

Roosevelt Center Merchants' Association

Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2017

Present:	Joe Gareri, Caitlin McGrath, Gretchen Schock, Lauren Cummings (GES-PTA), Taylor Cole, Michael Hartman, Ed James, Susan Walker, Katie Church, Ed Putens
Regrets:	
Next Meeting:	November, 15 2017 @ 10:00am Location: New Deal Cafe

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

Announcements

- ❖ Pumpkin Carving in Roosevelt Center this Friday from 4pm to 8pm.
- ❖ Annual Halloween Parade is Monday, Oct. 30 beginning at 4pm. Many merchants and others believe it is Friday, which it has been for the last few years.

Items for Discussion

- **Lauren Cummings GES PTA President** talked about the mural being installed on the outside of the Greenbelt Elementary School with mosaic tiles. It's a first of its kind for a county school. They have received some grants, but need a whole lot more money. They are working with a professional muralist who will help with the construction by students of the school. The city has agreed to help install the panels in June on Greenbelt day. There will be a listing of sponsors on a plaque with the mural. The PTA presented sponsorship opportunities. Vote of a \$250 sponsorship of the mural was approved.
- **Financial Report** – Two organizations have paid dues in the past month. Dues are due.
- **GFM Market Sponsorship** – Do we want to have a table at a market before the end of the year? Dates available are, October 29, November 5, 12, 19, & Festival of lights on December 2. The consensus was to wait until the next market season to have a table at the market. The NDC offered to put RCMA materials on the table they are having. We will put together materials for the Festival of Lights market. It was decided to sponsor the Farmers Market next season assuming a request from the GFM is presented to membership in the spring.
- **Signage in windows** – Tabled until next month because Cindy was not present and no one knew what was meant by this item
- **Trailways Transport and Travel Services Guide** – Caitlin presented it and it was decided to pass on the opportunity.
- **City Council Work Session** – which date is best? Monday, November 20 or Wednesday, December 6? Because of timing concerns, it was preferred to have it on December 6. Caitlin will express interest to the city. **Follow up: December 6 was not available, but December 20, January 3, 10, or 17 are available. Caitlin will survey members via email to pick a new date.**

Other Business

- ❖ Michael introduced Carrie Maggnison, executive chef & Todd Kliman consultant to the café author and food and wine critic at Washington. Carrie has begun overhauling the menu and much of the café, and patrons are starting to see the results in very positive ways.

- ❖ Gretchen – At the recent business leaders' breakfast meeting she was speaking with a representative of the Bureau of Engraving and printing that is considering coming to the BARC property. It's not a done deal, but it seems like a good move for them and it might benefit merchants of Greenbelt.

- ❖ Caitlin reporting for Linda Ivy who had contacted a website consult who expressed that to have the domain, meet with us and create website would want \$2,300. That is more than we have. Gretchen is also looking into other options so we may be able to choose from other offers. We can go ala cart and put together a basic design that might be the best approach

- ❖ Caitlin asked the homeless committee to meet and discuss before the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.