

**Farmers Market Advisory Committee (FMAC) Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2020- 5:30pm via Zoom/Facebook Live**

**FMAC Members in Attendance:** Lynn Schwartzberg, Mike Gleeson, Whitney Schlegel, Cortland Carrington, Suzanne Mann, Janice Lilly, Mara Rosenbarger, Melanie McQuinn, Becky Vadas

**FMAC Members Not in Attendance:** Katie Zukoff (resigned), Jesus Barajas (resigned)

**Parks Dept. Staff in Attendance:** Marcia Veldman, Sarah Mullin, Paula McDevitt, Leslie Brinson, Becky Higgins

**Call to order**

FMAC meeting called to order by Cortland Carrington

**Approval of May Minutes**

All present FMAC members had a copy of the last meeting minutes. There were no edits to the May minutes and Cortland Carrington called for approval of them by way of the consensus of the committee.

**Business**

Cortland asked for the postponement of the Vice Chair of the Committee to the July meeting. Consensus was granted by the group.

Cortland introduced the Broadening Inclusion discussion and explained the process for public comment at this meeting. Public Comment comes in two sections, one for the agenda item and a later time for discussion not on the agenda. Comments can be sent to the Farmers' Market Advisory Council email, through the Facebook Live event or via Zoom. Cortland gave a reminder of the role of the FMAC.

Cortland made an opening statement with background on the development of the Broadening Inclusion Committee and the goals and discussions of the group. Cortland talked about the statement put out by the committee and that it had not been vetted by Parks Staff, FMAC members or vendors. At the time of the meeting 7 of the 9 Broadening Inclusion Group members had resigned. Therefore there is no quorum for the Broadening Inclusion group to meet.

Cortland opened the floor for the FMAC to make a motion as to how to move forward with the Broadening Inclusion Group.

Janice Lilly made a motion for the FMAC to dissolve the Broadening Inclusion Group. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Vadas. Janice talked about restructuring the committee and to not move away from the concept of the group.

Cortland made a subsidence motion to suspend the Broadening Inclusion Group with instructions. The FMAC should create a written charter for standing subcommittee for Broadening Inclusion within the market and with public input. Lynn Schwartzberg seconded the motion.

Janice was given the floor for 5 minutes to discuss her motion to dissolve the committee. She believes the name Broadening Inclusion Group is not usable due to the pain and conflict that has arose. She believes the best way to move forward is to dissolve and for the FMAC to outline the specific role and structure of a subcommittee. At that time the subcommittee could take applications to sit on that committee. She believes we should start over and that vendors have been hurt by this and they want to see this dissolved and new effort started. She is standing with the vendors who want to see this dissolved.

Cortland then gave a statement on his counter motion. He believes the mission of the Broadening Inclusion Group is too important to abandon it and by dissolving it appears we are abandoning the mission. He believes by suspending we can regroup and retool the group and get more public support and input.

Cortland opened up discussion on the two motions to the FMAC.

Lynn Schwartzberg- Concerned that we have gotten to this point so quickly with a subcommittee that was not given direction and that a member of the FMAC was sitting on the subcommittee. She is concerned that the reactionary behavior of our community can cause such upheaval and that we must all learn to listen to each other as we are all different people and come from different places. We must learn to close our mouths and listen.

Rebecca Vadas- believes the group should be dissolved. It would take a lot of time and effort to suspend and to get to where we need it to be to make good work. She is not sure everyone has that kind of time available to make this happen. The past few weeks have been very hard on the market. Our focus should be bringing up the market and raising the customer base back and then maybe this fall or as market is winding down that would be a good time to review the whole situation when we can really focus on what needs to happen.

Janice Lilly- would think that the work should be ongoing and not put off and believe it would be better to start over. Glad to hear that Lynn has had experience on a City Board and has experience with committees and how they operate and for her to help determine how the subcommittee should work. She believes the work should continue.

Suzanne Mann- agreed with Lynn about doing more listening. She agrees with suspending and coming back with more direction. Interested in hearing what the community has to say and that it is all happening very fast and it is very emotional.

