

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

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

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

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

**Members of the Public:**

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

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

## 1. Old Business

- **Space Reservation Meeting:** Clarence provided a recap on the March 9 Space Reservation meeting:

The meeting was held @ Switchyard Park. Began at 6 p.m. It was well attended by Farm Vendors. Special thanks to Scholars Inn Bake House for the complimentary cookies. This was a big hit with all the guests. All of the Farmers Market Advisory Council members and FM seasonal staff who attended were introduced. Also, a tremendous thanks for volunteering your time that evening. Presentations were made by Jessica Brown with the Monroe County Health Department. Also, Deborah Piston-Hatlen made a presentation and appeal for participation with Farm 2 Family. A WIC and SNAP presentation was made by Farmers' Market Specialist Sarah Mullin.

The Farmers' Market website and FM Vendor Profiles were discussed. The 49<sup>th</sup> Market season was emphasized a number of times. Farm Vendor and Food and Beverage Artisan Counts were provided. Remarks concerning special events (i.e. “Youth Day” July 1<sup>st</sup> / “From Farm to Table” August 19<sup>th</sup> / and special tastings - Apple & Tomato)

Housekeeping rules (parking/daily entry and exiting, and lottery procedures were discussed). Finally, booth selections, contract and exhibit signings along with vendor payments were collected

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

- **2023 Farmers' Market Updates**

Farm Vendors & FBA Vendor Applications: 64 FMV / 12 FBA as of 3/20/23

✓ 2023 Timeline Updates (Remainder of March)

- 3-9 Space Reservation Meeting and possible New Vendor Orientation
- 3-21 Finalize Map- Send Market Beet
- 3-27 Ordered supplies and turned on Plaza Water
- 4-1 49<sup>th</sup> Farmers' Market begins

➤ Public Comment/Good of the Order

- Deborah Piston-Hatlen asked the FMAC consider adjusting the current Food and Beverage Artisan percentage fee.

**2. Adjournment:** Seeing no more comments from the council or public, a call was made and accepted for adjournment at 6:02 p.m.