



**FARMERS' MARKET COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 8, 2015**  
**7:00PM**  
**Village Hall – Room 101**

Present: Chairperson: Molly McDonough Carson; Commissioners: Erin Schoop; Todd Kuna, Courtney Greve Hack, Jennifer Purrenhage Staff Liaison: Mike Charley; Jessica Rinks, Farmers' Market Manager; Guest: Mary Chris Jacklevic

Excused: Commissioners: Joanne Balice, Sandra Novack-Gottshall, Jasmine Cleofe, Adam Gill, Vendor Liaison: Jim Vitalo; Church Liaison: Jeff Petertil CIC Liaison: Frank Pond;

1. Call to Order @ 7:08 pm
2. Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Courtney Greve-Hack to approve agenda and seconded by Erin Schoop; Motion passed
3. Public Comment – Mary Chris Jacklevic attended meeting. Mary has applied to the CIC commission as a potential commissioner. Mary Chris loves the farmers' market and has lived in Oak Park for 5 years.
4. Approval of Minutes – June 10, 2015 – One small update was made to the minutes. Motion was made by Erin, seconded by Courtney; Motion passed
5. Church Liaison Report (Jeff Petertil) – No report
6. Vendor Liaison Report (Jim Vitallo) – No report
7. Sampling of Market attendance – No discussion. Will table until next meeting.
8. Chair Report (Molly Carson)
  - a. Molly stated that she had a discussion with Trustee Andrea Ott regarding the parking garage, specifically how if the lot is removed, how this may impact the market. Molly stated that Trustee Ott expressed interest in furthering discussion on this and Trustee Ott communicated that she wanted to make sure moving forward this was on the Trustees' radar also. Molly also touched base with Trustee Ott on possible ordinance updates. Trustee Ott encouraged the commission to work collaboratively with Village staff.
  - b. Molly stated that she reached out Cara regarding the 40<sup>th</sup> year posters since the last commission meeting. Molly spoke to Cara via telephone and then Cara followed up via email to Molly where she provided some



detailed background on why the posters were printed and the plan for distributing the posters via the Village Trustees.

- c. Corn Roast Update – Molly stated that volunteers are needed for the corn roast that is scheduled for Saturday August 15. Warren Bakker will be facilitating the planning process.
- d. Molly stated that a reporter visited the market last Saturday and wrote a nice article about the Oak Park Farmers' Market.
- e. Ordinance update – Molly asked that commissioners review the existing ordinance and be prepared to discuss possible amendments.
- f. Sampling update – Nothing new
- g. Composting partnership – Nothing new
- h. Master calendar – Nothing new
- i. Meet the Musician/QA Vendor of the Week – Nothing new
- j. Senior Committee – Nothing new

#### 9. Committee/Project Reports

- a. Friends Update (Erin Schoop) – Erin reminded everyone that there have been time slots at the booth that haven't been filled. Courtney communicated that she could also use more volunteers for the children's activities.
- b. Children's Activities (Courtney Greve-Hack) – Courtney provided updates. Todd stated that Magical Minds stated that they would come back again. Courtney communicated that she has reached out to the U of I extension service Master Gardener Program, they have a children's program demonstration they could possibly do.
- c. Restaurant outreach (Courtney Greve-Hack) – No updates
- d. 40th Update (Library activities - Jen Purrenhage) – Courtney stated that the story time librarian that attended the Farmers' Market two weeks ago was great and well received.
- e. Publicity (Courtney Greve-Hack, Todd Kuna, Joanne Balice) – No updates

#### 1. Old Business – No updates

2. New Business - Caring Carrots Program: Hephzibah stated that they have decided to remove themselves from the program.

#### 3. Farmers' Market Liaison Report (Mike Charley) – No updates

4. Farmers' Market Manager Report (Jessica Rinks) – Jessica stated that a farm visit to Nichols & Petals was completed by Jessica and Robin Schirmer, Farmers' Market Assistant. Jessica described the visit to the commissioners including Nichol's new geothermal heated greenhouse and a new processing center. Jessica stated that Petals is run on a five acre parcel near the owner's home in Huntley where the owner grows her flowers. Jessica communicated that more farm visits will be scheduled moving forward; the goal is to visit 6 – 8 more vendors.



5. Adjourn -

Next Meeting Wednesday, August 19, 2015