

MOSCOW FARMERS MARKET COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
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Wednesday
July 5, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. 3rd St.

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Mission of the Moscow Farmers Market

The Moscow Farmers Market celebrates life on the Palouse by providing the community with the opportunity to buy and sell local and regional agricultural products (e.g., crops, meat, cheese, wine, etc.), distinctive handmade goods, artisan pieces, and original recipe cuisine. This venue is meant to encourage and support sustainable economic, social and environmental practices.

2. Approval of Farmers Market Commission May 2, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes, amend minutes, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

3. 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 Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

4. 2023 Site Visits (ACTION ITEM) – DePhelps and Argona (1 hour)

The Site Visit subcommittee visited eight new agricultural producers on Wed., May 17, Wed., May 24, and Fri., May 26. Two agricultural producers remain to be visited this season. The following concerns and issues were raised from the May visits:

- a. Concern in regards to the raising/management of livestock that is purchased from another producer and whether this is in alignment with Basic Eligibility requirements of being the producer of such goods.
- b. Concern in regards to production practices not in alignment with encourage and preferred sustainable and environmentally sound practices as stated in the Market Handbook in the following areas:
 - **Mission Statement** – See top of agenda

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- **Information core value** – “Increasing awareness of regional agricultural, sustainability, and sound environmental practices through education and outreach activities.”
- **Sustainable Practices definition, adapted from the United States Department of Agriculture** – “An integrated system of plant and animal production practices that are capable of maintaining their productivity and usefulness to society over the course of time. These systems incorporate the most efficient use of nonrenewable resources and on-farm resources, and where appropriate, utilized natural biological cycles and controls that maintain agricultural productivity, promote economic vitality in both the short and long term, and maintain stable rural communities, and quality of life.”
- **Agricultural Vendor definition** – “Vendors who participate in the cultivation, harvesting, or production of crops, or management of livestock and bees. Vendors are strongly encouraged to be hygienic and sustainable with their practices in planting, growing, cultivating, harvesting, transporting, and offering of such items for sale.”

Per Appendix 6 – Vendor Eligibility & Approval of the Market Handbook, under Issues and Actions “...Vendors who are deemed incompatible with the Market’s mission statement, core values, and philosophies by the Site Visit subcommittee may attend the Market until further notice by the Commission.”

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Prohibit Vendors from bringing meat products that are derived from purchased livestock for the remainder of the 2023 season; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Prohibit Vendor from attending the Moscow Farmers Market for the remainder of the 2023 season; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

1. **WSFMA Conference report – DePhelps, Lawrence, Argona**
2. **Community Events Manager report – Argona**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Farmers Market Commission representation required

- **Jul. 29, 7:45 am to 1 pm – RMA Customer count**
Minimum of five Commission members and/or volunteers.
Confirmed: J. Hill
- **Aug. 12, 9 to 11 am – National Farmers Market Week Celebration**
Minimum of three Commission members to assist with emceeing, engagement, and prize drawing.
Confirmed: J. Hill, J. Larson
Maybe: K. Morsek
- **Aug. 26, 7:45 am to 1 pm – RMA Customer count**
Minimum of five Commission members and/or volunteers.
Confirmed: J. Larson
Maybe: J. Hill, K. Morsek

2. Proposed Items for Future Agendas

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

- Strategic Plan update (August)

3. Farmers Market Commission regular meeting August 1, 2023 at Moscow City Hall in Council Chambers.

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