Marcia Veldman Statement- I want to share my sincere apology for my role in the posting of the Broadening Inclusion Group statement onto the Market Facebook page. I have served as the staff liaison to the Broadening Inclusion Group, a volunteer-based subcommittee of the FMAC representing diverse populations in our community since its inception in the fall of 2019.

After the murder of George Floyd at the hands of police officers and protests taking place around the country, several members of the group expressed an urgent desire to make a statement of support for the black community. Although I had reservations about their statement, I did not want to stand in the way of their expression. I requested that it be posted to the Market Facebook page. That was an error on my part and I hold myself responsible for that decision. I have thought about my role in this for countless hours over the last week and a half, in an effort to learn from it, so that I can better serve this community in the future.

I am sorry that the Broadening Inclusion Group statement has caused damage to our community. I am so sorry for the repercussions it has had on the farmers and food and beverage artisans who had absolutely no knowledge that a statement might be made, or any input into the content of the statement. I value the work that the vendors do in building our local food community and enhancing food security. I know that even in good times it is challenging work. The stresses of the last year and now COVID -19 have made their work all the more challenging and now this statement has added even more stress to their lives.

It has been an honor to work with the farmers and food and beverage artisans over many years and I regret that I have let you down. Please accept my apology.

Paula McDevitt Statement-

The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department impacts A LOT of lives in our community. Experiences and memories are created through participating and engaging with each other throughout our Park system. We are a people focused profession and play a role in creating community. When we are successful, we know we've done our job well. BUT, when we fail .....we acknowledge our errors, examine what went wrong, reflect on what we learned and move forward to intentionally do better.

Our department would not be what it is today without the support and participation of the community. One way citizens support the Parks Department is by volunteering. This meeting is an example of community volunteers giving of their time and talents to the Farmers' Market Advisory Council. During the 2019 market season we listened to community feedback which made it clear that the FMAC, along with staff, needed to address equity, diversity and inclusion issues at the Farmers' Market. The creation of the Broadening Inclusion Group was done with the best intentions during a turbulent, emotional and challenging time at the market.

Both the FMAC and Broadening Inclusion Group are members of this community who volunteered to take seats at the table to do this difficult work. The Broadening Inclusion Group worked to the best of their abilities to prepare for the 2020 Market Season. In the middle of preparations, COVID-19 completely upended all plans resulting in the hybrid form the market currently operates under. Trying to refocus their work, the country/world was again traumatized by the senseless murder of George Floyd and the outpouring of reactions, emotions and statements.

In the midst of these events, the Parks Department was wrong to have released the Broadening Inclusion Group statement on June 5<sup>th</sup>. During unprecedented times in our country's history we

are sorry for the pain this statement caused to the black community, vendors, customers and our volunteers. As Director of the department, I am sorry and apologize. The last thing we wanted to do was to add to the pain so many people in our community have and continue to experience. We are committed to working with city staff, Board of Park Commissioners, the FMAC, and the community to listen, learn, examine our mistakes and move forward together.

- We will engage in diversity, equity and inclusion training led by trained professionals on these issues.
- We will continue to take input from the community at the Market, through the FM email and in person.
- We will update the Board of Park Commissioners on the next steps as the FMAC moves forward to address diversity, equity and inclusion at the Market.

