

Special Exception for a Fast Food Drive-Thru

BOZA Hearing: Dec 12th at 10 am, City Hall

Applicant: Zaxby's

Location: Former Harper's Restaurant (700 Harden Street)

There has been much conversation about what will replace the former Harper's Restaurant at 700 Harden Street in Five Points. A **fast food chain** has it under contract and has put in a request for a special exception to allow for a drive-thru. The Five Points Association is strongly opposed, as I am sure many of you are too.

This is a tipping point in the history of Five Points - a significant head nod to how Five Points will develop in the future. A fast food drive-thru and the traffic it creates will have an impact on the context and the feel of the historic, neighborhood village. By introducing a fast food drive-thru in lower Five Points, Five Points will be moving away from the Future Five Master Plan and Design Overlay which was endorsed and implemented by City Council in August 2006.

The Future Five Master Plan can be read here:

<https://columbiasc.gov/depts/planning-preservation/docs/extprod002480.pdf>

The request for a special exception to allow for their fast food drive-thru must be heard and approved by BoZA - the Board of Zoning Appeals. This would be the first fast food drive-thru in lower Five Points.

How Can You Help?

1. **Please write to** Mayor Steve Benjamin and members of City Council.

- Mayor Steve Benjamin: skbenjamin@columbiasc.net
- Councilman Sam Davis: sdavis@columbiasc.net
- Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine: tidevine@columbiasc.net
- Councilman Moe Baddourah: mobaddourah@columbiasc.net
- Councilman Howard E. Duvall: heduvall@columbiasc.net
- Councilman Edward H. McDowell, Jr: ehmcdowell@columbiasc.net
- Councilman Daniel J. Rickenmann: djrickenmann@columbiasc.net

2. **Please come to** the BoZA Hearing on **Tuesday, December 12th at 10am at City Hall**. This is where the hearing will be for the request for the special exception for a drive-thru and those opposed will need to show up and voice their concerns.

Again, this is a crucial time for the future of our beloved neighborhood. We have to work together to ensure that our village is moving in the right direction.