CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION

Bloomington Community Farmers' Market Advisory Council Minutes
September 28, 2026

Attendees: Lori Bolin, Julia Fox (virtual), Carolyn Calloway-Thomas, Karen Saint Rain, Robin Kitowski, Kip Schlegel

Absent: Patricia Sigman, John Norton, Louise Miracle

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

Public in Attendance: N/A

Monday, September 28, 2026

5:30–7 p.m.
City Hall Hooker Conference Room (RM #245), 401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN

I. **Call to Order** @ 5:35

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from August 17, 2026 accepted @ 5:35pm

III. **Agenda**

A **Old Business**

- **Tuesday Market Development (Tentative Strategies for next Season)**
  1. Possible Wednesday Mkt.
  2. Incentivize Vendors
  3. Additional Youth @ the Market experiences
  4. Incorporate Community Gardens Produce
  5. Recruit small and/or new vendors to use TM as an incubator
  6. Parking Concerns for patrons
  7. Re-Introduce TM
  8. Develop a working committee to develop more strategies

B **New Business**

- **September Farmers' Market Observations & Customer & Vendor Counts *(2025)***

SATURDAYS

Date	Customers	Vendors	Notes
8/22	5,691 (*4,158*)	56 (*59*)	44 Farm / 18 FBA
8/29	4,503 (*3,540*)	59 (*61*)	
9/5	3,735 (*4,263*)	51 (*56*)	
9/12	3,006 (*5,727*)	55 (*60*)	
9/19	3,951 (*3,138*)	55 (*60*)	
9/26	4,503 (*3,540*)	62 (*62*)	
TOTALS	**August:** 22,158 (*22,491*) **September:** 15,195 (*16,668*)		

TUESDAYS

Date	Customers	Vendors	Notes
9/1	*22* (*410*)	3 (*4*)	
9/8	158 (*100*)	*2*(*6*)	
9/15	107 (*356*)	*2* (*5*)	
9/22	215 (*28*)	3 (*4*)	
TOTALS	502 (*894*)		

■ **Park Board Action on Proposed FM Pricing (met on 9/21)**

1. The Farmers' Market is leaving all Saturday fees the same as 2026, but proposed raising the application fee by $5.00 to $25.00. Several vendors apply, but do not sell – the increased fee will help with the processing applications and for general cost-recovery. The fees for the Tuesday Market are decreasing for FBA and Food Trucks and reserved pricing is based on the number of Tuesday Markets in 2027 (18).

2.

FM Saturday	2026	2027
Application Fee - April Only	$20	$25
Application Fee - May - October	$20	$25
FM Tuesday	**2026**	**2027**
Application Fee	$20	$25
Farm vendor reserved Tuesday space	$180	$216
Farm vendor reserved Tuesday space	$30	$15
Food Truck Tuesday Space (per day)	$35	$18

- **November & Holiday Market Applications**
  1. Switchyard Park Pavilion (November Mkt.)
  2. November Market Agreement shared w/ BWFM ($26 x 3 Saturdays = $78). They will pay us a flat fee of $900 for the month.
  3. BCFM: 6 Farm Vendors to date
  4. Showers Parking Lot (Holiday Mkt. - 11/28)
  5. 8 Vendors (4 FV & 4 FBA)

- **Survey Trends**
  1. Vendor Responses to date: 7
  2. Customer Responses to date: 21
  3. Double MB & SRFMNP: 20

- **October Market Time Changes**
  1. 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

- **Public Comment – anything unrelated to agenda items**
  1. **Farm 2 Family Updates**
  2. **Unhoused monitoring**

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** @ 6:43 pm

NEXT MEETING: October 19, 2026

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