



City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes Public Market Advisory Commission

Thursday, September 20, 2012

5:30 PM
301 E Huron City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E Huron Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104

CALL TO ORDER

Called to Order at 5:30pm

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

(4 SPEAKERS MAXIMUM - 5 MINUTE SPEAKING TIME - SIGN UP MUST TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE MEETING BY NOTIFYING THE CHAIR OR CITY STAFF. THIS SECTION OF PUBLIC COMMENTARY IS LIMITED TO ITEMS RELATED TO THE AGENDA.)

No public present

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from August 16, 2012 approved, with addition of Call to Order time.

Approved

B OLD BUSINESS

Aimee Germain had questions regarding followup on the Wednesday Evening Market. She offered several ideas from other markets (one in Los Angeles) for activities during the Evening Market. This will be discussed further at the next PMAC meeting, after the Evening Market ends.

C NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Vice Chair

The appointment of a vice chair was put off until the next meeting.

Improvement Plan for Market's Gravel Lot

The commission will plan a work session to review possible solutions for the lot. Date TBD.

Background on the gravel lot was given by the market manager. Commission members offered up ideas such as removal of the curbs around the lot, landscaping, extending the sidewalk from the covered market down to the street. Commissioners noted issues including mud and dust, broken flow of the market path, difficulty maneuvering a stroller, historic plans did not address vendor concerns. Ideas for funding included sponsorship for the paving, grant money (FSEP), or utilizing the market fund balance.

Jillian Sweetman brought up the issue of underutilized stalls in the market by vendors who have more than 1 stall. The commission was asked to consider language for a market operating rule that addresses this issue.

E REPORT FROM MARKET MANAGER

New Vendor Discussion

New Vendors:

Golden Wheat, French Pastries made with local fruits and flour
Bending Sickle Community Farm, heritage meat (including rabbit, goat, lamb)/honey

Market Updates and Events

- Report on space in the market: Almost 100 vendors, filling the market; limited space factors into the quality and local nature of products on vendor applications
- Last Wednesday PM Market next Wednesday, review will come to the October meeting
- Beautification day tomorrow (repainting stall lines, cleaning, general market care)
- Event for October will be Pumpkin Carving, Saturday October 27, 2012)
- New staff member, Carrie DeWitt, Assistant Market Manager
- Market counts (in October)
- Lighting during the day at market

F COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTARY (5 MINIMUTE MAXIMUM SPEAKING TIME - NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SPEAKING IN THIS SECTION.)

None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:30pm

