Market 2. Something for kids. 3.
95	Market house
96	Wedding venue Event venue
97	Year round biergarten with food court and live music. It's a natural venue. Would invest with mgmt.
98	farmers market craft shows holiday events
99	Farmers market, food court, small business vendors.
100	Farmers market Restaurant/farmers market Live performance venue.
101	Keep it as a farmers market, no antiques and minimize crafts. Should be mostly produce, baked goods, and specialty food vendors. Should be open on off days of other markets and weekends, especially weekends! On special weekends they could do flea market, craft fair, antique, or consignment events to change things up.
102	Food market
103	1. Farmers market 2. Community center 3. Family style dining
104	Brewery, restaurant, event venue.
105	Social hall Teen hangout Movie theater

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106	1. A market 2. A place where artists, crafters etc can rent space to work. 3. A shelter for the homeless during inclement weather.
107	Farmers' Market
108	1. Market House 2. Historic Center/public use/rental space 3. Performing and visual Arts. 4. It's a unique space that could be separated for mixed use w/ very creative solutions.
109	Market
110	Market House
111	Farmers Market Antiques Something to bring tourists
112	A market with fresh produce A restaurant
113	Craft shows. Music. Market & food stands.
114	1. The market was doing well when it was open on only Thursdays. 2. Market vendors should have meaningful input on market operations. 3. Outside business proprietors have NO business influencing the market operations.
115	A community style rec center with classes and activities. Health, nutrition, craft, GED, zumba, Christmas party
116	I love the idea of a Farmers Market, I think the sale of various food items that allow families to sit down and enjoy bring Community Pride to the Town which was proven before. Baked goods and sweets are always a plus to any Establishment.
117	1Antiques 2Event Space 3Artist/Makers Space
118	local produce, fresh cut flowers classes-art, crafting, self defense for women-for kids and also for adults a place to gather to celebrate different holidays, etc
119	Market, event venue, combo commercial and upscale condo
120	Farmers Market, managed correctly as other towns have done. They have thriving markets (York's Eastern, Hershey, and of course Lancaster's Central.) Why can't Columbia??
121	1: a well managed market 2: scheduled historic "tours" (i.e. storytelling on site and/or a base for walking or trolley tours) 3: rentable private event space
122	Market House with fresh vegetable and fruits. Pastry. Meats poultry seafood., A variety of stands., that will bring our community together and pull others from other Township., Boroughs., cities and out of state. You could have music ., a trio of a variety of folk ? music. Basic music that would bring all age groups and generations ♥ Together. Dining Area.

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123	Traditional Market house like Lancaster City Community Center Restaurant
124	Auctions Art shows Country dance..... lues music concerts
125	Historical history and tours. Please find someone who knows the building. 2. COMMUNITY center LOTS of NATIVE people know Columbia. 3. Ghosts and special events.
126	Local farmers market
127	MARKET PLACE TO EAT EVENT CENTER
128	The Market House should remain a Market house. BUT, stands should be offered as part time or fulltime. Folks could share stands if they only want one or two days. Food, home made wares, candles, coffee, fruit and produce, icecream, pretzels, just a nice variety of things.. And it needs to be open several days a week, if not all week, whether it is a "market" type atmosphere only on the weekend and strictly food a few other days, that building was meant to be a market house! And the hours need to be concrete, not open late, leave early. There should be stands that allow for scouts, sports teams, special fundraising events to be done. If the stands were run in the opposite direction there might be more room?? Might not be big enough to have seating, but if done right, with the rest of the new additions in town, I think it could succeed!!
129	Rental for: Speakers Educational Dancing Parties Business expos Job fairs A better farmers market
130	1. Now that firehalls are not available for rental space for events thats an idea. 2. Bingo hall 3.Diversity culture clubs
132	Farmers Market, community events such as the harvest and Christmas Craft Shows,
134	1.A place for kids 2.A place for senior citizens 3.A work shop for the homeless to help get jobs or housing
135	sell poultry sell whoppies sell whoppie pies sell steak sandwiches sell fresh fruit
136	Activities for teens Venue for banquets/weddings
137	Love to see a fresh market. No crafts .....It would be great to allow diff organizations (scouts ) a kids night (art . Music . Social Skills. Anti bullying programs etc .... divide building for multi use .. ex .. Family events .. cooking classes .. how to open a small business and a small restaurant with tables for folks to gather.
139	1.) A unique specialty fresh sandwich/soup shop maybe where you can see the cooks working. Inviting school kids to come learn and prepare something. Partner w the Edible classroom and fresh express somehow. 2.) Leave part of the building space for seating, music and community events. 3.) Include a few high quality, fresh, local produce, bread, cheeses, nuts, things that might appeal to the N W River trail crowd.

