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Have I missed this conversation? If not, when is the date and time? I love the one-way idea – the community already seems completely comfortable with it. But I hold what is (currently) a minority view that if in fact the road becomes one-way we need to widen the sidewalk as well. Nothing distinguishes a fun, attractive city like outdoor dining. It's what we love about Church Street, Paris, New York City. It's easy to do, restaurants benefit greatly from the extra seating, and people would flock to something like this on Merchants Row. There will always be restaurants on Merchants Row, and in fact part of THT's long-term plans for the diner property is a café that becomes a performance venue in the evenings, not unlike the Skinny Pancake or ArtsRiot in Burlington. Something that would really enliven the top of Merchants Row. It would also be a great draw for restaurateurs looking for a new place to establish a restaurant. It wouldn't take more than a few extra feet for Sabai Sabai and restaurants-to-come to offer this lovely amenity. I'd like to speak to this the next time people come together to discuss the future of the street.

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PLEASE NOTE: As of Wednesday, August 8, I'll be moving sideways into the new role of Artistic Director.

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