

MOSCOW FARMERS MARKET COMMISSION



Jamie Hill
Commission Chair

~Minutes~

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Staff Liaison

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**Tuesday
July 10, 2019**

4:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E 3rd St.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM

PRESENT: Colette DePhelps, Jamie M. Hill, Jenny Ford, Kelly Kingsland, Kerry Morsek, Linda Heath,

ABSENT: Joann Muneta, David Pierce, Renee Love,

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Amanda Argona, Staff Liaison; Brandy Sullivan, Council Liaison; DJ Scallorn, Administrative Specialist; Shannon Brenner, Community Events Program Coordinator; Steve Peterson, UI Associate Clinical Professor of Economics; David Hall; George Tanner, University of Idaho; George Skandalos, Business Owner;

Welcome and Attendance

Chair Hill called the meeting to order.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Farmers Market Commission June 4, 2019 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Kingsland moved that the June 4, 2019 minutes be approved as presented; Ford seconded. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 Minutes)

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Farmers Market Commission. Please state your name and address for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

David Hall expressed concern that sustainability programs like recycling and composting are not available at the Moscow Farmers Market. Argona said with other events, the most well-known being Renaissance Fair, recycling and composting are operated by volunteers. To offer recycling and composting at the market a group of volunteers would be needed to educate the public and ensure what is collected is not contaminated. Hall mentioned the waste audits from the market done in the past. Argona said the waste audits showed that the bulk of items collected are compostable as vendors are not allowed to sell water bottles, soda cans, or use Styrofoam containers. Sullivan said for the Farmers Market to offer composting, volunteers would be needed to ensure that what is collected is not contaminated and LSI would need to be able to process the items collected over all 26 weeks of the market season.

Heath said a vendor expressed confusion on the process for packing out their booth if they sell out before the end of the market. Argona said there are two options for vendors. They can either close their booth and return for load out at the normal time or pack out without bringing in a vehicle.

Argona said when vendors sale out and leave their booths in the market the public is aware they were

in attendance and can see the location of their booth. The consensus was for Argona to communicate with the vendors that normally sell out on the options available to them.

REPORTS

1. Economic Impacts of the Moscow Farmers Market Update - Colette DePhelps and Steve Peterson

Peterson presented a report of the draft findings from the 2018 RMA and the economic impact the Moscow Farmers Market has.

Discussion ensued regarding options for Peterson to present his final report at a City Council meeting. The consensus was for Peterson to present to City Council during the Commission's annual report. Hill suggested having Peterson report to the community. The consensus was for Peterson to present at a Moscow Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

2. Agricultural Site Visit Slide Show – Colette DePhelps

DePhelps said of the 25 site visits scheduled for 2019, 21 have been completed. DePhelps shared photos of the visits conducted in April and shared details about the farms visited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Agricultural Site Visits - Shannon Brenner T

The following dates have been selected for site visits. Site visits require at most three Commission members. Below is a tentative outline for vendors to be visited. Interested Commission members should sign up accordingly.

Tuesday, July 16 - Black Ridge Farms, Palouse, WA and Cowboy Shrimp, Potlatch, ID (likely afternoon). Assigned staff: Shannon Brenner

Monday, July 22 - Wilson Banner Ranch, Clarkston, WA. Assigned staff: Amanda Argona

Wednesday, July 24 - Ahtanum Berry Patch, Yakima, WA (or other identified date). Assigned staff: Shannon Brenner

2. Proposed Items for Future Agendas

Commission members may email Amanda Argona (aargona@ci.moscow.id.us) to propose future agenda items for discussion.

3. Farmers Market Commission Regular Meeting August 6, 2019 at Moscow City Hall in the Council Chambers.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM

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Clerk/Deputy Signature