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141	Market House Vendor Spaces for Crafters Bingo? Parties?
142	Produce Food (lunch) Novelty
143	A market A restaurant A community space
144	Baked Goods Coffee Shop Fresh Produce & Fruit
145	Open as another antique store. Open more hours. More ghost tours.
146	Restaurant Market as like Central Market Both of above together
147	Restaurant Market as like Central Market Both of above together
148	Use as a hub for Fourth Fridays. Indoor events
149	A community meeting space open for weekly activities, events, etc. A rental space for catered events. As to a local farmers market - today most of the local or near local grocery stores carry local produce. Additionally, a local farmers market would only have LOCAL produce for a short season. Coming to the market house to buy strawberries, the same strawberries that Mussers sells out of season doesn't make sense to me. All of the items listed in question 4 can be purchased locally. Why compete with Hinkles, Rosie's Cafe 301 and others that might want to open in closed storefronts now.
150	Brewery Restaurant Fresh Market
151	Restaurant, Produce, Bakery, Events
152	food market, cafe, public presentations/events
153	Public events, rental, market
154	Cooking class/competition Market Stands - limit flea market stands or none
155	1. Market 2. Restaurant 3. Possible gathering place, in an area of the market house, from time to time, for helpful events and community concerns.
157	Produce purchasing Food stands Entertainment
158	Dungeon history and tours Farmer Market Movie house
159	1) Pop up shops space - eateries and goods 2) Lecture hall for community events 3) Apartments 4) Temporary housing for needy
160	Art and craft shows, antique shows, anything would be better then setting empty. Different events that would draw visitors to down town. You have shops opening now they need customers to stay open.

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161            Market house Events for community (weddings, movies, flea markets; gun, fishing shows)  
Rec center for kids

162            Farmer's Market Meats bakeries

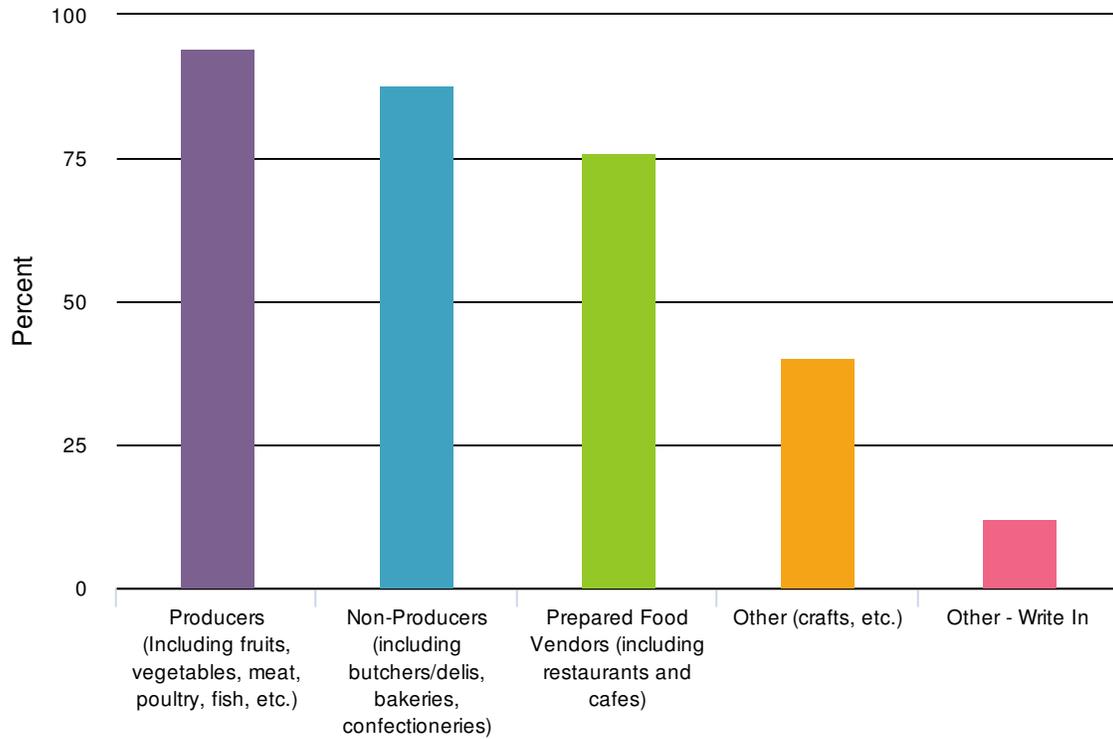
163            Farmers Market opened ONE day a week

