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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, June 15, 2023

5:30 PM

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**Public Market Advisory Commission**

**A CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

**B ROLL CALL**

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

**C APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Market Manager read farmer/vendor Karlene Goetz's letter about requesting 4 permanent stalls

**E APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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

**F PRESENTATIONS**

Sam Stokes from the Washtenaw County Conservation District gave a presentation about the new MIFarmLink program and how farmers and other market vendors can get more involved. She presented data about how farmland is at risk of loss due to development pressures, lack of succession planning, and more. She mentioned that 8 properties are currently listed on the site, 2 have been linked so far, and that it is free to have any land listed on the site. She also mentioned that they need help with as much outreach to farmers and others with and as possible.

**G REGULAR BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEMS)****I. General Updates**

- a. New Vendors
- b. Returning Vendor Invoices
- c. Events
- d. Facility & Repairs
- e. PMAC openings

**Market Manager Stauffer discussed how 15 new vendors have been brought on so far this season, 5 of which are new farms.**

**Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis so there may still be more new vendors this season. We are already full for baked goods/sweets and artisan vendors for the season.**

**Market Manager Stauffer provided some general updates. She mentioned that the deadline for yearly payment is June 30 for both annual status vendors and daily status vendors preferring to pay yearly. She also gave a recap of the Flower Day event, as well as the new Cooking with Edible Wow demonstrations, live music, food trucks and carts, story time at the market, and other market events on the calendar.**

**She also provided info about upcoming repairs to investigate why the sidewalk in front of the office building, and the foundation under the office itself, is sinking. She also provided an update about the construction across the street, and that it had been minimally disruptive to market days as of yet. Lastly, she discussed the PMAC openings- that a daily vendor representative has applied and is waiting for Mayor/Council approval. We still need a Kerrytown representative, and Lisa said she would reach out to the KDA to spread the word.**

## **II. Continuing Conversations**

- a. Bylaw Changes
- b. Producer Only Subcommittee
- c. Stall numbers for Annual Vendors

**The Commission discussed bylaw updates, including the items related to term limits, Conflict of Interest, Member as Petitioner concerns, and membership expansion to either 6 or 7 members. Chair Young wants 2 representatives for the Kerrytown neighborhood while Commissioner Nemeth thinks there are enough people already and does not want to expand it. Market Manager**

Stauffer thinks that it should be 6 members, with the addition of a 'vendor at large' position. Commissioner Woolf agrees that this approach is the path of least resistance, but wants to ask Sarah if it has to be odd or even in terms of membership, and if anything else has to happen. Ask her as well if the market manager can be a tie-breaker vote.

The Producer Only subcommittee is on hold until the new Daily Vendor representative is on the Commission.

The question of stall numbers expanding needs to go next to a survey of market vendors to find out who is in favor and who is not. The survey should also include questions about the producer only rules and any other critical issues for vendors to weigh in on. Commissioners should send the market manager any suggestions for questions to add to the survey.

**H NEW BUSINESS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

No new business was discussed.

**J SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (NOT LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS)**

No public comment was provided

**L ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:04pm

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