

RedLine - Final Report Project: Moveable Feast

RedLine's Moveable Feast was a five-month project that used food and art as vehicles for community dialogue and greater connectivity in our neighborhood of Five Points. Each second Saturday from May through September, the local communities were invited to join us for a feast of local food, local performance and community dialogue about our neighborhood at five different locations in Five Points. Local artists were commissioned to create a site-specific table that was both sculptural and functional for each site. The monthly gatherings began at the previous month's site and included a procession to the new site, accompanied by the the Montbello Drumline. The procession helped to link the various areas of the neighborhood and drew in additional bystanders to join the celebration.

Moveable Feast was a huge success, because the events truly brought our local communities of Five Point and beyond together. The project reached 5 sites, commissioned 10 artists, collaborated with 8 community partners, served food from 9 different sponsors, and was attended by over 615 individuals (refer to Summary of Events). There were planned attendees, people who joined along the way, and volunteers from all over the greater Denver area. We also saw the neighborhood businesses coming together to create one, shared meal. The music, food, and physical space itself all played a part in creating a festive and joyful Moveable Feast. The highlight for all the events was the Montbello Drumline. Each procession to the new site had a great crowd behind the drumline and a number of people watching and cheering from outside their home or business.

The community partners prepared activities that supported conversation between locals, art fans, and community members. For example at Mestizo-Curtis Park, each table had a facilitator / community host to share about their work in the neighborhood and get the conversation started. The event culminated with Lighthouse Writers asking people to write down reflections about their "Mother's Kitchen," which concluded with people sharing poetry and stories about home recipes and reflections from their homes and childhood.

Through the Moveable Feast project, RedLine facilitated the convergence of multiple communities in the Five Points neighborhood to gather around art and food and begin conversation. The monthly gatherings became festive occasions where people met their neighbors in a friendly and creative setting, like a neighborhood association meeting we actually looked forward to attending.

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Summary of Events

Location	Table Artist	Community Partner(s)	Food Sponsors	Attendance
May				
Sonny Lawson Plaza 2301 Welton St	George Perez Stephanie Kantor	Blair-Caldwell Library Hadiya Evans	Taste of Haiti	165
June				
Gem Food Mart 2958 N Downing St	Viviane Le Courtois Chris Perez	Mile High Connects (Radian Resources and Community Wealth Building) Gem Food Mart	Viviane Le Courtois Five Points Pizza	75
July				
27th Ave. and Welton St. (between Spangalang Brewery and Welton Street Cafe)	Thomas Evans	Five Points Business District	Welton Street Cafe Healthful Juices Zivix Island Peppapot	100
August				
RedLine 2350 Arapahoe St	Mario Zoots Amber Cobbwith	Molina Speaks	Comal	150
September				
Mestizo-Curtis Park 32nd St	Ramon Bonilla Sarah Rockett	Harvest Share & Share Partners Lighthouse Writers	Island Peppapot Mo Betta Green	125

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Montebello Drumline procession from RedLine to Blair Caldwell Library



First Movable Feast featuring artists George Perez and Stephanie Cantor

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Procession with Montbello Drumline down Welton Street

Feast in front of Gem Food Mart



Montbello Drumline performs in front of Spangalang Brewery

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Attendees watching the Montbello Drumline before the feast in front of Spangalang Brewery



Moveable Feast during 48 Hours of Socially Engaged Art & Conversation