164            Farmers market Shows (fishing boat gun home improvement camping etc) Community  
events (movies roller skating etc)

165            Market house again Venue but keep it historical, not tear it apart Refurbish it for tours

166            Farm market Craft show venue Event area

4. If part (or all) of the Market House is going to be use as an actual Farmer's Market... what type of uses would you like to see there?



**Value**

**Percent**

Producers (Including fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, fish, etc.)		94.2%
Non-Producers (including butchers/delis, bakeries, confectioneries)		87.7%
Prepared Food Vendors (including restaurants and cafes)		76.0%
Other (crafts, etc.)		40.3%
Other - Write In		12.3%

## Other - Write In

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All of the above

Antique craft furniture vendors

Anyone willing to have a stand

Beer or wine tastings

Candles, Jewelry

Coffee

Coffees

Crsft beer & Wine

Direct dales

Limit the craft stands

Music!! Every week there should be some sort of entertainment

Other events to improve Columbia Boro and help Columbia residents.

Pop up vendors of all types

Possibly some antiques. I'm aware of the negatives from some townspeople about antiques, however they do & always will attract outsiders to Columbia & in turn support multiple other businesses.

Producers of organic products such as essential oils and soaps, specialty foods

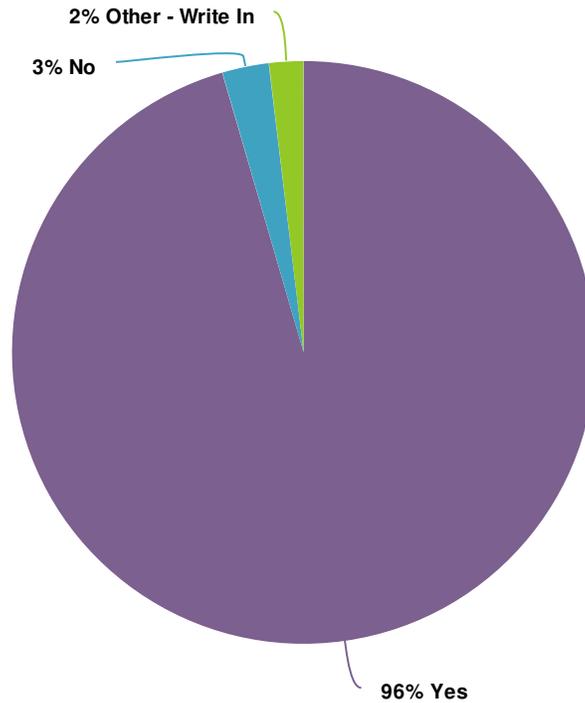
Wines

definitely not crafts; follow suggestions of the original 2005 survey

keep it fresh

no crafts

5. Do you agree with the following statement? The Columbia Historic Market House is an important community asset that should be a key part of the Borough's community and economic development revitalization and success?



Value	Percent
Yes	95.5%
No	2.6%
Other - Write In	1.9%

### Other - Write In

We determined this when we wrote the Borough's economic development plan.

economic development should be secondary to community wellness

only with a good plan

6. In five years, when the Historic Columbia Market House is thriving, what does it look and feel like? Please provide 5-7 descriptive words in the space provided to answer this question.



