

MOSCOW FARMERS MARKET COMMISSION



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Chair

Cody Riddle
Staff Liaison

~Minutes~

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Tuesday, December 5, 2023

4:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: Joshua Larson (Vice Chair), Jamie Hill (Chair), JT Manning, Phillip Blankenship, Kassie Smith, Colette DePhelps (4:05 pm), Jenny Parker (4:09 pm)

ABSENT: Samantha Martinet

STAFF: Cody Riddle (Deputy City Supervisor), Laura Perrigo (Administrative Specialist), Maureen Laflin (Councilmember)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Reading of the Mission Statement

The Moscow Farmers Market celebrates life on the Palouse by providing the community with the opportunity to buy and sell locally farmed and/or created 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.

Manning read the mission statement out loud.

2. Approval of Farmers Market Commission November 7, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

Larson moved to approve minutes. Smith seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstention: None.
Motion carried.

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 address for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

No public comment was made.

4. Introduction of New Commission Members

Hill opened up the table to new commission members to introduce themselves. Blankenship shared some of his background in agricultural. He will be an At-large representative on the Commission. All present members introduced themselves and what role they fill on the Commission.

5. Appoint Farmers Market Commission Chair and Vice Chair (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Elect officers or take such other action as deemed appropriate.

At the last Commission meeting, members were requested to email in their nominations. Riddle announced through email election, Hill nominated for Chair, and Larson nominated for Vice Chair.

DePhelps moved to approve the elected nominees. Manning seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.
Motion carried.

6. Market Hours of Operation

Discuss a request for longer tear down time, and staff's responsibilities to Vendors, i.e. 15 min reminders.

Per request of a few Vendors, Riddle opened up the conversation around a possible time extension for Vendors during post Market tear down. Hill relayed the history behind today's tear down hour to the Commission. Working with downtown businesses and to allow traffic back on Main St earlier, it was agreed to give Vendors one hour to pack up after closing bell.

Parker has observed one hour not being enough time for older Vendors, or those with bigger booths. Smith suggested an extra 30 minutes for those Vendors in need, but also sees a concern around traffic already trying to come into the footprint before streets open at 2 pm. Extending the hour could cause tension with the community wanting access to Main St. Discussion ensued around the Commission table. DePhelps suggested a 15-

minute time extension as a good compromise. Parker sees the time extension as a good way to reduce or eliminate the need to call out 15 min reminders from Market staff. Which some Vendors find unnecessary. No action will be made at this time to change tear down time, but may be discussed in future.

REPORTS

1. Policies Subcommittee Update – Riddle and subcommittee

Riddle outlined proposed changes made by the subcommittee on Agricultural, Forager, Livestock/Poultry, and Value-Added definitions. DePhelps recommended to move raising sheep for fiber and hide to Value-Added and remove from Livestock/Poultry, as it is not an altered product. DePhelps informed new Commission members on the reasonings behind the policy changes. DePhelps continued to explain the language around the highlighted definitions.

Minor changes are proposed for the Annual Vendor Orientation requirements. After some discussion, the Commission concluded long term Vendors should still be required to come to the Vendor Orientation. The Commission wants to encourage the feeling of community throughout the Market family. Other suggestions made were; adding activities to have old and new Vendors engage with each other; using name tags; Q & A between vetted Vendors and new Vendors. The Commission will continue to discuss these options as the Vendor orientation in April approaches.

2. Farmers Market Sales/Vendor Compliance Report - Perrigo

Perrigo updated the Commission on end of year sales reporting. Only one Vendor was not compliant by not making sales report deadline. Majority of Vendors are recorded using Farmspread to submit their sales reports and moving away from the paper report. Perrigo is still processing sales report data but believes this year's total annual sales will be higher than last year's sales.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Discuss Quorum for Jan. 2 meeting.

The Commission requested to move the meeting to Jan. 9.

2. Proposed Items for Future Agendas

Commission members may email Cody Riddle (criddle@ci.moscow.id.us) and Laura Perrigo (lperrigo@ci.moscow.id.us) to propose future agenda items for discussion.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.



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