"Kroger Store Closings - Citizen Suggestions"

**Manual Meeting**
How to address cause of low volume?  
Is the cause of loss for Kroger (low volume)?

Robin made a great point about importance of location for Food Cooperative.  
Is there a local developer in Commercial Real Estate who would donate the property for that location?

Do they think realistically that other parts of the city would come to shop in southside?  
We are going to have to support ourselves.  
Let public know if customer #’s are down.  Community groups/church etc. available to provide transportation.  
Griffin.doris30@yahoo.com

We just need a store to sell grocery and nothing else.  Because if they use food stamps most likely they have enough of them to buy their grocery -  
meat when you have other products that is when the stealing comes in and check the trucks that are bringing in the food that is on the truck.  It all starts from the top.

**Teri Hayes (Cell) #472-6324  (Home) #673-1490  1502 W. Millman**  
I shop @ Kroger’s on Harmon Hwy. for over 25 years.  With the store closing it leaves a void for the southside and myself as well.  My wish is that another grocery store will take its place.

Perhaps Midwest Food Bank would help supply more food to the co-op to help eliminate the "desert".  
Contact Larry Herman @ work: 691-5270 cell: 208-1333.  
Jeff Hoerr  ljejad@gmail.com (309) 208-0863

Suggest you ask how many people in group have computers/internet.  Need microphone.  
smcbride@ridecitylink.org

Wish to stay informed.  Email:  Rtapley@PCCEO.org

**Sharlet Broomfield**- Where does a low income person such as myself without a vehicle shop without a car?  
I am in walking distance from Kroger’s Harmon Hwy. and have done so several times.

**Tony Brown- TMBROWN1058@gmail.com 309-696-0657**  
Great Presentation, create a bill paycenter due to the fact that Western Union charges a $8.95 surcharge fee per transaction.
Has there been any discussion with Kroger’s to extend their stay? (for a few months) Bishoptecriss@gmail.com

LaTasha Washington (309)839-5137 I wouldn’t mind helping to make phone calls and send out emails.

**East Bluff**

Hy-Vee does delivery but doesn’t accept SNAP payment- possibly true for Kroger’s as well?

1.) Help to organize a cooperative effort between residents. 2.) I’d like to learn more about the southside food truck as an immediate initiative.  

**Jannise Bush**

Joan Krupa Board Member CityLink - Program Dev. Chairperson- On Jan. 25th, 11 am : the Program Development Committee of CityLink will discuss offering extended services to address closures. We will stand with the community as partners to address the problem.

Distribution center for food that can be ordered by phone, on line etc. to a community center within the neighborhood.

Have you reached out to Kroger Foundation for support in this difficult time?

1.) Offer SSA-type incentive to stores such as F’Amelia & Mexicana to expand. Could be used with Haddad’s as well. 2.) Use the space for the farmers market that is being held at RiverStation. Divide up bldg. with grocery store and farmers market. 3.) Add incentives to bring in people from other parts of the city. A canning facility, farmers market, etc.  

**Doug & Ellen Leuneg**

What ever model is opened, we need a teaching/community kitchen for kids & adults. Melanie Andrews, MD * University of IL Family Medicine Residency has curriculum to teach basic skills at a level for low socioeconomic people-FOR FREE

Are there school programs for children to take home weekend snacks/meals? Could this be extended to seniors? Maybe it could be an in-school community service to deliver food/meals.

Please look into: "CityLink“ donate old bus for Mobile Food Market. "Bonana Box Wholesale Grocery" www.bananaboxwholesalegrocery.com "Continental Salvage" continentalsalvage.com by midway airport in Chicago since 1960’s. They’re successful, maybe we can use their model? Ron Rojas owns it. Contact: Nikki Andrews  

813 W. Hanssler Pl. Peo. IL 61604 vnandrews@hotmail.com (309)648-0254
I've been researching "salvage food stores" or discount/wholesale grocery stores. I think it is a model that could work. Also could be able to incorporate a community education feature to it. Recipes, how to cook meals w/ available food inventory. Contact: Pastor Kevin Wright 3616 N Bigelow Peo. IL 61604 (309)688-4323.

Get Kroger to furnish their metrics on what sells at the specific stores that are closing. Tailor a smaller store to furnish these basics-smaller footprint stores might help.

