

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks Advisory Commission

FROM: Public Market Advisory Commission

DATE: April 21, 2016

RE: Support for the Farmers Market Infrastructure Improvement Project Advancing to Design Review Board, Planning Commission, and City Council

Attached is the Public Market Advisory Commission (PMAC) resolution in support of the Farmers Market Infrastructure Improvement Project moving forward through the necessary stages of review by the Design Review Board, Planning Commission, and City Council.

PMAC unanimously supported the project's direction and purpose and the use of \$350,000.00 from the market's assigned fund balance in a resolution on May 21, 2015. The purpose of this resolution is to show continuing support of the project as it moves ahead for review by other City bodies. The primary function of the proposed structure is to accommodate market vendors in a heated indoor space during the winter months and to provide additional covered stall space for all market vendors year round. The new structure would create a prominent entrance on 4th Avenue, highlighting the Ann Arbor Farmers Market presence downtown.

PMAC will be receiving operational recommendations for the project from the Vendor and Community Operations Advisory Committees. Ongoing input from these committees has shaped the project design to best serve all users and final recommendations will be vital to the functionality of the building.

RESOLUTION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ANN ARBOR FARMERS MARKET
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD, THE
PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL

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 providing 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, PMAC will receive operational recommendations from Vendor and Community Operations Advisory Committees which will define the operational elements of the project for best use of the building space;

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 Public Market Advisory Commission support the Market Infrastructure Improvement Project as it progresses through the required City review process.