

# MOSCOW FARMERS MARKET COMMISSION



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**Regular Meeting**  
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday**  
**October 7, 2025**

**4:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**  
**206 E. Third Street**

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## **Manning called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: JT Manning, Chair; Phil Blankenship, Josh Larson, Jodi McClory, Kassie Smith, Kristin Strong  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Colette DePhelps, Samantha Martinet, Gerardo Alvarez  
OTHERS: Drew Davis  
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.*

McClory read the mission statement aloud.

### **2. Approval of Farmers Market Commission September 3, 2025 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Larson moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Blankenship. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: 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.*

Cynthia King, Moscow, introduced herself and informed the Commission that she is a local journalist for the Moscow Report, [www.moscowidaho.news](http://www.moscowidaho.news).

### **4. Halloween Costume Contest (ACTION ITEM)**

*This will be the sixth annual costume contest to celebrate the end of the Market season. Attached for review is the proposed in-person format.*

*Traditionally, we have hosted three to four judges, an emcee, and additional volunteers to assist with contestant check-in. The contest has been held from 9 am to 12 pm, with a formal presentation of awards at a City Council meeting in November. Vendor Colter and Co Photography & Events has offered photography services for the event.*

Argona provided information from the 2024 Halloween contest, as described above, and requested feedback or changes. The Commission discussed Junior age group category possibly not being as popular. It was discussed to keep contest age groups the same as the 2024 season and reevaluate for the 2026 season. Martinet, Strong and Larson will act as contest judges, Blankenship and Manning as substitutes if needed. Argona indicated that councilmember Lewis expressed interest as an emcee if needed.

Larson moved for approval of the 2025 Halloween Costume Contest as presented, seconded by Smith. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

### 1. Community Events Manager report

Argona shared the Manager report (see attached), including brief plans for advertising America's Farmers Market Celebration next year. It was suggested to explain the importance of voting to the Vendors during the spring orientation meeting. Upcoming commission term expirations for Alvarez, Smith and Manning were announced. A conversation opened about the possibility of expanding the Markets footprint to encompass the remainder of Fourth Street, opening an additional 14 spaces, and included a discussion on the pros and cons of the side street location for the Vendors there. Overall impression is in favor of adding space with proper signage, anchor vendors, updated bell brigade routes, and social media advertising.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. Proposed Items for Future Agendas

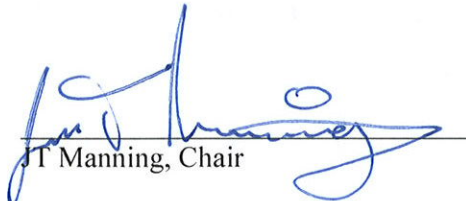
*Commission members may email Amanda Argona (aargona@ci.moscow.id.us) to propose future agenda items for discussion.*

Smith requested a discussion on capping new craft and prepared food vendors, or capping vendor category types to shorten waitlists. Preference is to discuss prior to going to policies, action would be to send to policies or not.

### 2. Halloween Costume Contest awards presentation November 3, 2025 during City Council meeting in Council Chambers

### 3. Farmers Market Commission regular meeting November 4, 2025 at Moscow City Hall in Council Chambers

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 PM

  
JT Manning, Chair

4 Nov 2025  
Date