

**Bloomington Community Farmers' Market
Advisory Council Minutes
December 18, 2023**

FMAC Members Attending: Tracy Bruce, Cortland Carrington (Chair), Ben Gardner, Mike Gleeson, Karen Saint Rain, Chris Manansala, Rebecca Vadas (virtual),

FMAC Members Absent: Phrueksaphong "Cheng" Visuthduangdusdee, and Macaulay Ward

Parks Staff in Attendance: Clarence Boone and Sarah Mullin

Members of the Public: Deborah Piston-Hatlen

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Cortland Carrington.

Approval of Minutes: from October 16, 2023 were reviewed and accepted.

1. Old Business

- **The following Farmers' Market Vendor Handbook Updates & Policy Changes were discussed:**

1. Price Schedule Changes

As approved by the Park Board at the November meeting **Farm Vendor fees** will be the following:

<u>Vending</u>	<u>Day</u>
<u>Spaces</u>	<u>Price</u>
Large	\$24
Large Senior* or Youth**	\$18
Small	\$16
Small Senior* or Youth**	\$13

Notes

*Senior price applies only if all vendors and stand assistants on contract are 60 years of age or older by the date of the space reservation meeting.

**Youth price applies only if all vendors on contract are 16 years of age or younger.

2. Food and Beverage Fees will be set as follows:

- a. FBA vendors will be charged \$26 per day if they are not using water or electricity.
- b. FBA vendors needing water and/or electricity will be charged \$28 per day.

3. Tentative Vendor Resource Changes

- a. Indiana Department of Health eFMNP & WIC Commodities Team
- b. **Jeffrey Taber**| Senior *Environmental Health Specialist* Monroe County Health Department

➤ **Important Dates in 2024**

- a. 1/17/24 - Open FBA RFP, Food Truck RFP and farm vendor application portals
- b. 1/24/2024 - Park Board Meeting: farm vendor contract, farm vendor handbook
- c. Space Reservation Meeting
- d. 2/23/24 - All applications due (for any farm vendor wanting a reserved spot), Innovative Farm Vendor?, FBA RFPs and Food Truck RFPs
- e. 2/28/24 - Notify farm vendors and FBA and food truck vendors. Mail contracts, handbook, W9, market bucks guide, and optional demographic survey to approved vendors.
- f. 3/8/24 - Space Reservation Meeting and possible New Vendor Orientation
- g. 4/6/24 - April Market starts

➤ **50th Anniversary Updates & Tasks:** *Discussion followed on the following items:*

- a. Theme/Logo Determination
- b. Official Recognition/Event Date
- c. History & Legacy Preservation
- d. Acknowledging the Pillars
- e. 50th Anniversary Deliverables

2. New Business

- Review of 2024 Timeline (*see above under Important 2024 Dates*)
- Farmers' Market Evaluation Update: *6 submitted as of 12-18-23*

- FM Space Reservation Meeting 3-7-24 (*Needing FMAC Involvement as greeters and volunteers. Will be introduces*)

3. Public Comment - *Nothing unrelated to agenda items was offered.*

4. Adjournment - A motion was entertained and meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.