



**Bloomington Community Farmers' Market Advisory Council Minutes
August 17, 2026**

Attendees: Lori Bolin (virtual), Julia Fox (virtual), Louise Miracle (virtual), Karen Saint Rain, Ben Gardner (virtual), Kip Schlegel

Absent: Patricia Sigman, Ed Robertson, Carolyn Calloway-Thomas, Robin Kitowski, and John Norton

Parks Staff Present: Clarence Boone (FM Coord.) & Camille Pushman (FM Staff Assist.)

Public in Attendance: N/A

Monday, August 17, 2026

5:30–7 p.m.

City Hall, Allison Conference (First Floor # 225), 401 N. Morton St. in Bloomington, Ind.

Call to Order @ 5:35

I. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from July 17, 2026 accepted @ 5:35pm

II. Agenda

A Old Business

■ Old Business

B New Business

■ July Farmers' Market Observations & Customer & Vendor Counts (2025)

SATURDAYS

Date	Customers	Vendors	Notes
7/25	4,626 (4,785)	62 (60)	44 Farm / 18 FBA
TOTALS	18, 354 (19,239)		

TUESDAYS

Date	Customers	Vendors	Notes
7/21	436 (288)	8 (9)	4 Farm / 4 FBA Y@TM
TOTALS	1,065 (1,321)		

■ **August Farmers' Market Observations & Customer & Vendor Counts (2025)**

SATURDAYS

Date	Customers	Vendors	Notes
8/1	3,975 (5,322)	59 (66)	41 Farm / 18 FBA
8/8	4,206 (4,473)	59 (61)	36 Farm / 22 FBA
8/15	3,783 (4,998)	55 (61)	36 Farm / 22 FBA
Totals	TBD	TBD	TBD

TUESDAYS

Date	Customers	Vendors	Notes
8/4	182 (5)	5 (7)	3 Farm / 2 FBA
8/11	Cancelled (weather)	N/A	N/A
8/18	Cancelled (construction)	N/A	N/A
8/25	Cancelled (construction)	N/A	N/A
Totals	182 (5)		

■ ***"Youth at the Market" Updates***

1. Friday, August 14 @ Food Truck Friday
 - a. Switchyard Park
 - b. 22* / 20 Max (* - 2 on wait list)
2. Saturday, September 26 @ COB Parking Lot
 - a. 15 / 35 Max

■ **Tuesday Market Development**

1. New Shelter signage advising patrons of spray cleaning prior to TM
2. TM canceled for 8/18 and 8/25 due to Rogers Street construction
3. Hope to resume on 9/1

■ **Shopping Carts have arrived!**

1. We have 12

■ **Public Comment – anything unrelated to agenda items**

1. Vendors yelling out (hawking) to customers (will be addressed)

2. Mitigation for customers who arrive significantly early before market
 - a. Perhaps signage reinforcing market times?
 - i. “Please respect the vendors’ need to set up and wait until the market start to begin shopping”
 - ii. Place at market entrance/exits
 - b. Vehicles maneuvering in Market can pose safety issues
 - c. Blowing whistles @ start and end of the market used to be standard. Perhaps that can be revisited
 - d. Consider implementing a policy of **No WIC/SNAP/GC transactions or carts prior to 8am**
- I. Most markets have a vendor selling period that is specified in the contract

ADJOURNMENT: @ 6:39 pm

NEXT MEETING: September 21, 2026

Location: City Hall, Allison Conference Room #225, 401 N. Morton St. in Bloomington, Ind.