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Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, October 21, 2021

5:30 PM

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Public Market Advisory Commission
6616-6500

A CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woolf called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

B ROLL CALL

All Commission members were present

Present: 5 - Peter Woolf, Holly Parker, Lisa Young, Jeff Nemeth, and Stephanie Willette

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Willette, seconded by Nemeth, that the Agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, Chair Woolf declared the motion carried.

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

Karlene Goetz participated in public comment with feedback about the changes to the parking piece of the updated sign-in process. She reiterated her support for vendors having access to the parking spots behind their stalls.

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Parker, seconded by Young, that the September Minutes be Approved. On a voice vote, Chair Woolf declared the motion carried.

G REGULAR BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEMS)**I. Market Personnel Update**

Market Manager Stauffer updated the Commissioners about market personnel. New assistant manager/community outreach coordinator Alex Bissell is set to start on October 28. Volunteer Ginalyn Paderan has been a great help in recent weeks when she has helped for a couple hours per Saturday.

II. General Market Updates

a. Facility

Market Manager Stauffer mentioned that the bathroom renovation is now complete and the bathrooms are open again for vendors and staff. The market bathrooms will likely be re-opened to the public when the colder months with less traffic are here. Stauffer also mentioned that the final extra market sink will be taken away when the colder weather is here and the portable toilets in the parking lot will eventually be taken away when the bathrooms reopened. The market power-washing and other needed repairs have been scheduled with Park Operations.

b. Events

Market Manager Stauffer mentioned that the October Food Truck Rally was very well attended and that each Food Truck and Food Cart that attended sold out of food. We will revisit our full event schedule this winter for next season. At the moment, we do not have any other events planned due to pandemic-related precautions.

c. COVID-19 protocols

Market Manager Stauffer mentioned that COVID-19 protocols that have been in place up to this point are continuing, including masks required in indoor spaces, the bathrooms reserved for vendors and staff, the token window, the market office and breezeway closed to the public, and the portable toilets. We are transitioning slowly away from the bathroom-related protocols but the masks and token windows will continue.

III. Sign-In Process Rule Change Continued

The conversation about the Sign-In Process changes continued from the September meeting, with a focus on parking regulations. A lot of discussion happened around how parking spaces are currently allotted, what the current rules say and do not say about parking allotments, constraints on parking availability that exist in the market lot and other parking options that are close to the market. Commissioners expressed interest in providing a survey for vendors to provide their feedback before another draft is submitted for review. There was a long discussion about the feasibility of letting vendors secure the spots behind their stalls and what other options exist, and what happens when vendors would prefer to use

those stalls for product and not for parking. This update process is on-going and the next steps are a vendor survey and a draft revision.

H NEW BUSINESS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

No new business was introduced.

J SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (NOT LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS)

Karlene Goetz added more commentary about parking, specifically discussing how overcrowding certain areas with vehicles can potentially be a safety issue if emergency services had to access certain vendor stalls and the difficulty of getting to them in some places of the market. Market Manager agreed that that is an important consideration.

L ADJOURNMENT

Chair Woolf adjourned the meeting at 7:03pm

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