



**City of Ann Arbor**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Public Market Advisory Commission**

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
<http://a2gov.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

---

Thursday, March 21, 2019

5:30 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council Chambers

---

**A CALL TO ORDER**

**Commissioner Cacciari called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.**

**B ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 3 - Alexandra Cacciari, Lisa Young, and Jeff Nemeth

**Absent:** 2 - Peter Woolf, and Holly Parker

**C APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approved as presented**

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

**Nancy Willoughby, artisan vendor, suggested extending middle aisle to sandlot area as a more simple solution for the market building.**

**Ann Sheppard, artisan vendor, thinks that vendor product balance should be limited at admission, not during permanent stall assignment, which is current practice with artisan vendors.**

**Debbie Marx, artisan vendor, requested that artisans be allowed to have 2 permanent stalls.**

**E APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**E-1 February 21, 2019 PMAC Meeting Minutes**

**Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 5/6/2019**

**F PRESENTATIONS**

**G REGULAR BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEMS)**

**Artisan Vendor discussion**

Market manager suggested assigning the 3 "extra" stalls to artisans on the daily list, but not officially increasing the maximum number of annual stalls for artisans (so if an annual artisan retires now, that stall will go to a daily food vendor until we are back to the total allotted 12). Market manager also suggested having PMAC regularly review rules re: artisan vendors and vendor makeup in general, once every 3 years. PMAC agreed to run these suggestions by farmers market vendors and approve a resolution at the next meeting, after opportunity for comment.

**Market building discussion**

Commissioners discussed the new market building idea that was presented at the last meeting. There were concerns with flow, and a major renovation to the existing aisle after this past year's construction. PMAC decided that while there were some good things about the suggestion, it isn't the direction we want to pursue at this time. Commissioners agreed to continue to explore adding heat and sidewalks to current structure. Maybe in the future explore a simpler plan for the sandlot area. Await the time to be right to put the current plan out to bid again.

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

**I REPORTS**

**I-1 Market Manager Report**

**Received and Filed**

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

Nancy Willoughby, artisan vendor, suggested aiming for a certain percentage of vendors to be artisan, as opposed to a set number of stalls. (10% would equal 15 permanent stalls).

Ann Sheppard, artisan vendor, suggested talking to vendors to see what works best for improvements to the market structure.

**L ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Cacciari adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm**

**All persons are encouraged to participate in public meetings. Citizens requiring translation or sign language services or other reasonable accommodations may contact the City Clerk's office at 734.794.6140; via e-mail to: [cityclerk@a2gov.org](mailto:cityclerk@a2gov.org); or by written request addressed and mailed or delivered to:**

**City Clerk's Office  
301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

**Requests made with less than two business days' notice may not be able to be accommodated.**