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8	Keep the structure on the outside but make many small places
9	Tourist draw, town center, crown jewel, vibrancy
10	Vibrant Active Fun
11	Vibrant, with open look second floor deck overlooking main floor, music playing, modern look with glass walls, positive energy
12	Destination. Lititz. One of many things to do. Integrated into downtown experience. Full of non local visitors.
13	Tantalizing Aromas of fresh flowers, baked goods, grilled foods. Historic, energy, unique, family friendly
15	Busy Working Beautiful Tourist Healthy
20	Vibrant, unifying, engaging, warm, fun
22	It would feel like Columbia is whole again
23	In 5 yrs any one walking by will be smiling from the music, fun, laughter, & joy the Market House will hold.
25	I just want to see people in there! Either enjoying an event/ roller skating/ or buying goodies!

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26	Historical, community friendly,
27	A destination that brings people to Columbia directly and funnels them into town as well as highly supportive of the other businesses in town that funnel business into the market house.
29	Unique Hometown Pride Intriguing
32	Tourists will flock to this place.
33	Like any other market. Where people go to purchase their food or just a meal for that day.
35	Happy Practical Enjoyable Destination
36	A place where a significant part of the community can use the facility
37	Destination Community Historic Exciting
38	Bringing visitors to town as well as vendors who will spend money at other stands and business in town
40	Will never happen with the people running this town
41	Busy Fun Nostalgic Variety
42	Historic market house to meet all your needs busy and bustling with town folks that have the comrade like no other pa river town.
44	Busy, friendly, gathering place, diverse
46	Crowded atmosphere with family friendly activities
47	A warm and welcome historic part of our community that people from around the world love to visit.
48	Busy, restored, festive, a hub
49	Hub of the town
50	A community gathering place where neighbors and vendors can coexist which exudes happiness and good old fashioned social interaction while supporting the community and local economy in numerous ways.
51	Success
52	Like the market house in Lancaster.

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53	Rehabbed but true to historic feel, friendly place for people to be, creative artful design, price points that town residents can afford, solidly marketed and managed.
54	Historic, Authentic, Comfortable, Informative, Very Active !
55	Good old Columbia is back and thriving,lots of fantastic Home made Deserts & Pastries,Great Crafts ,Home grown Produce Great people .Looking forward to this.
56	Successful, welcoming to visitors , something for everyone
57	Historic, original true market house, local fresh produce, fresh flower stand ,possibly soft music playing
58	Great, community pride, historic importance
59	Younger (real estate related) Active (walkable) Proudful Family engaging placemaking for all community members
60	Home, community center, fun
61	Joy, youthful, community,cohesiveness, fun
62	Busy! Thriving! Bustling! Full! Variety!
63	Might feel a little like old Columbia
64	Clean, welcoming, diverse, community, thriving.
65	Reflection if our towns growth and revitization. Not just a town by the river that is nice to visit but buy no one wants to live there.
66	It should be able to survive finically with daily or weekly activity's. The town needs to use it to bring people into Columbia and it should be an anchor for the other business in the town. The other business need to work together and support each other.
67	Colorful. Looking at it both ways.
68	Friendly, warm, productive, community oriented, yummy
69	Locally friendly, diversified, busy, festive and monetary success.
70	Hub for community; outreach of events
71	Modernized interior, must visit weekly, meet friends there, busy on weekends and weeknights, don't worry about parking I will find a space.
73	Restored, open several days per week, parking, full with various vendors

