

Roosevelt Center Merchants' Association

Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2017

Present:	Joe Gareri, Ed James, Caitlin McGrath, Sharon Natoli, David Whaples, J. Davis, Michael Hartman, George Mathews, Cindy Comproni, Capt. Tom Moreland, Susan Walker, Eva Fallon, Ed Putens
Regrets:	
Next Meeting:	August , 23 2017 @ 10:00am Location: New Deal Café

The meeting was called to order by Caitlin McGrath at 10:06.

Announcements

- ❖ Labor Day Festival ride vouchers are on sale at the Co-op from August 1 until noon September 1.
- ❖ National Night Out 2017 will be celebrated in Roosevelt Center (and around the city and beyond) Tuesday, August 1 from 6:00 pm to 9:00pm.

Items for Discussion

- **Financial Report** – Cindy Comproni. No change from last meeting aside from interest on the account. \$1,052.80. \$1,200 in dues has been collected since September 2016.
- **National Night Out** is **August 1** 6:00pm to 9:00pm – Cindy -- GHI is now participating. There should be several groups. Arrangements are all complete at this time.
- **RCMA Flyer** – Caitlin has made some progress in the flyer and asked for photos that may be useful. Sharon has pictures on her website (www.natoliphoto.com) for people to look at. They can be found in the "Client Access" folder at the bottom right and then scroll to the bottom of the folder.

Other Business

- ❖ Vendors who want to contribute to the Greenbelt Farmers Market gift basket raffle need to bring items to the theatre by **August 7**. To date, only two businesses have contributed. Rather than simply put in a gift card, some business suggested that they may put their donation into something other than an envelope. The theatre will include their free family membership donation into a popcorn box. Generous Joes may put a gift certificate into a pizza box..
- ❖ Any business contributing to the City of Greenbelt welcome packets needs to bring items to the City Manager's Office by **August 21**.
- ❖ Sharon asked how things are with the cameras in the center. George Matthews from GPD said that the cameras are functioning. Public Safety Advisory Committee has requested a longer retention of images. Right now they are to be kept for one week.
- ❖ Theatre will be showing free cartoons during the Labor Day Festival as they have done in the past. Caitlin is working on pricing and will be asking RCMA to help pay for them. Once the pricing is known an email will go out for an electronic vote on spending the RCMA funds. We have helped in past years.

- ❖ New Deal Cafe is struggling right now. They need more business. They are trying to work more effectively, but have not recouped the business that they thought they would. The transition has taken more time than they anticipated. Anything that we can do to help them would be appreciated. To that end, the next RCMA meeting will be at the New Deal Café and members were encouraged to stay for early lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 am.