

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Parks Advisory Commission
DATE: June 21, 2016
RE: Support for the Farmers Market Infrastructure Improvement Project

Attached is the Parks Advisory Commission (PAC) resolution in support of the Farmers Market Infrastructure Improvement Project.

The project provides much needed, additional capacity for market vendors and the opportunity for shoppers to select from an even-wider range of products while remaining in a covered market space throughout their shopping experience. The project provides a lasting improvement to the 4th Avenue streetscape and a vibrant downtown park experience for area residents and visitors.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ANN ARBOR FARMERS MARKET
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Whereas, The design and construction of a new market structure to expand vendor stall capacity year-round project reflects the City's commitment to supporting local farmers, artisans and food businesses while continuing to provide access to the full diversity of our local community to shop at the market;

Whereas, City Staff have sought input from market customers and vendors regarding priorities for market improvements and have aligned this project with the input received;

Whereas, The project has been guided and supported by the Public Market Advisory Commission and has been shaped by critical input from Vendor and Community Operations Advisory Committees;

Whereas, Sufficient funds have been identified for this project through the market's assigned fund balance, developer contributions, the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage, and a grant from the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority;

RESOLVED, That the Parks Advisory Commission supports Parks & Recreation Services in its commitment to improving this park space within the downtown area of the City of Ann Arbor.

RESOLVED, That the Parks Advisory Commission supports the Market Infrastructure Improvement Project as it progresses through the required City review process.