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2 **Public Market Advisory Commission Minutes**
3 **Tuesday, May 5, 2009**
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5 1. Call to Order

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7 The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.
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9 2. Roll Call

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11 Members Present: (3) S. Brines, P. Pollack, D. Black, G. Service

12 Members Absent: (1) K. King

13 Staff Present: (1) M. Notarianni
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15 3. Approval of Agenda

16 4. Special Presentations

17 5. Public Commentary – Agenda items only (3 minutes per speaker)
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19 J. Lounsbury: I am a vendor at the market, and didn't know about the fee increase until a
20 customer told me about it. Since Parks has taken over the market, there has been an over
21 300% increase in the daily booth fee, and an over 400% increase in parking fees. During
22 that time, there has not been a single physical improvement made to the market. We need
23 electrical outlets, among other things. I am befuddled as to why we've had such dramatic
24 fee increases, with seemingly nothing in return. I feel like I am less in a partnerships
25 with Parks, and instead in a more adversarial relationship.
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27 6. Approval of Minutes

28 a. Meeting of April 21, 2009

29 7. Commission Business

30 a. Old Business

31 (1) Farmers Market Operating Rules ~ status

32 b. New Business

33 (1) Public Meeting of April 28, 2009 ~ discussion

34 (2) Proposed FY 10-11 Budget ~ resolution and action on fees beginning July 2010
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36 P. Pollack: We have two draft resolutions. One which, in essence, supports the
37 increases, and one which does not. There are many points to consider here, including
38 whether the vendor fee increases are equitable considering the market's many other uses?
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40 M. Notarianni: I understand the concern repeated by many vendors that fees could
41 potentially increase without improvements to the physical market structure, but I believe

42 many positive changes have been made to the market that extend beyond the market's
43 physical structure.

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45 G. Service: I did not think the timing of this was very good.

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47 P. Pollack: Yes, the timeline of bringing the proposed increases to the Commission was
48 very compact.

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50 D. Black: I agree. I am in support of resolution #2, which does not support the proposed
51 increases.

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53 S. Brines: I think it is very important to note that much of the wording of the two
54 resolutions is similar. Whether or not we support the increases, I believe the second part
55 of the resolutions-the "Be it Further Resolved"-is the most significant portion.

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57 P. Pollack: Yes, I agree.

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59 G. Service moves to propose resolution # 2.

60 Seconded by D. Black.

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62 D. Black: I don't feel like there was enough information provided to the vendors for me
63 to be able to support the proposed increase.

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65 S. Brines: There was definitely an informational gap. This resolution suggests that
66 dealing with the relationship with the public and the vendors would help fix this
67 informational gap.

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69 P. Pollack: Yes; I support better information, made public, earlier.

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71 Resolution passed unanimously.

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74 P. Pollack: I think perhaps we should attempt to explain this resolution in more detail to
75 Council, either at Caucus or the reserve time at their next meeting.

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77 The group agrees to bring the resolution to the next City Council Caucus.

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79 8. Reports and Communications

80 a. Market Manager

81 No vendors have been inspected in the past month. For the second week in a row, last
82 Saturday, representatives of the City's compost program gave away free compost at the
83 market. I've been working with the Agrarian Adventure and Farm to School
84 collaborative to coordinate school field trips to the market this spring; we've finally
85 created curriculum and promotional literature for the field trips. Christina, the assistant
86 manager, has also been working to promote the market, updating our website, and
87 working on the oral history project. We had a well-attended volunteer meeting for

88 volunteers interested in the oral history project. There is a now a large calendar of the
89 spring months in the market (which I will soon fill with events). I have several chefs
90 lines up for monthly cooking demonstrations, and am working with Hollander's on such
91 collaborations as well. Finally, I am preparing many flyers ready for the market to give
92 to all the various Art Fairs!

93 b. Related Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces

94 c. Items from Commissioners

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96 P. Pollack: Two topics I'd like to explore in future months are the regulations regarding
97 dogs and smoking within the market. Perhaps we could check with the attorney, to learn
98 about the legal specifications.

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100 d. Transmittals/communications received

101 (1) 4/22/9, D. Brock

102 (2) 4/27/9, B. Upston

103 (3) 5/3/9, G. Boik

104 (4) 5/4/9, D. Puehler

105 9. Public Commentary – General (3 minutes per speaker)

106 10. Adjournment

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108 The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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110 ***Note: In response to pending City Hall/Courts and Police construction, Market***
111 ***Commission meetings have been relocated to the 4th floor Board Room of the Ann***
112 ***Arbor District Library, and will occur on the first Tuesday of each month, at 5:30 pm.***

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114 ***PMAC meetings will be rebroadcast on CTN at 10:00 AM on Thursday, 5:30 PM on***
115 ***Friday, and 3:00 PM on Saturday.***

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