



FARMERS' MARKET COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2016
7:00PM
Village Hall – Room 101

Present: Chairperson: Molly McDonough Carson, Erin Schoop, Sandra Novack-Gottshall, Todd Kuna, Jasmine Cleof, Dominic Cianciolo; Mary Chris Jaklevic; Farmers' Market Manager: Jessica Rinks; Staff Liaison: Mike Charley

Excused: Commissioner: Joanne Balice, Adam Gill, Jennifer Purrenhage; CIC Liaison: Frank Pond; Church Liaison Jeff Petertil; Vendor Liaison: Jim Vitalo

- 1) Call to Order @ 7:04 pm
- 2) Agenda Approval: Agenda approved, first by Jaklevic, second by Cleofe
- 3) Public Comment: None
- 4) Approval of Minutes – July 19, 2016, Minutes approved; first by Jaklevic, second by Schoop
- 5) Church Liaison Report (Jeff Petertil): Petertil communicated that he is aware of an Oak Park church sustainability group that may be able to help market the farmers' Market. He will research this and get back to the commission.
- 6) Vendor Liaison Report (Jim Vitalo): No report
- 7) Chair Report:
 - a) Corn Roast: McDonough Carson communicated that the corn roast event is this weekend, the roaster is rented and growers are aware that the event will be this weekend.
 - b) McDonough Carson noted that WBEZ is scheduled to participate this week and are supposed to be marketing the corn roast.
 - c) YMCA Recipe Cards: McDonough Carson communicated that she will follow-up with the YMCA to ensure the recipe cards are provided for this next weekend's market.
- 8) Farmers' Market Liaison Report (Mike Charley): Charley communicated that Jessica Rinks, Market Manager will be resigning soon because of a full-time position she started recently. Farmers' Market Assistant Kelly Katzmann Calvillo will be promoted effective August 15 to Market Manager.
- 9) Farmers' Market Manager Report (Jessica Rinks)
 - a) Katzmann Calvillo communicated that new merchandise was received recently including umbrellas, bags and mugs. She also communicated that there appeared to be an increase in Link purchases at last week's market.
 - b) Jaklevic communicated that last week a political candidate was shaking hands in the donut line last Saturday. A church volunteer or member approached the



commissioner tent and asked for help in relocating the candidate. Jacklevic communicated she asked this person to relocate to outside the market and they complied. Rinks communicated that the church is responsible for monitoring the area near the donut area because it is outside of the actual leased market space. Petertil (church) communicated that there is always a church “captain” in the kitchen and this person can be a point of contact.

10) Committee/Project Reports

- a) Kid’s Events: Kuna stated that “Music Art” participated this last week. Music Art did reach out the day after the event and asked if they could use a grassy area next time so the kids can sit down in the grass, in lieu of being on the parking lot asphalt.
- b) Stone Soup: Cleofe communicated that the Piggy Back in Forest Park will be preparing the stone soup.

11) Old Business: McDonough asked whether the commission wanted to send a statement to the Trustees regarding the impact of how demolishing a parking garage may impact the market and parking surrounding the market. This issue was tabled until a future commission meeting. Charley communicated that the 2017 work plan must be approved at next month’s meeting. Novack Gottshall recommended a pie cook-off contest for 2017.

12) New Business: None

13) Adjourn @ 8:14 pm, first by Kuna, second Novack Gottshall

Next Meeting Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 7-9 pm, Room 101, Village Hall