

MOSCOW FARMERS MARKET COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/362/Farmers-MarketCommission>

Tuesday
April 7, 2026

4:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. 3rd St.

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

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.

2. Approval of Farmers Market Commission March 3, 2026 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

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.

4. 50th Anniversary graphic suite (ACTION ITEM)

The Branding Subcommittee has reviewed proposed graphics commemorating the Market's 50th anniversary milestone. A final draft is being presented for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve proposed graphics, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

5. Craft & Food Jury evaluation (ACTION ITEM)

Staff have fielded various feedback on the Craft & Food Jury process this year from both prospective and returning Vendors and is recommending an evaluation and refinement of the process in the following scope:

- Updating and aligning scorecard with criteria selection like Poster Artwork
- Piloting at-Market jury process in 2026 for returning Vendors, with particular attention to Agricultural Vendors
- Assessment on adopting a single judging scorecard evaluation and scribe model

Previously significant evaluation to the Craft & Food Jury process was in 2019, with 2020 being the first year the current model was in practice.

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PROPOSED ACTIONS: Task Craft & Food Jury Subcommittee with proposed evaluation scope, or take other action as deemed appropriate.

6. Site Visits 2026

Each year, staff closes the recruitment period for new Agricultural Vendors prior to the opening of the Marketspread application (typically before and/or around St. Patrick's Day and/or Spring Equinox). This year, the recruitment period closed on Fri., Mar. 13, with the Marketspread application opening on Mon., Mar. 16. This allows staff time to screen Vendors for eligibility, qualifications, and approval. The tentative Site Visit schedule is as follows:

- Thu., Apr. 16 – Chesed Farms, Walla Walla, WA (6+ hours)
- Thu., Apr. 23
 - M+M Funny Farms, Moscow, ID
 - Long Table Farm, Pullman, WA
 - Runner Bean Ranch, Palouse, WA
 - Kerr Microgreens, Hayden, ID
- Thu., May 7
 - Wheeler Gardens, Pullman, WA (2 locations)
 - Palouse Blooms, Palouse, WA
 - Green Valley Produce, Fernwood, ID
- Tue., Jun. 9
 - Koenig Family Farm, Troy, ID
 - R. Ensley, Colfax, WA
- Thu., Jun. 11 OR Tue., Jun. 16
 - Alvarez Family Farm, Sunnyside, WA (7+ hours)
- TBD Fall '26 – Mike & Michelle Carpenter, Princeton, ID

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Assign Site Visit Subcommittee members to attend, or take other action as deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

1. Community Events Manager report – Argona

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.

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2. Upcoming events and deadlines

- Thu., Apr. 9 – Vendor Orientation
 - 2 pm – New Vendor Q&A
 - 3 pm – All Vendor Check-in begins
 - 3:30 pm – Orientation
 - 5 pm – End
- Sat., May 9, 9 am to 12 pm – Commission hosting 2026 Poster Artist
- Sat., Jul. 25 – RMA 1
- Sat., Aug. 8
 - 9 am to 12 pm – National Farmers Market Week Celebration
 - RMA 2
- Thu., Aug. 13, 5 to 8 pm – Market Through the Years event hosted at and by MCOC+VC
- Sat., Sep. 12 – RMA 3
- Mon., Sep. 21, 7 pm – Annual Citizen Commission report to Council
- Sat., Oct. 31 – Costume Contest
- TBD Nov., 7 pm – Costume Contest awards presentation at Council

3. Farmers Market Commission regular meeting May 5, 2026 at Moscow City Hall in Council Chambers

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