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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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5:30 PM

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Public Market Advisory Commission

A CALL TO ORDER

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

B ROLL CALL

Commissioners Nemeth, Woolf, & Young were present. Commission Willette was absent. Holly Parker's seat is currently vacant.

Present: 3 - Peter Woolf, Lisa Young, and Jeff Nemeth

Absent: 1 - Stephanie Willette

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Vendor Ann Sheppard read her letter in support of allowing annual artisan vendors to both claim their second permanent stall that they pay for and use, although current rules only allow artisans to have one permanent stall. She also reiterated her support for the removal of a second tier of market membership that current rules give to artisan vendors.

Market Manager Stauffer read aloud the letter from Vendor Debbie Marx that emphasized the need to allow annual artisan vendors to claim their second permanent stall that they pay for and use. She also mentioned in the letter that she wants the market to continue as a producer-only market.

Vendor Karlene Goetz stated that she believes that annual vendors should be allowed to have 4 stalls on Wednesdays.

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Nemeth, seconded by Woolf, that the Minutes from the previous meeting be Approved. On a voice vote, Chair Young declared the motion carried.

G REGULAR BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEMS)**I. Facility**

Market manager provided an update about on-going market maintenance projects, including the repaired solar meter, and that we are waiting on market power washing after the young birds fledge from their nests.

II. Events

Market Manager Stauffer provided updates on the First Food Truck Rally of the season, how well attended it was, and how the next three should be even better as more trucks and carts will be participating. She also mentioned that market staff are currently collaborating with the Office of Sustainability and Innovation at the City to organize a Farm to Table meal/event to take place at the market in October.

Chair Young inquired about how many events use the space not during market events and also what impact potential winterization could have on these events.

III. Staff

Market Manager Stauffer mentioned that Assistant Manager Macy Robinson had just joined the market staff team. She has just moved to the area to pursue a Master's in Sustainable Food Systems.

IV. 330 Detroit Street Development Update

Market Manager Stauffer provided an update that the market, the City Administrator, Detroit Street Filling Station, and the Developer have been having regular meetings to ensure that minimal disruption occurs during the construction process. The timeline is still yet to be confirmed.

V. Rule Changes Discussion Continued

Commissioners discussed the proposal to change the rules to allow annual artisans to be assigned 2 permanent stalls, stalls that they are already using and paying for. There was a discussion of the

number of stalls used by artisans vs. producers and whether or not the best approach would be to make another exception to accommodate current annual artisans or to change the rule entirely. Market Manager Stauffer said that, based on market retirements and the resulting open spots, we would have the capacity this year to give all annual artisans their second stall and also promote the next producer in line into annual status.

Jeff mentioned that he was taking it all in and wanted to think more about how it may impact producers in the long-term. He wanted to get vendor feedback as well.

Commissioners finalized edits on the updates to the sign-in process and will be voting on their recommendations to send to City Council at the next meeting.

Market Manager Stauffer clarified that discussions about the producer-only rule are aimed at giving clarification to the grey areas that some products fall into, like greenhouses growing from plugs and value-added producers that do not grow their ingredients. These discussions will not change the requirement that growers, producers, and artisans grow and make their products.

The transfer of seniority discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

H NEW BUSINESS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

No new business introduced.

J SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (NOT LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS)

Ann reiterated her second comment in favor of the artisans receiving two stalls and clarified that most, if not all, artisans would not want more than two stalls. Another called had technical difficulties and was unable to submit their commentary.

L ADJOURNMENT

Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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