Comm. Gardens are only sustainable in the warm months. People need knowledge/resources to know how to preserve garden goods for cold month consumption. pickyourown.org

Grocery expert- "Kroger's" "Midwest Food Bank" "Peoria Area Food Bank"

Jim Bishop (386)846-5641 chr.str.mejpb@gmail.com 6919 N. Stalworth Dr. Peo. IL 61615

INCLUDE-NON-GMO and ORGANIC *For future development: Higher standards of integrity from any business opening. Public well being must be an ongoing priority from start to finish. Only allow businesses with established well being standards for transitions during development or closing. *Keep ongoing tally of well being of those with financial instability. Do not neglect the urgency of improvement for instability. Create a position of responsibility. *Educate families for nutritional interest. Invest in raising awareness. Staci.English@gmail.com (309)232-3300

Darrell D. Decker (309)404-6977 darrelldecker216@gmail.com - I would like to open the old Cubs store on Big Hollow Road. "Mr. D Store"

January 13, 2018 Peoria Area Food Bank can connect with local churches; 501 c3 agencies to establish food pantries. Irene Weathersby (309)222-3512 PCCEO Peoria Area Food Bank 721 W. McBean

Need more infrastructure: A) sidewalks accessible B) Better Public Transportation Roger Sparks (309)361-8602

Mary Hayes (309)253-3997 2915 W. Ann St. Put a grocery store like value store in Pekin, IL cost people 10%.

If the city can loan money to the hotel why can’t they take over a major food chain? And I hope they won’t let just any store front come in. Just had one try and leave the country because he didn’t want to pay taxes when it closed. Have a bus to bus people to other store, need a hotline that you can call to be picked up. Velma Walton vew1021@sbcglobal.net 1817 NE Madison
An employee owned store--Hy-Vee as example or we could be under their umbrella as a start. Michaelhoo_61605@yahoo.com

Transportation issues---shorter business hours for Krogers---Old Aldi Building on War Memorial Drive.

*North Valley is Food Desert 700  *Address theft issue - grocery stores have to be treated w/ respect and honor  *TIF funds for grocery stores rather using $ for parks and Marinas we can in f/afford in the hopes that a "luxury" apartment in a food desert will be viable.  $4.5M Bond w/  $2M A for 2 Block Road  $600,000 for a park vs. same $ - Econ. Dev. --Grocery Store

1.) CityLink rides to existing business and brand new Schnucks located @ 10405 N. Centerway Dr. 2.) Set up food drives @ Schnucks. 3.) Online shopping through Schnucks.com if there is not internet access are there solutions to get internet access to residents?

A multi-faceted approach to this problem must be found to insure that any solution is viable for long term. Maybe a new site is necessary to insure there is enough traffic to draw those out of the neighborhood. Could Greeley School be utilized as a neighborhood grocery, clinic and community kitchen to serve the area? With the right options made available, a business could see traffic from commuters and others outside the neighborhood to insure viability.

Andrew Diaz (309)453-6951 1331 NE Perry

There may be ways CitiLink can help in coordinating transportation. We have planners & schedulers. Dispatchers of course need board approval. Doug

Old Cub Food location... is one feasible location on Knoxville Avenue?

15 minutes to get to store vs. 1 hr. to get to store on public transportation. Try to find employees to work. Maybe a shuttle to get people to a store in surrounding areas of food deserts. CityLink shuttle bus if possible would help get food to patrons. Linda Murphy (309)265-2021 lindamurphy372326@yahoo.com

I don't think a Co-op will work here. When I go to a grocery store I go to one. Do not like going store to store. Bobette Shrode (309)637-8150 bshrode825@gmail.com

Food Co-op ---- *Using C I T M fresh veggies *Maybe using Government funding at any level.

*Not having access to groceries is a problem.  *The real problem is poverty.  *Why do we permit such horrible poverty that people can't afford bus passes.

*It is cheaper for people to ride a bus to a better neighborhood with a good grocery store.  *Extreme poverty where people can't afford a bus is a real problem.

Bill payments: Set up payments to come out of your bank account on the date of your choice. Phone the companies to pay out of your bank or debit/credit cards. Haddad will deliver food to your house. Danielsmith4995@gmail.com
Vicki Phillips  vickiphillips@live.com  (912)996-0245  Worked with Community Cannery's, Community Kitchens, Community gardens, currently Master Gardener.

We all hate taxes, but a 1/4 or 1/8 cent tax to subsidize groceries in low income neighborhoods.

Suggestions: Franchise partnership  City/Community Volunteer  *Treg grocery chain-possible  *Co-op module from Chicago  *Will email other suggestions  
*Community Food Pantry to tie over the families & seniors in the area.  *Expand the community garden's in the area  *Ask Dollar General to expand a Super Store with 
produce & meat (healthy)  

Michelle D. Sanders  Heartland Health Services  2214 N. University  Peoria, IL  61604  M.Sanders@HHSIL.com

Having the opportunity to speak with grocery chains about the importance of their business in our community.  Clara Ferguson  1515@hotmail.com  (309)453-9040

Where will info be posted on the city website?

