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Head of West Roxbury Main Streets to step down next month



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The head of the West Roxbury Main Streets nonprofit will step down next month.

Kara O'Connor, a South Boston resident, became executive director of the organization three years ago.



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She will leave, effective April 2, to take a job as neighborhood business manager in the business development office of the city's neighborhood development department.

"We want to thank Kara for her three years of service on behalf of the organization," said a statement from Matthew Gruber, president of the nonprofit's board of directors, which has begun to search for a new director and will post information about the search to its website, www.wrms.org.

"Since 2011, 16 new businesses have opened in the West Roxbury business district along Centre and Spring streets," he added. "During this time, WRMS has remained a thriving district, with more than 200 businesses and only five

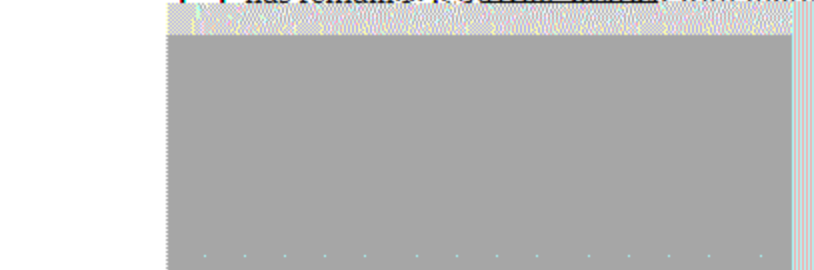
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City officials welcomed O'Connor to her new role.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have Kara coming on board to the I
Neighborhood Development," said a statement from Sheila Dillor
the city's Department of Neighborhood Development. "In her new
Kara will continue the great work she has already done with Bost
Streets, and we look forward to her leadership on many other init
programs designed to serve and support Boston's small business c

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