

## **Downtown Initiative**

### **McBurney Plaza Activities**

#### **Background**

- To provide amenities which promote the use of McBurney Plaza as an open space designed for public use. This will encourage a variety of opportunities for social interaction and activities, to provide relief and relaxation, to expand and reinforce the public realm and to contribute to the livability and general amenities of the downtown.
- McBurney Plaza provides a place for citizens to meet and celebrate. It is essential that McBurney Plaza has a purpose and is not merely a leftover area between buildings.
- McBurney Plaza provides open spaces that offer delight, surprise, rest, enlightenment and amusement for a wide variety of users over the course of the day, week and year. Activities accommodated by public plazas, such as socializing, resting, eating, waiting, exhibitions and open air markets, add to the quality of city living and working, enhancing diversity and increasing the educational and cultural opportunities that define the positive experience of urban living.



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#### **City's Involvement**

- Set up several tables and chairs at McBurney Plaza for public use from July to August.
- Limit hours of access to 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- City to provide tables and chairs and piano.
- 'Big' games may be offered by City's recreation staff during lunch time.
- City's recreation staff will offer lunch time programs, 2 days per week for July and August from 10 am to 2 pm.

#### **DLBA's Involvement**

- City to work with DLBA to promote the activities.

#### **Others**

- Work with merchants in McBurney Plaza (e.g. You Gotta Have Friends, Langley Association for Community Living) to find one to set-up, take-down and store equipment.

#### **Anticipated Resources Required**

- Funding required to purchase tables, chairs and piano - approximately \$2,000.00.