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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, January 15, 2026

5:30 PM

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Public Market Advisory Commission

A CALL TO ORDER

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

B ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Lisa Young, Jeff Nemeth, James Booge IV, Emma Hardy, Will Brinkerhoff, Marcus Flores, and Karlene Goetz

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Hardy, seconded by Brinkerhoff, that the Agenda be Approved as presented. On a voice vote, Chair Young declared the motion carried.

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

No commentary given

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

G REGULAR BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEMS)

I. General Updates

- a. Food Assistance Updates**
- b. 2026 applications**
- c. LOGOS to Civic Rec Transition**
- d. Facility & Repairs**
- e. Neighboring Construction Updates**

a. Food Assistance Updates

Market Manger Stauffer mentioned that the Double Up Food Bucks unlimited match continues in 2026 until Fair Food Network decides to end it. She also said that the special Double Up Bonus Bucks (DUBB) program ended December 31, 2025, and that in November & December, market vendors redeemed \$20,290 worth of DUBB. She shared the other 2025 food assistance numbers as well:

SNAP: \$52,717
DUFB: \$50,458
DUBB: \$20,290 (November & December alone)
Prescription for Health: \$3,641
TOTAL: \$127,106

Commissioner Young said that is great and very exciting. She wanted to clarify that DUFB was in that number and asked about the 2025 Annual Report. Stauffer said Assistant Market Managers Oriol and Whittaker-Mitts are working on it & it will be available soon.

b. 2026 applications

Market Manager Stauffer said applications are live for returning vendors, new vendors, mobile food vendors, musicians, community groups, and food truck rallies. She said that Assistant Manager Whittaker-Mitts had made a post to let people know about. She also said that to date, the market has received 2026 applications from 10 returning vendors, 18 new vendors, 2 musicians, and 1 food truck rally vendor, with a relatively high volume of vendors.

Commissioner Flores asked if there is any promotion or paperwork that can be posted locally for it. Commissioner Hardy said that we can put up in person postings at places like Argus. Commissioner Nemeth asked how he can get the application and Market Manager Stauffer said he can find it in his email, or on the market website.

c. LOGOS to Civic Rec Transition

Market Manager Stauffer said that farmers market staff completed an additional training about the new programming in early January, focused mainly on our new process for vendor invoicing. She mentioned that vendors could still pay in person at the market office, and now online. She said the first market day using the new program will be January 24.

d. Facility & Repairs

Stauffer said that repairs to the market roof support columns & the replacement of bolts that hold columns in place is coming soon. She showed the graphic about the areas of the market that those repairs and replacements would impact and said that it is supposed to be completed before Wednesday Market starts back up in May.

Stauffer discussed as well the new bird deterrents that Park Operations had put on the market roof and how they may not be

effective or ideal, and the way they were attached with zip ties may not be the right method. She said that we were going to do a trial run with them but they may come down so we can have the more effective write across the roof spine instead.

e. Neighboring Construction Updates

Market Manager Stauffer said Dunbar Tower should re-open 4th & sidewalk by the end of January and that residents will potentially begin to move in in February.

She shared that an mlive article about 330 Detroit Street, mentioned that development likely has 4-6 months of work left before completion. The article also said 303 Detroit Street, MAVD's other development next door to the market, is still waiting permitting to continue their renovation of the building. Upon completion, that property will include 18 above market 'luxury' units selling for \$1-3 million each. She noted as well that their crane will no longer be staging in market space. Since Dunbar is complete, the City is still investigating whether MAVD will need to stage materials in the market's 'pocket park' area by 4th Ave.

Stauffer said she has heard nothing about the Braun Court development since July but her Supervisor Remy Long is in the process of finding more information out from City Planners & she hope to know more info soon. She explained that that info is relevant here because if they begin construction, they will likely close part of 4th Ave in front of that development across the entrance to the main market parking lot.

Market Manager Stauffer mentioned as well that she had a meeting with Phillis from Detroit Street Filling Station earlier in the week who shared concerns about working with MAVD on 330 and 303 Detroit Street.

II. Officer Elections

- a. Chair
- b. Vice Chair

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Stauffer instructed the commissioners to email her their votes for 2026 Chair and Vice Chair and that the results would be announced at the February meeting. Commissioner Hardy said that she could

finish a partial term but likely not the whole one so she would not be up for one of the openings.

a. Chair

Nominations: Commissioner Nemeth nominated Commissioner Goetz for Chair but she said she would prefer to be Vice Chair as she is new to PMAC. Commissioner Brinkerhoff nominated Commissioner Flores for chair. Commissioner Flores accepted the nomination.

b. Vice Chair

Nominations: Commissioner Goetz accepted the nomination.

Market Manager Stauffer clarified that the new roles would take effect once the votes are submitted and tallied.

H NEW BUSINESS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Market Manager Stauffer introduced Tyler Moss as the new Assistant Market Manager/Inspector. He said he moved to Ann Arbor in July and previously worked at the Greater Pittsburgh community food bank and did his M.A. in solid waste management. Everyone welcomed him.

Commissioner Goetz said the one thing she would like to explore for the coming year is that she wants to investigate the possibility of a dedicated shuttle from the parking structure to the market. She said that her sales reduced this past year because of the construction. She said the market is supposed to be for everyone, not just for the community who can walk & ride their bike to get there.

Commissioner Hardy wants to know about the status of the wayfinding and if the DDA is still working on it. Market Manager Stauffer said that she did not know but will see if she can get more info.

Chair Young asked about previous Commissioner's Woolf's idea for produce carrying services. Commissioner Hardy noted that Boober Tours is not interested since their biggest hours are late Friday nights.

Chair Young asked about when the public engagement about the

new office building was coming. Commissioner Hardy wanted to know if it is warm enough in the interior of the office. Stauffer said that it is as their are multiple heaters.

Chair Young wants to know if the body wants to move forward with an in person meeting on March 19. Stauffer said she will speak to the clerk to get the meeting set up. Young also reminded the other commissioners that there is a daily vendor opening on PMAC now that Jeb has stepped out of the role.

J SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (NOT LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS)

Artisan Vendor Debbie Marx said she is really glad that we are having an in person meeting on March 19. She said she agreed that sales were low for her last year and that parking is the complaint she is seeing the most. She wants the city to work with Community High for free parking. She said she doesn't know what is up with the bird deterrents. She wants to thank everyone for their time and effort and wants to move back to the in person meetings at City Hall.

L ADJOURNMENT

Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm

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