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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, September 21, 2023

5:30 PM

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Public Market Advisory Commission

A CALL TO ORDER

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

B ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Peter Woolf, Lisa Young, Jeff Nemeth, and James Booge IV

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

There was no public comment provided

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Woolf, seconded by Booge IV, that the August Minutes be Approved with changes. On a voice vote, Chair Young declared the motion carried.

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

- a. New Vendors
- b. Annual Vendor Stall Move Up
- c. Events
- d. Facility & Repairs
- e. PMAC Kerrytown vacancy
- f. Staffing Updates
- g. Vendor Survey

a. Market Manager Stauffer discussed the three new vendors that had started recently at the market: Ed's Garden Shed, Big Dreams, Small Greens, and Witt's Maple. Molli Rolli is pending, dependent on updated licensing.

b. Market Manager Stauffer mentioned that Annual Vendor stall Move Up is coming up on September 30. This is the opportunity for Annual status vendors to change their permanent stalls and daily vendors gaining Annual status to choose stalls.

c. Market Manager Stauffer provided an overview of the final Cooking with Edible WOW Wednesday Market Cooking demo with Peyton Richardson of Greener Pastures, and the September Food Truck Rally. She also mentioned the Local Food Festival, including an overview of the event and limitations with getting the word out as an OSI event, which was echoed in feedback from Commissioner Booge, who vended at the event. Commissioner Booge also was unclear of the purpose of the event and thought it would help to move earlier in the year. Commissioner Woolfe had an idea to reduce the sound of the food truck generators and a partnership with a power hub moving forward. Market manager Stauffer also discussed the 'Taste of Music' program bringing live music to the market and providing free ticket vouchers for customers using their SNAP/EBT cards at market.

d. Market Manager Stauffer described the repeated plumbing issues we've been experiencing with the urinal and toilets overflowing, as well as the crumbling concrete and broken pipes/gutters.

e. The Commission discussed how PMAC still needs a Kerrytown rep and that Lisa has someone in mind that may work well.

f. Market Manager Stauffer updated the Commission that Alex is now gone for Grad School and we are weighing the options of when we should hire our 3rd staff person. Hannah has been promoted to Alex's role.

g. Market Manager Stauffer mentioned that we are still working on the vendor survey but the process has been slowed due to Alex's departure and the increased staff workload that has resulted.

II. Continuing Conversations

- a. Bylaw Changes**
- b. Producer Only Subcommittee**
- c. Market Office Building Repairs**

a. Market Manager Stauffer informed the Commission that the

bylaws are now in process for the City Legal Department to review.

b. Commissioner Booge still wants to do more research on the Producer Only Subcommittee and rules to see if we still want to move forward with it. Commissioner Nemeth mentioned that he would have more time this winter to focus on it.

c. Market Manager Stauffer provided an update to PMAC on the state of the market office building, the urgency of the necessary repairs, and steps forward. Commissioner Young asked if the repairs can be folded into winterization and wants to understand the process more. Commissioner Woolf also inquired about the winterization aspects and figuring out if a second story event space could work, although he is worried about the potential cost of an elevator to be ADA compliant. Market Manager Stauffer mentioned that there could be potential sponsorships of the space from entities like the Fair Food Network Michigan Good Food Fund to help cover some of the costs. She asked for PMAC to provide their input to brainstorm ideas and look at what other markets are doing/have done for winterization and new market buildings. Commissioner Booge mentioned that this is news so it will need to go through a thoughtful process and pulling together ideas and research from other markets.

H NEW BUSINESS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

A motion was made by Woolf, seconded by Nemeth, that the date for the in person meeting on November 16 @5:30pm at City Hall be Approved. On a voice vote, Chair Young declared the motion carried.

J SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (NOT LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS)

Vendor Debbie Marx participated in public comment and mentioned that she is excited about the prospect of an in person meeting. She also said she wanted to speak up for the Wilson's and that they can move into a stall and have people acknowledge this. She also wants to have the market power washed on a regular basis. She also thanked everyone for being part of the PMAC body and all the hard work everyone has done.

Chair Young read a letter for Joanne Wilson, and Market Manager Stauffer address the concerns raised in the letter and explained the

situation in more detail. She mentioned that she had been trying to compromise and do what works best for all based on the current rules but that they attempts at worked through it had been rejected by the vendor. Joanne Wilson then chimed in on public comment, although she got cut off as her call somehow got dropped.

L ADJOURNMENT

Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm

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