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Another downtown market on the way in Duncan square

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Downtown Duncan's Market in the Square will reopen in early March led by a group of local vendors.

Local woodworker Marvin Carver and his group pitched city councillors Monday about keeping Market in the Square going after a recent ruling by the Duncan Business Improvement Area Society that the Saturday event had folded from low vendor and visitor numbers.

Carver says support for keeping the market alive for year four came from some vendors with the competing Duncan Farmers' Market who wished to stay downtown after the DFM received notice to vacate its Mound site.

"There were vendors in the square last year and their desire was to remain there," explains Carver. "A number of vendors from the Mound also wanted to stay downtown and together we have enough to keep the market going."

Square vendors will offer goods spanning furniture and food to plants, artwork and entertainment beside city hall between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. each Saturday. Call 715-1700.