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Meeting Minutes Public Market Advisory Commission

Thursday, November 20, 2014

5:30 PM

****Conference Room, Basement, City Hall****

A CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

B ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - David Santacroce, Aimee Germain, Jillian Lada, Karlene Goetz, and Peter Woolf

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

E-1 14-1631 October 23, 2014 PMAC Meeting Minutes

F PRESENTATIONS

G REGULAR BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEMS)

G-1 14-1633 Public Market Operating Rule Updates

Market Manager discussed revised proposed rule changes, which incorporated vendor feedback. Commission and Manager discussed future clarifications to the rules be made through the inclusion of a set of definitions to accompany the rules.

Commissioners discussed current processes for the addition of the vendors to the market and whether the process should include vendor peer review or remain a responsibility of the market manager only.

Market Manager will create a document reflecting the ideas and suggestions for future rule improvements made by the commission which have not been incorporated to the proposed changes brought forth during this meeting.

The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the resolution supporting the proposed operating rule changes.

G-2 Commissioner Lada: Market Policy Regarding Invasive Species

Commissioner Lada will work with Market Manager Sarah DeWitt and a staff member from Parks and Recreation Natural Areas Preservation to put together educational materials for vendors selling invasive plants at the farmers market.

G-3 Commissioner Woolf: Market Parking Incentive Strategy

Commissioner Woolf would like to explore an incentive for market shoppers parking in the structure at Ann and Ashley. Market Manager DeWitt will consult with Parks Management to find the best course of action for such a program. Commissioner Woolf discussed the potential for the creation of a "Friends of the Market" group to support such incentive efforts and to provide support and input to the market.

H NEW BUSINESS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

I REPORTS

I-1 14-1648 Market Manager Report: 2014 PAC Presentation

Market Manager DeWitt gave a brief overview of the presentation she gave to the Parks Advisory Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

J SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (NOT LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS)

Market Vendor Jim Wagner asked questions about why food cart vendors would have an inspector come visit early on a Saturday morning. He suggested the market get an ATM as opposed to doing the token program. Mr. Wagner asked about honey labeling for vendors and locations for mobile food vendors. Stated that Oriental Bittersweet is legal to sell and should not be prohibited for sale, unless the State of Michigan has banned the item for sale. Concerned about Commissioner Woolf's approach to a parking raffle; recommended a 1-hour validation. Mr. Wagner would like to see budget numbers and remedies for concrete and gutter repairs.

Market Vendor Bruce Upston thanked staff for backing off on some of the rule change proposals. Recommended that future rule change proposals be shared with vendors giving more time notice.

L ADJOURNMENT