

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, May 19, 2022

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:** 4 - Holly Parker, Lisa Young, Jeff Nemeth, and Stephanie Willette

**Absent:** 1 - Peter Woolf

**C APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Vendor Ann Sheppard read her letter regarding her desire for artisan vendors who have gained their seniority to be able to have two permanent stalls assigned to them, instead of only one. In the letter, she also mentioned that she did not like the two tier system that put artisans in a separate category than food producers at the market since it creates an unfair division.

Market Manager Stauffer read vendor Debbie Marx's letter. In the letter, she echoed Ann's concerns about artisans who have gained their seniority not being allowed to be assigned two permanent stalls and have asked for that to change.

**E APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

A motion was made by Nemeth, seconded by Parker, that the April minutes be Approved. On a voice vote, Chair Young declared the motion carried.

**F PRESENTATIONS**

Office of Sustainability and Innovation

Julie Roth, from the Office of Sustainability and Innovations of the City of Ann Arbor, gave a very detailed presentation about the

**Sustainable Energy Utility that the City is currently exploring.**

**G REGULAR BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEMS)**

**I. Facility**

**Market Manager Stauffer discussed the installation of the interactive solar display, long-term plans for updating signage, and the current maintenance projects completed and ongoing at the market. These include, repainting the yellow striping, power-washing the roof, fixing damaged gutters, and more.**

**II. Events**

**Market Manager Stauffer talked about the upcoming Flower Day event and the Food Truck rallies that will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month July-October, 5-8pm.**

**III. 330 Detroit Street Development**

**Market Manager Stauffer provided updates about the 330 Detroit Street development project, including the comments made by Chair young at the Planning Commission. More meetings will continue about this project as it gets closer to completion, including one involving all parties in June.**

**IV. Sign-In Process Changes Discussion Continued**

**Market Manager Stauffer discussed how the next steps for updating the sign-in process is to send a draft out to all vendors for feedback. Once that feedback is received, and PMAC provides their recommendations, the updates will go to City Council for review.**

**V. Other Rule Changes Discussion**

**The Commission discussed the areas of clarification that were needed for the producer only rules, and whether or not these updates should be made to the rules or just written in the handbook and manager guidelines. Market Manager Stauffer mentioned that nothing is changing for produce or artisan producers, but that there are gray areas for nurseries, some value-added items, and other vendors that do not fit neatly into other categories that need**

clarification. Furthermore, market manager Stauffer mentioned that the current determination of needing to be an employee vs. a contractor is not that helpful as a point of differentiation given the increasingly flexible nature of work in the current economy. More discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Discussions about the changes to artisan stall assignments and status was tabled until the next meeting.

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

Holly Parker announced that she will be leaving the Commission after 5+ years of service.

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

Debbie Marx reiterated her earlier statements made in the first public comment period

**L ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:08pm

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