



City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes Public Market Advisory Commission

Thursday, December 20, 2012

5:30 PM

Larcom City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm

ROLL CALL

All commissioners present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

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.)

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved as presented

B OLD BUSINESS

Plan to pave gravel lot

Market manager reports quote from city for paving the gravel lot. The estimate is \$32,000 for 3 inch excavation and paving materials and labor. Commissioners discuss feasibility of spending that amount of money and whether that space could serve as additional parking in the lot. An exploration of partnership with the DDA will be explored.

Review of market tarps for winter

Tarps have potential to be helpful but have some drawbacks: securing tarps on windy days, addressing vendors wanting/not wanting to use them, aesthetic considerations. Find uniform solutions for the future.

Application Updates

Overview of proposed changes the market vendor application. Changes made to application to improve completeness and accuracy of application

information for vendors. Future goal to have current vendors submitting an annual update rather than a whole new application.

Commission Goetz poses question regarding product list varieties and how vendors will accurately answer those application questions. Market manager expresses that the goal is to have vendors give as much thorough information as possible.

Commissioners express interest in moving toward an electronic version of the application/updates for the future.

Commissioner Hard questions purpose of asking for kitchen/workshop square footage. Market manager explains the usefulness of understanding a scale of a business.

C NEW BUSINESS

Report from Market Manager

- Last Wednesday market of the year was Wednesday December 19, 2012
- Continue on Saturdays: December 22nd and 29th remain 7am-3pm hours; beginning Saturday January 5 we move to winter hours, Saturdays 8am-3pm (until May)
- Work with GIVE365 program manager, Gayle Hurn, to establish more volunteer opportunities, including market count volunteers, special events (like Halloween and the Market Birthday)
- New Farmers Market t-shirts for sale (\$20 each), another advertising effort

D COMMUNICATIONS

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

Market vendor Daren Otis questions tarp restricting access to her vehicle during the market day. Otis also refers to updates given from manager to vendors regarding attendance. Manager reiterates that the rules have not been changed, but that vendors are required to attend market for the entire market day from 7am (or 8am in the winter) to 3pm. Otis expresses concern about losing customers because of limited parking around market. Commissioners remind that several lots and structures for public parking do exist close by to the market.

Market vendor Bruce Upston expresses desire to find a solution like the tarps to help with extreme temperatures in the winter.

ADJOURNMENT

6:40pm