

MOSCOW FARMERS MARKET COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
November 5, 2024

4:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. 3rd St.

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm.

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: Gerardo Alvarez, Kassie Smith, JT Manning, Colette DePhelps, Jodi McClory, Jamie Hill (Chair), Samantha Martinet

ABSENT: Joshua Larson (Vice Chair), Julia Parker (Councilmember), Phillip Blankenship

STAFF: Amanda Argona (Community Events Manager), Laura Perrigo (Administrative Specialist)

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.

Martinet read the mission statement out loud.

2. Approval of Farmers Market Commission October 1, 2024 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

Manning moved to approve October minutes. Alvarez seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstain: 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 city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

No public comment was made.

REPORTS

1. Site Visits – DePhelps

DePhelps presented images and highlights of the 2024 site visits to the Commission. Site Visit subcommittee members DePhelps, McClory, and Alvarez visited the following Farms: Idaho Wool Company, Stangle Bison Ranch, Sky's Farm, Travis Swam Farm, Johnson Heritage Farmstead, Tomte's Grove and Garden, Blushy Creek Farms, Lamb's Rest Farm, and Reece Farm and Ranch. This year's site visits were successful with little to no concerns on growing or farming practices. Some discussion arose around Stangle Bison Ranch's herding practices. Staff will review their application to help answer questions from the Commission member Blankenship. Idaho Wool Company, Travis Swam Farm, and Blushy Creek Farms were unable to attend the Market due to varying reasons on their end. The Commission concluded the discussion on each Vendor and thanked DePhelps for presenting.

2. Halloween Costume Contest – Argona

Argona summarized this year's Halloween Contest which included multiple contestants in each category, adding up to 53 total entries. Market Vendor TACOM Photography provided photographs for the second year in a row. The winners of each category were announced and presented with a trophy, and prize package at the November 4 City Council meeting. The Commission discussed what worked well this year and what improvements could be made for next year's contest. Some suggestions included contacting the Downtown Business Association to sponsor first-place prizes; using Saturday social posts to promote donations from Vendors; having a Market theme as a category; and changing the registration time. Lastly, the Commission agreed to change the age limit placed on each category to be less restrictive for families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair and Vice-Chair nominations due by Fri., Nov. 22

Email aargona@ci.moscow.id.us with nominations. Voting will take place at Dec. 3 meeting.

2. Proposed Items for Future Agendas

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

a. Policies Subcommittee report

b. Preliminary 2025 Vendor roster and compliance

3. Farmers Market Commission regular meeting Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at Moscow City Hall in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.



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