

July 11, 2019
Five Points Business Improvement District
Summer Meeting



Board Present:

Paul Books, Dr. Renee King, Maedella Stiger, Nathan Beal and John Pirkopf

BID Mission statement: The Five Points Business Improvement District exists to strengthen and enhance the efforts of business and property owners who live, work in, or contribute to the Historic Five Points neighborhood of Denver. Our District Board's mission is to positively influence financial accountability and cultural responsibility as the area undergoes redevelopment and growth. The Five Points Business Improvement District will hold true to the best values of the past, embrace inclusive opportunities of the present and look forward to a vibrant future.

Welcome and introductions: each member of the FPBID Board or Directors introduced themselves and Board President Paul Books touched on the highlights of the work of the FPBID to date including capital expenditures, operations, and the marketing program.

Comments from attendees:

So many had wonderful personal stories about growing up in and choosing to stay in or move back to the community. Olivia will follow-up and work on helping to tell these narratives.

- Several voiced strong desire to protect and preserve the rich history and culture of Five Points.
- Businesses at 22nd and Welton would like to be included in the footprint of the festivals that are held on Welton – which generally stop at 24th.
- Many indicated having issues with Food Truck Stop events – competing with brick and mortar established businesses. Can the City pull the parking meter bags prior to Monday? Especially if the “event” concludes on Saturday. (Beth/Vince checking with PW-r-o-w on this).
- A private security organization – TSG – provide security for the library.
- Concerns voiced about the production of the JazzFest – could be improved.
- Suggestion to host a festival/street fair that highlights what is here. Soul Food Festival was one idea voiced.
- Concern voiced regarding restricted access to the community when events are located here/on Welton.

- KUVO/Jazz – Arturo – part of the organizing group and is open to addressing many of the concerns voiced this evening.
- When considering events on Welton – include opportunities to educate youth about Five Points.
- Can the BID provide an orientation packet to new businesses locating in the District? A personal visit from BID Board member or staff (Olivia/Beth/Vince).
- Please keep types of businesses locally sourced/oriented and avoid chains.
- More affordable housing.
- Bike racks.
- What else can be done to promote small businesses and the employees that work here? Can a promotion or discount be provided to those working here?
- Concerns about parking – loading zones. Parking issues on festival days not addressed by event permittee.
- Councilwoman-elect CDeBaca spoke and indicated that she heard and noted issues and complaints. She will be holding the BID accountable. She would like to meet with everyone to craft policy.
- Brother Jeff asked if the JazzFest nets revenue that is should be shared back with the FPBID.

Everyone agreed that this was a good chance to meet and learn about one another – and will look forward to the next opportunity.

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