

MOSCOW FARMERS MARKET COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday
August 5, 2025**

4:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street**

Manning called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: JT Manning, Chair; Phil Blankenship, Colette DePhelps, Samantha Martinet, Jodi McClory, Kristin Strong
MEMBERS ABSENT: Gerardo Alveraz, Josh Larson, Kassie Smith, Drew Davis (council liaison)
STAFF: Amanda Argona, Jennifer Fleischman, Amanda Reyes

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.

Blankenship read the mission statement aloud.

2. Approval of Farmers Market Commission May 6, 2025 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Martinet moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by DePhelps. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment

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.

None offered.

REPORTS

1. Community Events Manager report

Argona shared with the Commission a request from Light Designs to expand their offerings of stained-glass pieces that feature components made by other artists, and incorporating their stained-glass design ideas into other artists' work. Discussion ensued around a Vendor's ability to add products mid-season, determination of whether such products are within a similar scope of current offerings, and how to move forward in the future with collaborative art pieces while adhering to the Market Handbook. The Commission felt that expanding a line of stained-glass products was in alignment with the Craft & Food Jury process, but that allowing products that are primarily composed by a different individual which simply feature stained glass was not in alignment and was best suited for the Returning Vendor Craft & Food Jury.

Argona presented the Commission's approved budget of \$1,500.00 for FY2026. Commission members asked if this would affect 50th Anniversary activities for 2026. Argona indicated no. There was a brief

discussion about upcoming Market events, and Commission members volunteered for different sign-ups. The City and the Moscow Food Co-op have a Memorandum of Understanding regarding Shop The Market, a program for SNAP recipients.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Argona introduced Amanda Reyes, the new Administrative Specialist for Community Events, to the Commission members.

1. Proposed Items for Future Agendas

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

The Strategic Plan for the Moscow Farmers Market has not been updated since 2016, but the Commission continues to work towards the goals clarified in the plan. The Commission requested that a discussion about updating the Strategic Plan be added to a future agenda.

2. Upcoming Deadlines and Subcommittee meetings

- *Sat., Aug. 9 – National Farmers Market Week Celebration*
- *Mon., Sep. 15 – Annual Citizen Commission report to Council*
- *Sat., Oct. 25 – Halloween Costume Contest*

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 3rd instead of Tuesday September 2nd because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday September 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM

JT Manning, Chair

Date



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September 3, 2025 Manager Report

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Chair

Kassie Smith
Vice Chair
Crafts Vendor representative

Phillip Blankenship
At-large member

Colette DePhelps
University of Idaho
representative

Joshua Larson
At-large member

Sam Martinet
Moscow Chamber of
Commerce + Visitor Center
representative

Jodi McClory
Produce Vendor
representative

Gerardo Alvarez
Specialty Food Vendor
representative

Kristin Strong
At-large member

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Winery associations and Vandals Uncorked

- Huston Vineyards

National Farmers Market Week Celebration recap

- 42 individuals entered grand prize drawings
- 4 rounds of musical chairs
- 50 carrot cake cupcakes and Idaho Preferred bag giveaways

America's Farmers Market Week Celebration

- Under 300 votes
- 1st Idaho
- 2nd Pacific
- Top 20 Nationwide