

**Bloomington Community Farmers' Market  
Advisory Council Minutes  
February 20, 2023**

**FMAC Members Attending:** Cortland Carrington (Chair), Tracy Bruce, Mike Gleeson, Karen Saint Rain, Rebecca Vadas (virtual), Phrueksaphong “Chang” Visuthduangdusdee

**FMAC Members Absent:** Kip Schlegel, Lynn Schwartzberg, Macaulay Ward

**Parks Staff in Attendance:** Clarence Boone and Sarah Mullin

**Members of the Public:** Ben Gardner

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Cortland Carrington.

**Approval of Minutes:** January minutes were reviewed and accepted.

## **1. Old Business**

### ➤ **Discussion on Space Reservation Meeting**

- ✓ Scheduled for 6 p.m. on 3-9-23 @ Switchyard Park
- ✓ Farm Vendors and family only (will have light refreshments)
- ✓ Plan to introduce FMAC volunteers
- ✓ SNAP/WIC Presentations
- ✓ Monroe County Board of Health (Confirmed - Jessica Martin MCBH)
- ✓ Farm 2 Family Representative (Confirmed - Deborah Hatlen)
- ✓ Need help at a welcome table and with space selection process for May through Oct and Tuesday (April is non-reserved)

## **2. New Business - Clarence provided reports on the following:**

### ➤ **2023 Farmers' Market Updates**

- ✓ Farm Vendors & FBA Vendor Applications 53 FMV / 7 FBA as of 2/20
- ✓ Special Farmers' Market Events:
  - “Youth Day” @ the BCFM TBD
    - Give community youth a chance to sell and show off their art, produce, and talent.
    - We would like to have a minimum of 5 youth vendors for both the art and market component and then featuring a youth entertainment group. Event can also host a farmers' market scavenger hunt, gardening demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, and vegetable art.

- “From Farm to Table” (Scheduled for 8/19)
  - Collaborating with Woolery Mill and their Executive Chef Corbin Morwick to create an event featuring a delectable meal that highlights the hearty produce of our farm vendors while drawing community together at one table.
  - Goal is to fill a large dinner table with community members while showcasing local farmers.
- Parks and Rec decision was made to host Info Alley each Saturday.
  - Space will be limited to first-come first-served due to bollard positioning.

➤ **FMAC Recruitment Process**

- ✓ There are two positions open; one food and beverage position and one customer representative position. We received three applications with one strongly being considered.
- ✓ Next Steps: Ben Gardner will be submitted for review by the Parks Board at their February 28 meeting.
- ✓ In the January meeting, we requested volunteers to assist in the capacity as Vice President. Lynn Schwartzberg volunteered to serve in the capacity of Vice Pres. positions
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✓ **2023 Timeline Updates (January)**

- 2-21 All applications due (for any farm vendor wanting a reserved spot), Innovative Farm Vendor?, FBA RFPs and Food Truck RFPs
- 2-27 Notify farm vendors and FBA and food truck vendors. Mail contracts, handbook, W9, market bucks guide, and optional demographic survey to approved vendors.
- 3-9 Space Reservation Meeting and possible New Vendor Orientation
- 3-21 Finalize Map- Send Market Beet

➤ **Public Comment/Good of the Order**

- No comments were offered

**2. Adjournment:** Seeing no more comments from the council or public, a call was made and accepted for adjournment at 6:35 p.m.