



## The Loop Board

**James Roark-Gruender**  
Chair  
Passions

**Michele Batye**  
Flooring America

**Karen Geotz**  
Dive Bar

**Sara Huaco**  
Carlito's Cabo

**Ryan Euliss**  
Boone Electric

**Suzi McGarvey**  
MACC

**Jay Rader**  
Bus Loop 70 Properties

March 15, 2023

Dear Madam Mayor,

Please accept the attached applications for the Business Loop Community Improvement District Board of Directors. We have four seats coming open and new terms will start at our regular monthly board meeting on April 12, 2023. The applicants are James Roark-Gruender, Michele Batye, Karen Geotz, and Sara Huaco.

We mailed announcements to all businesses, property owners, and residents within the CID; emailed members with the application link; posted details on our website; and personally met with potential applicants. Applications were available online and paper copies were available in our office as well.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carrie Gartner  
Executive Director  
The Business Loop Community Improvement District

James Roark-Gruender  
Owner/Manager  
Passions

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I applied because I want to continue the work that I have been doing as Loop Corridor Committee Chair and then board chair for the past few years. My qualifications are being honest and usually working well with others.

Michele Batye  
Owner  
Dave Griggs Flooring America  
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Columbia and it's future is important to me, not only for my lifetime but beyond. Having a concerted effort to improve on portions of the city through safety, infrastructure, beautification, growth, attraction and retention of business is one of the most important things we can do for our current and future residence.

I currently hold a seat for a Community Improvement District Board and currently hold board and advisory roles that provide me experience. I believe I am creative, futuristic and fair. Which allows for me to take in data and to be able to put the pieces together to create a long term vision for the betterment of the masses that are fair, functional and aesthetically pleasing.

I am a native of Boone County so I have a historic perspective of the Business Loop dating back to when the Business Loop was the major business hub of the community. I've worked on the Business Loop for almost 3 decades so I know first hand of the changes or lack of changes that the Business Loop has seen. And finally I am a new business owner, which means I have futuristic visions and skin in the game to make the Business Loop thrive. I'm very excited about the changes that have already been occurring through the Loop CID and would love to lend my time and talents to the continued and future work.

Karen Geotz  
Owner  
Dive Bar

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Owning a business on the Business Loop, I have an interest in seeing the improvements. Improving this area will continue to drive business to the area and intern I will be more profitable.

Daily I am in the financial industry, in addition to owning a business I recognize the areas of need. I have helped lead multiple groups over the years, whether Booster Clubs, fundraising and owning a business that was on the Loop that we have worked on revitalizing and improving.

Sara Huaco  
Owner  
Carlito's Cabo

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I've had a restaurant business on The Loop since 2003. I have many years of experience working with customers. I'm excellent at deescalating situations and finding a way to make the customer happy. Customer safety and satisfaction is our priority. I am the Secretary of the Hispanic chapter at Church and am able to help the Loop with translation and with Spanish speaking clients.