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'It's a new day' for Five Points after neighborhood agrees to fund business improvement district'



Black Girls Jump, an organization committed to promoting active lifestyles for kids, bounces around Five Points' Sonny Lawson Park.

Restaurateurs, barbers and other business owners in Denver's Five Points neighborhood agreed to reach into their pockets for an effort to improve the condition.

...agreed to estimate their potential and share to improve the community, safety and visibility of their community.

Property owners along the Welton Street Corridor voted 37 to 31 to fund the recently-created Five Points Business District through property taxes. The district is **estimated to collect \$157,000** in 2017.

"This is a new day for the Five Points area," said Tracy Winchester, executive director of the Five Points Business District. "It's going to be a gradual change, but Welton Street is going to look much different 18 months from now."

The Welton Street Corridor from 20th to Downing streets underwent **a wave a revitalization** in the years following the recession. New multi-story apartments sprang up. Longtime businesses closed. New ones took their place.

"Now that there are businesses thriving and prospering on the corridor, they need to manage themselves and their future and how they want to market and beautify their area," Winchester said.

The business improvement district allows them to do that, she said. **Ideas that have been floated** for the district including paying for graffiti removal, adding new lighting and signage and hiring security officers to reduce loitering in the area.

The district includes shops and homes on both sides of the Welton Street Corridor. Those property owners agreed to pay 10 mill levies to the district.

For example, the property that houses **Rosenberg's Bagels** - valued at \$320,700 - would pay \$930 in taxes to the district.

"We still have 31 people that did not vote in favor of this. You have a lot of people that don't want to pay one dime more. That's the mantra of a lot of businesses," Winchester said. "Our goal is to get those 31 people that said 'no' to say by the end of 2017, 'This is a really good thing and we're glad that we did it.'"

Article by Adrian D. Garcia, DENVERITE



**FIVE POINTS BUSINESS DISTRICT
MONTHLY COMMUNITY ACTION MEETING**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3 2016

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

AGENDA



BIRDCALL RESTAURANT

Join us to hear plans for the newest restaurant 'Birdcall' to open right here in Five Points at the former location of Tom's Home Cookin.

**Five Points District Office
2444 Washington Street
Denver, CO 80205
Stroud Conference Room**





JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION!

**"TURN ON THE LIGHTS"
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016
COFFEE AT THE POINT
4:00 PM TO 5:30 PM**



"Holiday in the Points" is the Five Points Neighborhood's soulful celebration of the Christmas Holiday. The purpose of the celebration is to generate traffic in one of Denver's oldest cultural neighborhoods, and to promote the Five Points Business District citywide. Each year, the Five Points Business District presents the celebration as a way to get neighbors, tourists, and holiday shoppers to visit this ever-changing business corridor.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY 'THE HENDERSONS'
LIVE 18' CHRISTMAS TREE**

LIVE TO CHRISTMAS TREE
TURN ON THE LIGHTS CEREMONY
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The Points Housing Summit-2016

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When You Cannot Afford "Affordable Housing" What are Your Options?

Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 | 10:00 AM — 03:00 PM

The Blair Caldwell African-American Research Library

2401 Welton Street, Denver, CO 80205

Key Note Speaker — Frances Epps, NACA
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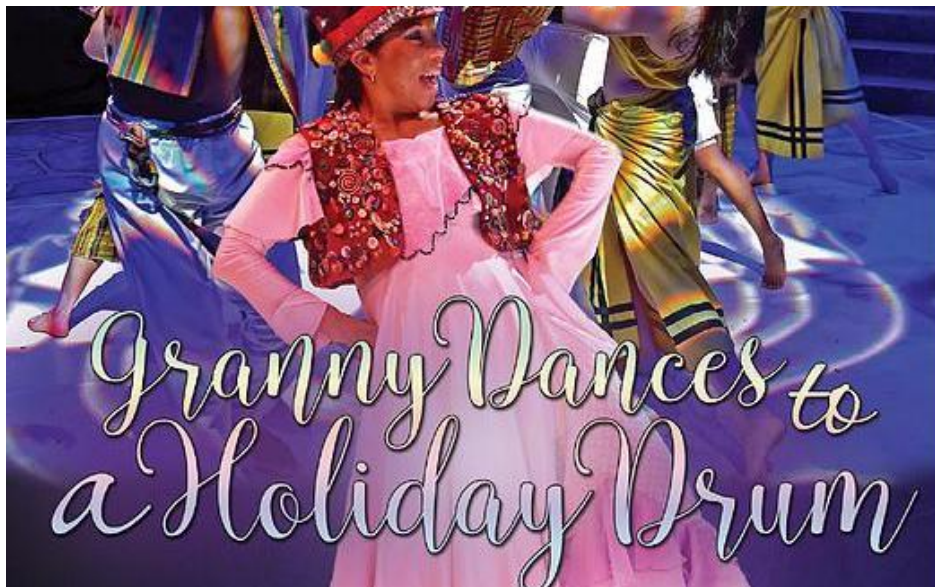
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December 3 - 18, 2016

**Granny Dances to a Holiday Drum returns to its original home in
Denver's Historic Five Points for the 46th Anniversary Season**

For 25 years, the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble has been blending dance, live music, spoken word, and seasonal celebrations and customs from around the world into a memorable holiday tradition like none other.

Granny Dances to a Holiday Drum is a multicultural celebration that touches the hearts of people of all backgrounds, kindling the wonderment and magic shared across the winter holiday season. Each year, Granny highlights new stories from her rich life dancing around the world, making way for new twists and scenes for an artistically fresh production every time. No wonder it's one of the city's most beloved family traditions inspiring audiences both young and old through the universal language of dance!

CLEO PARKER ROBINSON DANCE THEATRE
119 Park Avenue West
Denver, CO 80205
(corner of 20th, Park, and Washington)

Additional information and ticketing
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