



# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes Public Market Advisory Commission

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Thursday, April 10, 2014

5pm

301 E. Huron St., 2nd Fl. Council Chambers

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### Work Session

#### CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** 5 - David Santacroce, Aimee Germain, Jillian Lada, Karlene Goetz, and Peter Woolf

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WS-1 Market Budget Operation in the Parks General Fund

Commissioners asked questions of Parks staff regarding how the market will operate and be eligible for improvement project funds from the city once it moves to the general fund. Use of fund balance was also discussed.

WS-2 [14-0582](#)

Market Infrastructure & Winterization Analysis

See notes attached to the file 14-0582.

WS-3 PUBLIC COMMENT GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

Bruce Upston:

- Keep in mind the winterization improvement should have an ability to cover all vendors
- If Detroit Street is utilized to add more vendors, we may see a parallel rise in the number of winter vendors
- Parking will only be more of an issue if we close Detroit Street

Jan Upston:

- Does not feel there is vendor support for the closure of Detroit Street
- Concerned about losing handicap parking on Detroit Street (please note: there are no handicap spaces currently on Detroit Street)
- Would like to return to the practice of an annual vendor meeting at Cobblestone Farm

Alex Cacciari:

- Supports the idea of a two-story pole barn in the sand lot
- Dead ends in the market are a currently problem for customer flow
- Would be willing to pay a higher fee for access to an enclosed winter market
- Wondering if there is money in the 2014 Farm Bill for the market to utilize for the winterization project

Anne Elder:

- The current nature of the outdoor space supports positivity and collaboration among vendors
- Would appreciate a more regular cleaning of trash and debris from stalls; in addition to more snow removal

Paul Bantle:

- Vendors are taking more measures to stay warm in the winter, which is in turn causing vendors to close off their spaces making them less collaborative and more private
- Would like to see green practices utilized for the improvements; perhaps solar materials for any winter awnings
- Recommend that the Commission stick to what is doable; keep it focused on physical infrastructure

Brian Barch

- Noted public misperception that the market does NOT operate year-round
- The increase in vendors attending in the winter has created a positive feedback cycle, so that more customers come to market as well

Laura Barch

- There is a real demand for local food through the winter

**ADJOURNMENT**