

FARMERS' MARKET COMMISSION  
Minutes  
May 8, 2019  
7:00PM  
Village Hall – Room 101

Present: Laura Lencioni (Chair), Dominic Cianciolo, Myndi DeVore, Jennifer Purrenhage, James Robinson-Parran, Dina Ross, Jill Stewart, Liz Stolfa, Katie Weaver; Market Manager: Colleen McNichols; Staff Liaison: Mike Charley; Vendor Liaison: Jim Vitalo; Church Liaison: Jeff Petertil

Excused: Commission: Julia Knier, CIC Liaison: Frank Pond

Guests: Tina & John Steketee, 151 N. Elmwood Ave

- 1) Call to Order @ 7:05pm
- 2) Agenda Approval: Approved, first by Ross, second by DeVore
- 3) Public Comment: Tina & John Steketee, 151 N. Elmwood Ave. The Steketees communicated that they live two houses north of the Farmers' Market location on Elmwood. They have lived in Oak Park for twenty years and frequent the market. They communicated that they have communicated specific concerns regarding the market in the past and wanted to take the time to attend tonight's FM Commission meeting to communicate some of their current concerns and suggestions on how those concerns may be resolved. Staff communicated that they would look into their concerns and suggestions.

Concerns/Recommended Solution(s)

1. Patrons will often block the alley and their garage with cars, dogs, bikes and often patrons will loiter near their garage. When this occurs it makes their garage inaccessible. They have spoken to the Village regarding this in the past. They communicated that they will engage the patrons when their garage is blocked and often patrons become belligerent towards them. They would like the Village to help discourage their garage from being blocked. How can we improve this?

Steketee Solution: Add barricades, police the alley more frequently, resident only access to the alley

2. They have observed patrons urinating on their shrubs. They have even observed band members urinating on their shrubs.

Steketee Solution: Move band to shaded grassy area to the south of the church. Add porta-potties for customers. The nearest public bathroom is Ridgeland Common. Amend Village Code to add a "Good Neighbors Practices" section that addresses patron behavior at the Farmers' Market.

- 4) Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2019: Approved, first by Ross, second by Robinson-Parran

- 5) Church Liaison Report (Jeff Petertil): Petertil communicated that the church is preparing for the 2019 market and that all donut not-for-profit organizations are scheduled for the year.
- 6) Vendor Liaison Report (Jim Vitalo): Jim communicated that the vendors are looking forward to the start of the market.
- 7) Chair Report (Laura Lencioni): Lencioni attended a recent Village commission chair meeting. A suggestion that was proposed at the meeting is that the Environmental and Energy Commission work with the FM Commission on the waste/recycling/composting program.
- 8) Farmers' Market Liaison Report (Mike Charley): Charley provided an update on the open Farmers' Market position. The two open positions have been offered to two individuals, the goal is to have them start by May 18.
- 9) Farmers' Market Manager Report (Colleen McNichols)
  - a) There are 13 Go Green participants. They are bringing their own tents. All market spaces are filled for Go Green days.
  - b) Welcome Breakfast: Set-up starts at 4:30 am – 5:00 am. Vendors will arrive at 5:00 am for the breakfast. Commissioners will be introduced to the vendors if they attend the breakfast.
- 10) Committee/Project Reports
  - a) Special Event Dates, Commissioner Chair Committee Assignments/Responsibilities
    - i) Kid's Day – All but one available date is full according to Ross. Ross will send reminder emails the week prior to the market for each participant.
    - ii) Volunteer Committee Update: Purrenhage communicated that there are 105 people on the volunteer list currently. There are usually 20 people out of the 105 people that volunteer regularly. DeVore asked which events are the events that volunteers are mostly like to volunteer at? Purrenhage communicated the primary special events. Purrenhage communicated that volunteers are also needed during all market dates to work the information booth.
- 11) Old Business: None
- 12) New Business: None
- 13) Adjourn at 8:05pm, first by Purrenhage, second by Stewart

Next Meeting Wednesday, June 12, 7-9 pm, Room 101, Village Hall