

Roosevelt Center Merchants' Association

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2018

Present:	Caitlin McGrath, Joe Gareri, Eva Fallon, Cindy Comproni, Toni Dovitt, Dave Dovitt, Tom Kemp, Gretchen Schock Susan Walker, Ed Putens
Regrets:	J. Davis
Next Meeting:	May 16, 2018 @ 10:00am Location: New Deal Café

The meeting was called to order by Caitlin McGrath at 10:05am

Announcements

- ❖ It's festival season. Our website lists all the approved applications that have come our way, <http://rcma.greenbelt.coop>
- ❖ Welcome packets materials are due to the City Manager's Office by April 24. 300 copies requested.

Items for Discussion

- **Financial Report** – RCMA currently has \$1,303.90 in its account. **Dues** for 2018 are due. If you are not sure if you have paid, contact Cindi Comproni.
- Opioid Overdose Response Training & Free Narcan kits – Offered by CARES at Springhill Lake on Monday 4/23. They will be happening all over the city and training is available from the PG Board of Health all the time.
- Report from Robert Jenkins of the National Cooperative Bank regarding a grant for the RCMA – Susan Walker. Robert Jenkins offered to speak with anyone in the RCMA about a low interest loan. NCB would be happy to consider a loan. Grants are for cooperative development not necessarily for established organizations. The best way to get started would be a phone call with 3 years financials. The consensus from the floor was that there was no interest in any loan for the RCMA.

Other Business

- ✓ Website / social media – Cindy suggested sending out a call to the community through the GNR to see if there was someone willing to donate services. Gretchen will do a write up and send it around to for editing before posting to social media and GNR. The idea is to offer someone a gift basket to do the work, which would include update training. Ed Putens suggested reaching out to ERHS for someone who may be interested in community service. Caitlin also suggested reaching out to UMD students through the Smith School of Business.
- ✓ Minutes from the work session are still not published on the City website.
- ✓ Cindy will reach out to people about National Night Out to start thinking about possible entertainers. Merchants are encouraged to have interactive tables. Send suggestions to Cindy. Possibilities are bike safety and dog safety. National Night out is the first Tuesday in August (August 7 this year).
- ✓ Cameras are working in the center, but not as we would like. Need to fix the cameras that we have. RCMA cameras are a priority. The city is on the verge of making significant improvements.
- ✓ Tom Kemp – “Crime prevention through environmental design”. George Matthews can offer consultation. It is much more than telling people to trim shrubs and turn on a light. Ed Putens, camera in Roosevelt Center have been budgeted in the current year.
- ✓ Tom Kemp was asked about homeless issues. There is not a week that goes by that the issue does not comes up. Trying to find the middle ground between compassion and effective means to address the situation. There are multiple departments including the county trying to resolve the issue. There are more standards to be met when a

public space is involved. The [4th Amendment](#) protects everyone's right in a public space. Everyone is working on the situation with Tabitha.

- ✓ Drug takeback – 24hr daily box has been a great success. April 28 10-2 will have a van for drug take back. It's also shredding day from 9-noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57am