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Formal Minutes - Final

Thursday, April 15, 2021

5:30 PM

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Public Market Advisory Commission

A CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order at 5:31pm

B ROLL CALL

All PMAC members were present

Present: 5 - Peter Woolf, Holly Parker, Lisa Young, Jeff Nemeth, and Helen Chandler

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Parker, seconded by Young, that the Agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, Chair Woolf declared the motion carried.

D FIRST PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

No public comment

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Nemeth, seconded by Chandler, that the March Minutes be Approved with changes. Specifically, Chair Young requested that more detail be added about the winterization project discussion. On a voice vote, Chair Woolf declared the motion carried.

G REGULAR BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEMS)

I. Vendor Fee Increase for Fiscal Year 2022

The proposed fee increase was presented by Market Manager Stauffer. All commissioners expressed support for the proposal given the comparative information about how the market fees compare to other local farmers markets.

II. Market Bathrooms Renovation Project Update

Market Manager Stauffer informed the Commission that the market renovation project is on-going.

III. Market COVID protocols continue

Market Manager Stauffer reiterated that all COVID safety protocols would continue to be in effect and that the market has instituted a pause on the approval of new applicants to ensure current vendors have the space that they need to operate safely.

H NEW BUSINESS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

No new business was introduced

J SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (NOT LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS)

Vendor Lawrence Donahee Jr voiced his disagreement with market policy regarding inspections. He seemed to misunderstand the role of the market manager, as outlined in the public market operating rules, and Chair Woolf recommended that the conversation continue outside of the Commission setting. Market Manager Stauffer sent him a copy of both the rules and the vendor handbook to clarify that his grievances result from a misunderstanding of the market rules and also the market manager's role in interpreting and enforcing those rules.

L ADJOURNMENT

Chair Woolf adjourned the meeting at 6:18pm

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