

# Roosevelt Center Merchants' Association

## Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2017

<b>Present:</b>	Joe Gareri, Cindy Comproni, Toni Dorvitt, David Dorvitt, Anwar Salah, Bob Davis, Caitlin McGrath, Gretchen Schock, Eva Fallon, Sharon Natoli, Michael Hartman, George Mathews, Carol MacAdam, J. Davis, Connor Roessler
<b>Regrets:</b>	
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	June , 28 2017 @ 10:00am <b>Location:</b> Co-op upstairs meeting room

The meeting was called to order by Caitlin McGrath at 10:03.

## Announcements

- ❖ Minutes from 2017 meetings may be found at [rcma.greenbelt.coop](http://rcma.greenbelt.coop)

## Items for Discussion

- **Financial Report** – Cindy Comproni. No change from last meeting. \$1,052.42. \$1,200 in dues has been collected since September 2016.
- **RCMA sponsoring the Greenbelt Farmers Market (GFM)**. Carol McAdam spoke to the group as the newest GFM board member. She proposed that the RCMA become a sponsor of the Greenbelt Farmers Market. RCMA logo would appear on the website and be included in the weekly emails to customers. It would also allow the RCMA to have a table at the market once during the season and also to have available RCMA (only) literature at the market information table. A vote to spend \$100 as a basic sponsor was approved.
- **Greenbelt Farmers Market** is looking for items for a raffle at the end of June. To enter the raffle, customers are encouraged to take photos at the market and post them on Instagram. The general consensus was that each merchant would contribute something to the raffle. Bring items to the theatre by the second Sunday in June.
- **Zero Waste Circle** – Connor Roessler. The Zero Waste Circle is going for sustainable Maryland re-certification. They need to include a business roundtable with minutes as part of the application. Joe Gareri sent Mr. Roessler the RCMA roster for inclusion in the application.
- Update about the **WSSC work** in Roosevelt Center – Joe Gareri. No work will begin again on the project until June 5. The question was asked from Sharon Natoli about when water will be shut off. Joe Gareri wrote to Jim Sterling, Manager of Public Works, who said when he gets an updated schedule, he will send it along, but that all effected merchants will be notified in advance of any water being turned off.
- **Promotion flyer** draft – Caitlin McGrath. Caitlin needs to get input from merchants about information to be on the flyer. It was decided to go with a standard brochure size to fit in racks, and not include detailed information about each business, but to prominently point readers to the website. Sharon Natoli and Gretchen Schock said that they would search their photos to see if they have appropriate ones for the flyer. Eva Fallon will research for an appropriate domain name for the merchant association which would continue to be hosted by the Greenbelt Co-op on its website until it can be moved to greenbelt.com. Caitlin is going to put a draft flyer together and get it out before the next meeting.

➤ Results of the **dedicated police parking space** on Centerway survey – Joe Gareri. There was very little interest in a dedicated parking space for police on Centerway, so it was decided to not pursue it further given the lack of interest from members.

## Other Business

- ❖ Cindi Comproni passed around flyers for posting in businesses for a Police Explorer Post.
  
- ❖ J. Davis asked if there were any issues or concerns from the recent Greenman Festival. No issues were reported by merchants. NDC had their biggest weekend of the year.
  
- ❖ Cindy Comproni asked if there were any water problems especially on their side of the center. Someone turned off the water to the Credit Union. It was NDC, but is has been turned back on.
  
- ❖ J. Davis asked the Step Club if the table / bench that were approved by council have had anything done for its installation. Public Works has decided on the location and the Step Club was fine with the location. The city is going to put in two benches to mirror the opposite end of Roosevelt Center, and the Greenbelt Step Club is going to sponsor one of the benches.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am.