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74	I was better than now
75	A brick historic building as it is now with updates to make it more comfortable, a happy place where all would love to visit.
76	Bright, clean, welcoming, aromatic
77	Open during hours that the working family can visit. Local food. Restaurant.
78	It's full every market day, there are performances every weekend.
79	Increase foot traffic, helping local businesses and local economy flourish and increase property values.
80	Revitalized, Energized, reused, updated, restored. Visited.
81	just as it is don't change the building at all and restore the brick floor that's in side .
83	A community coming together and growing
84	Fresh. Local. Clean. History-Oriented. Inviting
85	Dynamic Busy Profitable Fun Local
86	People will be talking about how it is so nice to have somewhere to park in Columbia now. (Since it's been turned into a parking garage)
87	Full of vendors, customers, people gathering to eat, laugh and talk.
88	Vibrant, colorful,entertaining, friendly, well rounded
89	Fun, uplifting, cheerful, sense of community.
90	A place for every person in the community to meet.
96	Same look Inviting venue Safe venue Historical
97	With additional parking, could become a productive tax base.
98	warm inviting productive gathering place family oriented
100	Busy Vibrant Community hub Tourist attraction Farmers market
101	An abundance of vendors selling local goods and produce
103	Warm, inviting, restored to its former elegance. Keep the historic look, don't try to modernize the building features and exterior style

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104	Vibrant center of community activities.
105	Homey Lively Packed Historic
106	Inviting, abuzz with activity, sounds of interaction, Varied wafting scents from stands, uniform lighting, Historical displays.
107	It's got quality stand holders. It's maintained and welcoming. It's got consistency of operational hours, days and procedures. It's got parking. It's accessible and safe.
108	1. Industrial 2. agricultural 3. energetic 4. Social 5. Host
110	Lively, vibrant, full, unique, attractive
111	Busy, lots to offer, attractive outside and inside, good smells,
112	Like Central Market in Lancaster
113	Friendly busy clean tourist variety
114	A comfortable, relaxing spot for patrons to gather and to purchase affordable prepared and unprepared foods. Furnishings should be well-made and stable (unlike the flimsy metal most recently provided) and easy for those with physical ailments to use. Homeliness would be provided by some craft and perhaps housewares vendors.
115	Energetic, life of its own, Friendly, welcoming Enjoyed
116	A robust Community gathering weekly to purchase or be part of a Market Family, and of course it will be a big draw for visitors from all around.
117	Open Daily
118	fine fresh produce open 1 full day each week....not 2, 3 or 4
119	Community oriented, beautiful, crown jewel of the towns revitalization
120	Crowded, full of busy vendors, lots of happy shoppers.
121	A destination, a place for community gathering, town pride
122	A success☺Benefits the whole community and Business that are hear. To build those business., and the Future of our community., School District,Taxes.to help to help those in need., to lower our taxes.
123	A place to purchase needed items and connect with the community
124	Familiar. Historic. Communal. Warm. Inviting.

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125 Lots of activities.

128 Inviting, welcoming, unique, exciting, ever-changing, vital, profitable

129 Packed full house

130 Hard to say at this point

132 community centered weekly destination

135 customers visitors tourists displays holiday sales

136 Busy, engaged with the community

137 Thriving Safe/clean all ages aesthetically appealing reminder of the old days with a contemporary feel. Place where neighbors and friends meet and invite new folks to join in. Music is always a boost.

138 Community Fellowship Warm Comfortable

139 Busy useful Community Delicious Inviting

141 A place where friends and family can go, with a great atmosphere. Food and shopping and maybe some entertainment

142 Thriving

143 A thriving market

144 Historic, Welcoming, a Place for Family & Friends to gather just to catch up on what is going on in town.

145 Bustling, Aromatic, filled to capacity. Variety. Unique.

146 Warm inviting space for residents and tourists

147 Warm inviting space for residents and tourists

148 Full of energy. Over flowing with fresh produce.

149 Inviting Unique Historical Clean Available

150 Busy, Center of Activity, Cool, Thriving, Vital

151 vital, active, destination, pleasant, heart of Columbia, core, important, special, integral

152 place to get food and meet neighbors

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153	Find ways to use as is. Have events appropriate to the season; attempts to heat and air condition will only distract from the fabric of the building. Event the floor is ok
154	destination, useful, beautiful
157	Full Busy Inviting
158	crowded well known friendly clean floors are level
159	An eclectic mix of contemporary and old
160	The hub to activity in the borough. It is a beautiful building use it as an asset. DON'T ALLOW IT TO SIT EMPTY AND go to waste
161	A destination for local and surrounding areas to come and enjoy the things Columbia has to offer, such as the river park, antique shopping, fishing, boating
163	Thriving vendors with consistent large crowds.
164	It should emulate the market house in downtown Lancaster. Actively pursue vendors and give them a discounted rate for the first year that they set up a stand in the market house. Vibrant exciting tasteey fun old fashioned good

