
Public comment re-entertainment district meeting today

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Hi all,

Sorry I can't make it to the meeting to make comment.

I appreciate the city working to vitalize our downtown and enrich our community. I did participate in the survey as well. But I wanted to express my support as well as my concern about this as a business owner and community member.

While I do think for specific events this could be great. I am not in support of this also being every Friday, Sat & Sunday. Unless I am misunderstanding it looks as if this is being proposed for events and every Fri-Sunday. For events where drinks must be "kept in a zone" great, but I do not want myself or my employees to have to monitor open containers possibly walking into the shop every weekend. With teens and sober folks working downtown I don't like the idea that folks can walk around downtown with open drinks all weekend long.

I love the whalefest and wine walk but I work it because a 16 year old employee is not going to be as comfortable working with tipsy customers. Additionally, some people who work downtown are working on their sobriety and being confronted with customers drinking on the streets or trying to walk in the store with alcohol every weekend could be a problem for some that I don't think retail employees should have to be concerned about outside of special events.

So I think this could be great with clearly marked areas and clear rules about where drinks can go but I hope it won't be a regular weekend thing.

Thank you,
Katie

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