Madison Park Location-What about employee owned & operated grocery store option?  Increase communication cooperation- activism between Peoria City & Peoria County because Peoria City is central to county but county is more than just one city.  *Ex: Kroger Madison Park was essential to county residents outside Peoria City South Side District 1.

Social--the churches, agency & CityLink to get together and provide a free service to getting those that need rides to the store.  While the community is working on getting a store.  Concept would be--a church would have a sign-up list for the people in that area.  You would get to the church they would take a group and return them home.  
Evonne Fleming  - Efleming410@yahoo.com

Lynnette Lee  cgorgeous1@yahoo.com  (309)453-0916

Ellora Lyons  1419 N. Kettelle  Peoria, IL  61605  cheryll.boswell@gmail.com

Build more homes to get more residents in the South Side.

Charmin Taylor  (309)422-6845  1.) More people getting involved  2.)Protesting  3.)Meetings

I have noticed a trend of grocery store closings for the past 30-40 years. Determine reasons for these closings.

Darion Petty  (309)657-8136  darrinpetty@gmail.com  What is the specific reason for the store closings? Were other options explored?
*Home grocery delivery possibility for seniors or disabled as a service offered from store *Pharmacy within grocery store.

Holly Hammel  holly.hammel@sbcglobal.net  Concerned citizen willing to volunteer. Thank you for the meeting!

Need more communication and advertisement in the neighborhood.

Excellent meeting! I don’t live in the South Side, but I care. I want to be informed & serve on a committee or team. I can help with advocacy and leadership. I am an Ag Engineer & have a passion for food stability.  jadaann@gmail.com  Jada Hoerr  (309)370-0171

For temporary help. We can re-route a bus to Bartonville. But know it is not a favorable solution.  Doug Roelfs  droelfs@ridecitylink.org

Matt Bruhn  Store Manager  @Schnucks  (217)653-9383  MBBRUHN@schnucks.com

What can we do in the mean time to get people to grocery stores until there is a store? Can CityLink gear specific buses to food options?  

Marilyn Mosley  maryflojohnson.insurer.com

What can city do about all the convenience stores that are taking away from positive food options?  Marilyn Mosley  maryflojohnson@insurer.com

Are you looking into another gas station in this area? Will these concepts have pharmacy options?  Betty Adams (309)673-2180 lorrilt@yahoo.com

A shuttle running request to a nearby grocery store would be workable for the near future.  Angelique Robertson  calgel1@yahoo.com (309)672-4311

Urgency of this matter. Churches in the area of 61605 with vans & buses.

Improved bus routes to grocery---grocery TIF Enterprise Zones---Food Pantries Investment---Push Kroger offer thru money.

Support the local food banks and food pantries. Financially!! Do not invest anymore money in places like Portillos!!  Karen Bishop  6919 N. Stalworth Dr. Peo. IL 61615

Mary Hayes  2915 W. Ann St. Peo. IL 61605 (309)253-3997  CityLink to shuttle a bus from Madison Park to grocery store. Food Pantry deliver to elderly without transportation. Educate on healthy foods to grow, cook, prepare and serve.

Diane Grimes  d.grimes1921@att.net (309)648-4962 Stores on the line of HyVee & Schnucks. Also, full service such as Walmart. Use some of the same vacant lot to build us a great store to bring more revenue & homes in the neighborhood. Upgrading the homes & landscape on the South Side. It may take buying out homes for the
space but give them an option for another home or something of sort on South Side.

More infrastructure on South Side; Better lighting; Sidewalks; 10-15 yr. bldg. needs demolished houses, McKinley School, Harrison School, Population on South Side dwindling; Need to make South Side more attractive to bring people in. aka: Warehouse District robertjohnsonsr@att.net

Can the remaining Kroger stores deliver groceries? Kroger might not lease to a Corporation, but will they sell the Wisconsin Kroger for nominal consideration $1? Could local building trades donate labor to redevelop the Wisconsin Kroger? Is there money available to pay the local building trades? Can we get more specific information from the office of Congresswoman Cheri Bustos regarding Dept of Agriculture solving problem of food desert which is what we have?

Idea: Start an intentional shopping campaign "I Shop Here" Encourage neighborhood shopping with buttons, yard signs etc.