7. What other thoughts would you like to share about the future of the Historic Columbia Market House?



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9	I think the market house could be an impeccable downtown destination that would complement the revitalization of Columbia. I'd like to see a market district with retail stores surrounding the market house.
10	Get it back open!
11	Move bathrooms to inside, needs modern energetic lighting
12	Timing is everything.
13	History of Market House posted in framed hangings
20	Keep it a public community space
22	There should be no other uses for that market house other than a market..
25	Really hoping something evolves with the Market House. It should not be sitting empty! I love this town and what it has to offer.
27	It needs to be something that residents need on a daily basis and/or tourists want as part of the history of the town AND need. hence, the food/beer/nostaliga/history. Alternately, if it's a destination that can draw a higher dollar amount then it doesn't need to rely on the daily consumables for residents and tourists which is probably a better plan. which is why I like option #1. event venue with additional revenue in the form of theaters/comedy shows/etc.
29	Should be maintained by the borough and not by an individual

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32	It has no future until the powers that be are brought under some sort of control. Sitting empty is a travesty.
33	The market house should never be turned over to private operators. It is the peoples. If Columbia no longer wants to deal with the Market House it should be sold to the highest bidder. Without tax breaks.
35	I have concerns about parking. There is not sufficient parking in Columbia to support large amounts of people on a regular basis.
36	Another idea - music venue
37	It is a market house. It was a market house. It needs to remain a market house. It's a key location to the revitalization of downtown.
38	Put it to use and not having it sit vacant it's to grand to sit unused
40	Turn it into a garage or put Boro codes in their
41	I think the market house is a vital, important part of our community. And I would hope it would be utilized as such for all the community to benefit & enjoy.
42	Needs better management that what it had in the past and needs to work with local vendors and store owners in the town to cut them a break if they would like to be stand holders.
46	Don't let it die!
47	It is an historic part of Columbia that should be kept alive and well.
48	The building is so beautiful and so historic it needs to be included in any future plans for continued revitalization of the downtown area.
49	The parking needs to be used for the Market House and not the Police Dept when in use.
50	I have fond memories of the Market house on Saturday mornings with my grandmother and mother, acquiring all of needs. Also of coarse my favorite memory was that we could get freshly made Utz potato chips. Everything was so fresh and the interaction with such an amazing group of hard working vendors was fantastic.
51	This building must be occupied. The building is an asset!
52	We drive to Lancaster to shop at the farmers market. We'd love to stay local but won't if it becomes another flea market type place again.

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53 1. I feel like no use or set of uses is going to be successful without stable, dedicated, and talented professional management of the space. 2. We did visit Market occasionally, when it was open, but it never became a part of our regular schedule because days and hours changed pretty frequently, the hours usually didn't fit our schedule, and if we did make it there was a good chance a particular vendor was not there that day. Just too difficult to get it entrenched into our rotation. Plus, it was hard to find up-to-date information about all the changes. It would be better not have it a market at all, than have it be "halfway" again. 3. Columbians (well, people everywhere) are so set in their ways. We will drive to Weis because that is what we are used to, even if we can get nice affordable produce and a cheap dinner by walking 3 blocks. Anything catering to the local market is going to have to figure out how to retrain us! Which, I guess means, incentivize us, at least at the beginning. This is assuming the local population is the target market, and I can understand why that might not be the case. 4. I like the idea of market being a center for education on healthy eating, increasing cooking & gardening knowledge, helping to fill in a food desert, etc. Park students could have a stand to sell some of their community garden produce!

54 If it is used for events, it should be rented for a reasonable amount.

55 Make the market house great again.Columbia needs this.

56 Venue for events

57 I truly believe with all the great, new attractions & revitalization currently underway that this beautiful building also could have success again. So many are interested in fresh, organic & local foods. Attracting others in through aggressive advertising along with locals is the key to long term survival. Columbia is a wonderful town & residents are so supportive of the town & also protective of it. But to keep all great places thriving, outside spenders needs to be welcomed too. The townspeople alone can not keep it all going.

