

Roosevelt Center Merchants' Association

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2017

Present:	Joe Gareri, Cindy Comproni, Ed James, Toni Dorvitt, David Dorvitt, Michael Hartman, Denise Parker, Tom Kemp, Susan Walker, J. Davis, & David Whaples
Regrets:	Caitlin McGrath, Eva Fallon, & Gretchen Schock
Next Meeting:	May , 24 2017 @ 10:00am Location: Co-op upstairs meeting room

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Comproni at 10:03.

Announcements

- ❖ Caitlin wrote, "I've been working on the flyer for all the merchants. I'm having a hard time getting everyone's address, website and phone on to just one side (to allow for photos on the other), but will keep working on it and hopefully have something mocked up by next time."
- ❖ Minutes from 2017 meetings may be found at rcma.greenbelt.coop

Items for Discussion

- **Financial Report** – *Cindy*. Nothing to report from the last time. One merchant paid dues at the meeting bringing the account balance to \$1,052.40.
- Discussion about **Roosevelt Center event announcements** received from the City of Greenbelt – *Cindy* We have been receiving some event applications. Some of these have already been approved and some have been sent for input. Cindy was going to check with the city to see if this practice will continue. Cindy followed up with the city manager's office and was told that we may receive copies of applications from time to time for review before being accepted or rejected. All approved permits are posted on the RCMA website area on the Co—op's website (link above).
- Update on **WSSC work** in Roosevelt Center – *Joe*. Joe Gareri reached out to Jim Sterling, Director of Public Works regarding the replacement of one of the water lines in Roosevelt Center. Mr. Sterling reported that they were awaiting the final schedule, but it looks as though constriction will resume again on May1. The contractor is aware of the upcoming festivals and is working to have the work completed.

Other Business

- **Improvements to the Center**. Clean up of statue – J. Davis stated there is a grant application to clean the Mother & Child statue and the friezes on the front of the Community Center. There may be some money in the grant to also put towards some minor improvements in Roosevelt Center. It was stated that there may be some lights outs in Roosevelt Center. J. suggested contacting public works if lights are out or blinking. She also stated that she has mentioned the decorative lights with public works in an effort to keep the lights on through Valentine's Day.
- **New electrical receptacles in parking lot** – These were put there primarily for Labor Day festival and farmers market because of changes to fire regulations. It is not clear if they can be used for people to charge cars, but individuals should speak with public works about this. The city has a grant application in for a high speed charging station near the municipal building.
- **Updates** from around the floor:
 - **Acting Chief Kemp**. After break-in, the GPD has gone totally overt with increased visibility of officers during the night. Since then, there have been no incidents and will keep presence increased. Perhaps with a

diminishment, but not just pull out all the way. There have been leads and progress on the group involved with the ATM burglary. GPD has made no arrests, but the county has had some success. The vehicle has been recovered.

- Dedicated **parking space for police** on Centerway. Joe will send out a request for input from the merchants for a dedicated police space. To be enforceable, there has to be a sign and space marking. See the top of the minutes announcement for the poll.
- No reported **problems with Comcast**, and no further updates.
- J. Davis is surprised that there are not more people upset about the **cell tower proposal at Roosevelt HS**. Only Greenbelt East residents came out to City Council meeting. Money from the cell tower goes to a general school board fund but not to the school. Have not heard anything from usual environmental groups. It may not be able to be stopped because it is on school property and not city property. There are plans for Greenbelt Middle School and Turning Point Academy too.
- **Shredding day** is this Saturday from 9 to Noon with Yucky Paint used paint collection too.
- Saturday is **drug takeback day** at the Police Department.
- The New Deal Café is now open at 7:00 for **coffee and pastry**. Open all day every day. Not open Monday night. Café is using deserts from Chef Lou.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am.