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I am writing to comment on the proposal by the Pasadena to replace their coffee cart and upgrade the West end of the building adjacent to Thomas Stephens Reserve.

The proposal by the Pasadena will be a nice upgrade to the area and hopefully be the start of upgrading the rather rundown appearance of the Reserve making the whole area more pleasant. My experience is that the coffee cart is often stretched to provide service to all customers in a timely manner despite the best and friendly efforts of the gentleman manning it.

I recall the rebuild of the Pasadena was opposed by Council but fortunately that misguided effort was ultimately defeated and we now have a world class venue to enjoy.

Instead of listening to the naysayers perhaps this time Council could take a more positive approach and address the real problem for the Pasadena and other venues-PARKING. How about double decking the main parking lot on the other side of the Pasadena to cater for both current needs and future growth. This would be consistent with the Council wanting to create jobs and additional tourism in the area.

Rebuilding the Pasadena took vision and the guts to stay the course against fervid local opposition. The result is a great facility. Council should get behind the new vision this time as a first step in upgrading the available facilities around Thomas Stephens park.

I have no financial interest or other ties to the Pasadena. I am just a local who enjoys an ice cream or occasional meal there.

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