58 Please make this a priority of importance to happen, Columbia was /is a very special place in the history of this country and her heritage

59 I think the old market house had the right ideas. I'm not sure the town (currently) has or had the demographics to support the market. Realtors are now marketing houses for close access to trails and river activities. That buyer would likely visit the market house. Likewise, if the market is all inclusive of diverse population mix it may attract more community members. I think a market house needs to have more produce vendors than crafts vendors. Like on a 4 to 1 ratio. And it must have soft pretzels, that's what my family misses the most. Good luck!

60 Bring back farmers market

62 Are there other creative ideas for its use? Maybe specific market days but days for other activities as well. If a market, the manager has to continually go out and get new vendors. How about cooking demonstrations? A cooking school?

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63	Hopefully it stays where it is and is protected from "me me me" people. Cared for by one who cares for it n not themselves.
64	It needs a small face lift inside to make the space more welcoming and light. Any way that we could make the space more diverse should draw more people in. A new variety is necessary. And you need to have a slight regulation on how vendors display their product. Old, outdated, dirty displays are off-putting. Maybe they need help on how to display their merchandise to be marketable.
66	Treat it like a business. If the town of Columbia can not do that, rent the building out so another business person who has the knowledge and expertise to make it work. It needs to benefit the town people and other business. I believe a wedding venue is not a good idea. What other business would that benefit?
67	Advertise in the larger newspaper for vendors. You want money coming in to town.
68	We need someone to run it that's very dedicated to the cause
69	I hope they never give up on it. Key part of town history and county history.
70	Keep this beautiful and historic building alive! Keep the preservation of the building and make it a functioning market as outside areas have profitable markets! This building is a gem.
72	None
74	It better not be anything else but a market house
75	The building has always been a part of my life growing up in Columbia, so I hope it becomes a place for everyone not just certain people such as antiques and art. There are enough of those around.
78	It needs to be a public space.
79	I'm happy to help any way I can. I offered to volunteer right before it closed the first time. I've only been in this area for 2 years now, but opened, owned and operated a few successful businesses back in Bucks County. I would really like to open a business here and be active in helping the area create a thriving environment for other local businesses. Heather Dempsey 717-974-4841
80	I was very involved with the revitalization of Lancaster city in the 1990s. If you see it now it really is a testament to how a community can come together to do positive things with their town.
86	Columbia needs parking.
87	Bring in outside management with no ties to Boro Council and give them an opportunity to bring it to fruition without interference from Boro Council

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88	No antique or flea market
89	I think not having parking and the days/times the market were open were the biggest downfalls for it.
96	I would love to see this building put to food use and not remain closed. It's an important part of our community.
100	Food trends are shifting to fresh, local, and healthier products. There is no reason in the world why Columbia cannot have a market that rivals our neighbors',
101	Consider parking and maybe granting free parking along the streets that are immediately surrounding the market during market days. This would also encourage people to take their time and not feel rushed due to having to pay a meter.
103	The market house is an integral part of Columbia history and should be preserved so that future generations may enjoy it. It is important to be able to walk into a place and be able to feel the history in it. This is a great town with lots of history and the market house has been witness to a great deal of history, and should be preserved.
104	Beautiful and historic masterpiece. Please do it's history proud.
106	I would volunteer my time to help in it's rebirth.
107	Emulate what successful farmers' markets do. Look at Root's; Eastern Market; Lancaster's and York's Central Market. Also look at stores like Giant, Wegman's, Stauffer's; Whole Foods. Competition is too keen to not be really good. Look, too, at area roadside stands and small grocery outlets, e.g., Forry's, Rolling Gardens Farm Market; etc.
108	In the 80's I used to got to Market every week with Grandpa Funk. Thursday night we would set up the stand. I would sooner see slow change that happens naturally, the helps the local businesses/farms and the city of Columbia.
111	It needs better parking.
113	Keep it open.
114	The atmosphere should fit the building - not flashy, but not too dull either. Subtle colors on stands would brighten the mood, and smoking should not be permitted anywhere near public entrances. Once again, vendors should be given meaningful input in market policies. I am not a vendor, but they are the ones to gain or lose, not some group of wanna-be politicians.
115	I see this as a place for community holiday parties and dances, a weekday afternoon tutoring program, weekend sales comparable to Lancaster Farmers Market. Carolers singing near Christmas.. Tax help clinic or legal clinic once a month in January to april The possibilities are endless! I would be honored to help in every way possible.

