



# City of Ann Arbor

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## Action Minutes

### Public Market Advisory Commission

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Thursday, May 16, 2024

5:30 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St,  
Basement conference room

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#### A CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woolf called meeting to order at 5:32 pm

#### B ROLL CALL

#### C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Nemeth, seconded by Booge IV, 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)

Debbie Marx- been a vendor at the farmers market for 33 years. Happy to have in person meetings. Wants to have Remy & parks planners at the next in person meeting.

Christine Schopieray- Artisan vendor. Wants to know if parking will be going away due to the construction. Wants to know if the City will have a shuttle or other ways to get people to the market.

Ed Lynn- neighbor of the market in Kerrytown and regular visitor to the market. Seems that the market has a build something campaign about every 7 years. Thinks that it will behoove us to look at what the market should be in 20 years and take a holistic look at things. When he moved to area 12 years ago saw a very full market and thinks that since COVID there has been a lot less traffic to the market. Mentioned losing 50 spots across the street at 121 Catherine. Wants to see scenario planning if market grows, if market shrinks, as part of the visioning process. Lots of construction going on in Kerrytown and wants to know what is being looked at and how can people participate in the whole process. Kerrytown is an interesting mix of Ann Arbor residents- wants to do it right this time.

#### E APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

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

- a. New Vendors
- b. Yearly Vendor Invoicing
- c. Events
- d. Facility/Repairs

a. Market Manager Stauffer mentioned that we are pretty close to not accepting new vendors for the season. Exceptions will be made for farms or exceptional food items. but we have pretty much already cut it off.

b. Yearly Vendor Invoicing. Market Manager Stauffer mentioned that there was a delay in issuing invoices for annual status vendors and daily status vendors who would like to pay yearly. The market had tried to get online payment set-up for this year but the market office project put that on pause.

c. Events

Market Manager Stauffer discussed the full schedule of upcoming events- Flower Day, Wednesday market cooking demos, community groups, kid's events, food truck rallies, street music day, community keys project a2, and more.

d. Birds- missed spring window of opportunity. Will try again in the fall. The Gutters were overflowing on Saturday in 3 places in process to get cleaned out. Portable toilets cleaning had a delay but will get back on track this week.

**II. Market Office Building Project Updates**

Commissioners Young & Woolf- getting tons of questions about the project. They want more signage and a copy of the postcard after receiving the FAQs document. Young wants to know about the Steering Committee and if someone else has to be involved. Market Manager Stauffer mentioned that we do not know the timeline yet. She also reiterated that there is a lot of confusion as well about the 121 Catherine Street project and whether or not it is related to market construction. She stated market staff is in favor of the affordable housing project and that the headache for the 121 Catherine Street project will be only temporary.

Market Manager Stauffer discussed the MAVD development and the difficulties of getting the folks to not park on Detroit street and in the market lot. Parking squeeze is not just because of 121 Catherine- it also has to do w/ construction on Saturdays taking parking spots away.

Assistant Market Manager Bradshaw mentioned that the free rapid market assessment with MIFMA is scheduled for August 3. It will involve a dot survey, customer counts, and some of the questions can connect to the demolition/renovation project

Market Manager Stauffer mentioned that we were added to FMPP grant by Michigan State and that will also build off RMA & also give support. She

mentioned the  
Anti-racist farmers market toolkit & MIFMA program that she will be participating in starting in the fall.

Chair Woolf- questions about getting more funding for the project. Asking about fundraising from the public for help in the project. What is the roadblock to getting this going? Is there a mechanism? "donate a brick" to acknowledge? Some have embraced this and some have not.

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

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

Ed Lynn- He said that some of the parking is in at the MAVD 330 Detroit Street development and maybe the staff can begin to start parking underground. There are 13 spots available. .

Debbie Marx- She shared her idea about a token vending machine. Parking is hard and gets there even earlier to park. She would love to see free parking for surrounding area on Saturdays and wants the City to work with us on this. She wants to invite student groups, clubs, volunteers to help shuttle people to market

Christine Schopieray- wants to go back to the restrooms- will the City reuse elements from the market bathrooms? Wanted to know when the solar array would be going back. Asked about when wireless will be expanded. Talked about shuttles for parking again.

Vice-Chair Young- asked if Commissioner's parking issues have increased recently. Jeff is more concerned about the customer parking. He said: "I would be OK with having no vendors park at the market." He said his Grandpa always said that free parking would be helpful as well- why can't we work with people for parking? Vice Chair Young wanted to ask about Community HS & if it would be helpful to connect back with them? She talked about the parking study that was done in the past to see if there is something else that can be done. Commissioner Nemeth suggested we ask people in a survey how they get to the market.

**L ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Woolf adjourned the meeting at 6:54

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