



City of  
**Rockville**  
Get Into It

**MEMORANDUM**

October 13, 2011

TO: Mayor & Council  
FROM: Scott Ullery, City Manager  
SUBJECT: The Week That Was #36-11

In response to direction from the Mayor and Council at their September 19 meeting, provided is a **memo regarding the alley behind 400 W. Montgomery Avenue.**

Also, in response to direction from the Mayor and Council at their October 3 meeting, attached are the **staff responses from the Rothgeb Drive Art Selection** process.

On October 3, the Mayor and Council requested information about the **operations of the parking meters on the surface lot next to Dawson's Market.** FRIT installed those meters to meet the agreement for one-hour free grocery store parking. The meters have a button that begins a 60 minute countdown when pushed. FRIT plans to install signage explaining what the meters are for and how to use them. The meters also have a coin slot that FRIT will cover so customers don't feed money into the meters.

FRIT has plans to help ensure the one hour meters are used appropriately. For example, if a user parks for more than one hour by returning to the meter and pushing the one hour countdown button multiple times, sensors in the meter will track the total amount of time that the same car stays in the parking space. Other sensors read the license plate. Those features allow FRIT to identify cars that don't follow the rules. Other parkers may use a metered space in front of Dawson's Market then visit another business in Town Square. The system does not manage that behavior and FRIT recognizes that many shoppers visit more than one establishment in Town Square each time they stop by. Let me know if you have any additional questions and we will connect with FRIT.

cc: Senior Staff



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TO: Scott Ullery, City Manager

FROM: Betsy Thompson, Superintendent of Recreation  
Betty Wisda, Arts Division Supervisor

VIA: Burt Hall, Director of Recreation and Parks

SUBJECT: Rothgeb Drive Art Selection Input from Staff

The Mayor and Council requested more information from the Department of Public Works and Recreation and Parks staff who served on the art selection committee for the Rothgeb Maintenance Facility artwork as to their abstention vote for the recommended sculpture. The following responses were received:

DPW Staff representative - All committee and staff members voted. Out of the three possible choices, the most appropriate one, meeting all of the criteria was chosen. Thank you for your time and consideration of including me in the selection process.

R&P Staff representative - By my recollection, I favored the bronze piece by Michael Alfano [bronze figure pulling aluminum building], but learned that the budget would not allow for additional bronze figures to support changing the sculpture. While I did not vote for the Hess' art work [steel curve with dump truck on top], I did not vote against it either. My impression was that there was enough consensus by the Cultural Art Commission and deferred to their opinion as it seemed like that was the group's direction. Hess' piece seems like the best selection given the available criteria. Thank you.

Please let me know if you need any further information on this project.