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116	It's been here for so long it should be maintained and protected because it's an important part of our Heritage
118	the dungeon! the boro could do very well with ghost tours, dungeon tours and such...year round. look at gettysburg!!!
120	Don't make it into business offices!
122	Every one to Reach., out and show Responsibility☺?To Thrive to make Columbia PA no#1 for all ?????
124	Just have to save it as a piece of history and community.
125	Just keep it real. Research what other towns do with there landmarks. CHECK SAVANNAH..
128	I would like to see it take on the old time charm of days gone by. With just the right design and decor, that place can be the center of this diamond in the rough, and all of the beautiful new businesses blossoming around town, people will have many reasons to visit and return too!
129	It sjouke definitely stay preserved for history sake
130	Whatever is decided needs to bring more fundings to the borough to offset the high property taxes that our seniors and poor people are faced with paying.
135	sell meals
137	When I was at the Art Walk in Lancaster one of the gallery owners tol me that word has it that Columbia is moving up. The sad thing is that our town no longer has 4th Fridays and no Market House available. These are awesome additions to any community. I think they in some way need revived. There are many things that make our community stand out. The only thing that ever stopped progress was group against group. We must put differences aside and work for the greater good. Think out of the box ...don't color in the lines. Be a visionary .. look at the big picture. Let's keep this momentum going. By kicking the agendas to the curb and working together for our beautiful borough along the "Susqueheaven".
138	Tours of the jail should be available along with historic information
139	Could house a small historic display of famous men and women of Columbia's past. Including native American. And function as an extention of tge Chamber's visitor material
141	Just bring back the Old Market House
142	One day per week
143	It needs to remain a community asset, and not be sold for private use.

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- 144 Make it a place that is Handicap Accessible, and have comfortable seating with tables.
- 145 The market needs to be open to heavy advertising, radio/tv etc. Affordable for vendors. This market needs foot traffic. If it doesn't have it, it will fail.
- 147 You asked if I was a resident. For the record. I own two buildings and a business downtown and pay plenty of taxes. My compliments to the council for all they've been doing to revitalize Columbia. Good to see my money going to good use.
- 148 The Market House is an anchor for our downtown. It is important for it to be alive with activity when possible.
- 149 The BIGGEST thing is PARKING! Several thoughts - When I lived above the Western Auto many years ago, I was told that the parking meters were to discourage tenants to not park in the shopping area. I assume this is true today. However! It is not at all inviting to come down town when you see these guys in yellow jackets looking for an expired meter. If the boro controls the parking spaces and can charge a fee for their use and fine you if you don't pay, why can't there be an ordinance that allows the police or the yellow jacket guy to record the license number of suspected tenants cars and trace them and fine them incrementally to keep them off of shopping spaces. Also many years ago I saw a plan to turn the 3rd and 4th street block of locust into a pedestrian area. What is the meters were gone and diagonal parking as in Ephrata was in place. Besides all of that look for a way to fund a small parking garage near the market house.
- 152 in deciding the future of the market, the direct material and social benefits provided by the market house should prioritize the close by, within the community, rather than those who drive from outside
- 153 It doesn't cost much to sit empty, take your time
- 157 Get rid of "the Trust"
- 158 Columbia is on the upswing. The market should be a central part of that because of its location
- 159 I would love to have the farmers market. I'm sad I could not go when it was open.
- 163 Make it FREE parking on market day!!!
- 164 Columbia desperately needs a thriving farmers market. Given the right incentive, stand holders could be lured from Lancaster central market, green dragon, roots, and Saturdays market to set up shop in the Columbia market house.
- 165 Do not destroy the history. With growing up in Columbia it was a big part of the town in the 50's & 60's. Brought people together.

