



2013 September Newsletter

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FPBD Monthly Community Meeting

Saturday, September 7
9:00 am - 10:00 am

Agenda
Office of Economic
Development
"Welton Street
Challenge"

Pennymon Presents
"Marketing and Branding
Project for
Welton Street Corridor"

Mo Better Green Marketplace



2505 Welton Street

Sat, September 7
Sat, September 21
9 am - 2 pm

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COFFEE COLLABORATION



Retail Marijuana Local Licensing Ordinance

At our last Five Points Business District Monthly Community Action Meeting held Saturday, August 3, 2013, we invited Jesus Orrantia, Council Aide, Office of Councilman Paul D. Lopez, District 3, as our guest speaker. Jesus updated the community about the proposed amendments by Councilman Paul Lopez to the Retail Marijuana Local Licensing Ordinance. The topic of discussion was setting parameters for selling and distributing marijuana by putting regulations and buffers in place for neighborhoods.

Colorado voters passed Amendment 64 last November making the limited sale, possession and growing of marijuana for recreational purposes legal for adults 21 and over. Colorado's 271 municipalities and 64 counties must decide by October 1 as to whether they will allow for legal recreational sales. Even cities like Denver, which approved recreational sales, are considering longer moratoriums on new pot business licenses than the state law requires--recommending a two-year moratorium on new pot shops, a ban on pot clubs and on public consumption. Should the two-year moratorium pass, only existing medical marijuana dispensaries would be able to apply for the license which will allow them to sell both medical and recreational pot during that period.

The City Council could just ban recreational marijuana sales altogether or allow marijuana sales but also pass a moratorium on opening pot shops until after Colorado voters weigh in on approving tax rates for recreational marijuana in the state this November.

Listed below are the proposed amendments to the Retail Marijuana Local Licensing Ordinance by the Special Issues: Amendment 64 Committee.

Amendment 1 Sec. 6-211 (changes to (b) / (c)-(3) and (c)-(2) / (c)-(4)
Applicants for retail marijuana store licensing must adhere to a 2,500-foot radius (in a straight line, nearest portion of the building) to another retail marijuana store;

And 2,500-foot radius (in a straight line from property line to property line) to any school, child care establishment, and to any alcohol or drug treatment facility.

Amendment 2 Sec. 6-212 (changes to (b))

(b)Any party of interest can request to the director to schedule a hearing on or after 5 p.m.

Amendment 3 Sec. 6-212 (changes to (f)-(2) / (g)-(2) / (g)-(6)-(7))

A Small Business
Gathering with Denver's
Business Development
Influencers

Tuesday, September 17
8:30 am - 10:00 am

Coffee at The Point
710 East 26th Avenue
Denver, CO 80205

Cost: FREE

Five Points
Business District
'Holiday at the Points'
Planning Committee
Meeting



Wednesday,
September 18, 2013
8:30 am - 9:30 am
Coffee at the Point

We welcome your ideas
and suggestions to
achieve the community
involvement we need to
be successful.

Five Points
Business District
'Last Thursday'



Featured
Business of the Month

UNIFICATION POINT

Thursday
September 26
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Join Us for Community
Networking and Fun

The purpose of the hearing is to consider testimony and evidence related to the needs and desires of the neighborhood for the retail marijuana store, and whether the health, welfare, and morals of the neighborhood would be adversely impacted by issuance of the license.

Amendment 4 Sec. 6-212 (changes to (g)-(3)-b

Neighborhood in this ordinance is referred to as a "statistical neighborhood".

Amendment 5 Sec 6-212 (changes to (a) /(g)-(3)-d.-e. and (g)-(5)

"Party of interest" will now also include: a member of a registered neighborhood organization and the current City Councilmember elected to represent the statistical neighborhood under consideration.

Anyone considered a "party of interest" is allowed to testify, present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and seek judicial review of the licensing authority's decision.

Some committee members encouraged Councilman Lopez to consider adding parks to the space limits and not to allow too large of a designated neighborhood.

**Five Points Business District Vision Plan
Implementation & Revitalization Strategy
Final Report**

To download a copy go to www.fivepointsbiz.org.

Welton Design/Development Challenge

On August 20, 2013, the Denver Office of Economic Development (OED) launched its first-ever Welton Design/Development Challenge, an opportunity for commercial and mixed use residential projects along the primary corridor of the Five Points business district to receive predevelopment funds for planning and design. Projects must be located along Welton Street, from 20th to 30th Streets.

The RFP for Welton Design/Development Challenge is available at www.denvergov.org/OED.

Welton Challenge/Schedule of Events

September 5, 2013 RFP Conference 2:00-3:00 pm
Blair Caldwell Research Library

September 6, 2013 Deadline to Submit Written Questions
12:00 Noon

September 11, 2013 Addenda Issued for Questions & Answers

October 28, 2013 Proposals Due 4:00 pm

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