

MOSCOW FARMERS MARKET COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
March 4, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. 3rd St.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: Josh Larson, Phillip Blankenship, Jodi McClory, JT Manning (Chair), Kristin Strong, Colette DePhelps, Kassie Smith

ABSENT: Samantha Martinet, Gerardo Alvarez, Drew Davis (Councilmember)

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.

McClory read the mission statement out loud.

2. Approval of Farmers Market Commission February 4, 2025 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

Larson moved to approve the February minutes. DePhelps seconded the motion.

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

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- 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.

- 4. 2025 Moscow Farmers Market Poster artwork selection (ACTION ITEM)**
The 2025 artwork submission period closed on Fri., Feb. 21. Commission members were provided the opportunity to view all qualifying submissions prior to the March meeting and score submissions using a pre-determined rubric.

Staff reviewed the Commission members' rubrics and is presenting the top finalists for public voting consideration. No more than five finalists may be selected for public voting, which opens Fri., Mar. 7 and closes Fri., Mar. 28.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Select finalists for public voting, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Argona presented the artwork with the top scores from Commission members' rubrics, before reviewing all artwork entries. Finalists were selected based on Market elements, use of space for finalizing poster design, and creativity. After some discussion, the Commission opted for the artwork with the top five scores to move forward as finalists for public voting. This included entries by the following artists: Kieran Heywood, Stephanie Harper, Julene Ewert, Cherise Stutzman, and Lauren Paterson.

Larson motioned to move the top five forward for public vote. DePhelps seconded.

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

REPORTS

1. Community Events Manager report – Argona

Argona reported that at least 156 Vendors are expected to attend the 2025 Market season, with about 70% of said Vendors being those with Tier 3 status. She updated the Commission on Vendor changes including:

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- Winchester Ridge Farm and Bird in the Hand Photography retiring from the Market.
- Melliflora Farm will be downgrading from Tier 3 to Tier 2 status.
- Viola Gardens, Tomte's Grove and Garden, and Tyler Horton Photography have been offered Tier 3 status.

She further commented that she continues to field requests from Vendors about locations on Main Street rather than the side streets, citing Bitterroot Botanicals of Idaho and Blue Wildrye Farm. Staff is looking into creative solutions to increase visibility of these Market zones, including placement and selection of strong anchor Vendors on the ends to promote the flow of foot traffic.

DePhelps and Argona are identifying dates for site visits. Argona indicated that this year may be a good year to re-visit farms who have not been visited for almost a decade.

Argona shared that 2025 may be the first season that fresh, frozen chicken will be available at the Market as three producers are interested in bringing USDA-processed chicken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Proposed Items for Future Agendas

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

- **2025 Site Visits (March/April)**
- **2025 Poster Artwork submission and selection recap (April report)**

Argona added that reports on both conferences will be made in April.

2. Upcoming Deadlines and Meetings

- ~~Mon., Feb. 17 – Registration closes for Craft & Food Jury 1~~
- ~~Fri., Feb. 21 – Submission due for Poster artwork~~
- ~~Mon., Feb. 24 – Registration closes for Craft & Food Jury 2~~
- ~~Wed., Feb. 26 – Craft & Food Jury 1 held 9 am to 12 pm~~
- Wed., Mar. 5 – Craft & Food Jury 2 held 9 am to 12 pm
- Fri., Mar. 7
 - Public voting opens for Market Poster artwork at 8 am
 - Applications due for Friendship Square entertainment
 - Registration closes for Craft & Food Jury 3

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- Mon., Mar. 17 – Craft & Food Jury 3 held 9 am to 12 pm
- Fri., Mar. 28 – Public voting closes for Market Poster artwork at 8 am
- Thu., Apr. 10 – Vendor Orientation

3. Farmers Market Commission regular meeting April 1, 2025 at Moscow City Hall in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 pm.



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