#### Public Comment

**Jada B -Black Lives Matter B-town** - Hello I am Jada Bee I am from Black Lives Matter Bloomington and I want to say first and foremost that not only should you disband the Broadening Inclusion Board but you should disband the entire City Market it has proven over and over again not to be serving the community of Bloomington, it is incapable of removing white supremacist from our city market and all of you have done nothing to help this process at all. You have done nothing to help black and brown people as a matter of fact many of you have indicated in your words today that you don't even think about how black and brown people have been affected by what is going on, it is very clear that none of you have thought about how black and brown people have been affected by your behavior over this past year cycle with the city market and in creating the Broadening Inclusion Board. And I want to say specifically about the Broadening Inclusion Board, you had a black man write a statement and then hung him literally out to dry for the statement that he made. You didn't do any checks to it you didn't work in community with him you let him take the fall you all are backing away from the statement you endorsed that you put out your trying to blame it all on the one black guy. Now if that isn't the definition of racism I don't know what is. So you all need to think real clearly about whether you have the ability to steward this town in this matter, because you do not it is clear you do not. Let me make it clear again all the white voices that are on this committee you are not capable of stewarding this town. Every single one of you along with the Broadening Inclusion Group should resign and disband and turn the market over to the vendors who are more capable of deciding what is happening and I suggest all those vendors come join us at the peoples market where we are actually doing the good work of this community. Where we have been feeding poor people since the beginning of our market thru our sponsored boxes. You have done nothing to help this community, you have done nothing. Disband, resign today or we will all make you resign! That's all I have to say.

**Abby A, No Space for Hate** - I just wanted to quickly amplify what Michelle Moyd said in the comments already and in line with what Jada just said. A Broadening Inclusion Group is meaningless when there are White Supremacist at the market and I am upset to hear that Marcia Veldman had a hand in this statement going out. I am angry about the tone policing that has been happening, and telling people they are reacting emotionally when racism and white

supremacy have been long standing ongoing issues at the market. You have a white farmer's market advisory council and you might want to think about why that is. If you merely suspend and resume you're at the risk of well you going to, well I'll just say it straight up, and you're replicating the same structure that brought you to this point. I have no faith in the current leadership going forward. I think Marcia should resign. We cannot have full justice without racial justice.

**Nathan Mutchler** - For me this is very simple I have heard a lot of talk about process and some antics in comments and that not the problem. The problem is you left the words every lost, angry, and aimless young black man and women who commit violent crimes and claim other lives of black men, black women and black children out. You let that happen. That's why we are here now and that's why we are mad as hell. You, everyone on this committee, you have to choose right now if you are willing to do what it takes to be antiracist. And sometimes it's systemic and sometimes the only way to do that is to resign, disband and start fresh and clean. If you don't do that now I want to ask what would it take, what would it take and are you willing to wait that long and pay that cost or will you take a stand right now?

-Yes are you going to address me? Sir? Will you read my screen name please. I think it's absolutely horrendous that the people who were in charge of managing this whole calamity are not taking responsibility. It's absolutely ridiculous that it's the people of this committee that are taking the fall and not Paula, Marcia, or the mayor. We need change in this city. You all have failed it's time to resign. That's all I have to say.

**Natalia Galvin** - I am reading a prepared statement as an executive board member for the National Organization for women in Monroe County. So members of the inclusion group should resign. As we watch our black sisters here in Bloomington and around the nation rise up in protest to fight, face violence remember the change starts at home. The dynamics playing out nationally are also present in Bloomington. Where efforts by black or indigenous people and people of color to secure equal treatment and safety have been meet by over policing and other tactics now familiar to all of us to suppress activism and protest. Ever since activist sought to raise attention to the Neo Nazi activity in the cities farmers market, the city has responded by deploying the force of state power against the protesters exercising their free speech rights. While securing the market to allow the Neo Nazi's and their armed supporters move freely. As our nation wrestles with the complicity of police brutality and state power and supporting white supremacy we must also speak to dismantle this complicity in Bloomington. Using the police and state power to enforce power should be recognized for what they are attempts to preserve an order that allocates power and protection based on skin color. According to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual public safety report release by the city of Bloomington on February 4, 2020 overtime expenses for policing the farmers market in 2019 totals 102,165 compared to 5,230 in 2018 and to what effect the tactics employed to silence protestors and protect Neo Nazi's in the farmers market has stripped the market of safety security and peace. For black or indigenous people and people of color why emboldening the white supremacy in our mix. Now the actions of the ironically named Broadening Inclusion Group have further eroded the trust of the community as the group cast of Broadening Inclusion in the farmers market chose a moment of national trauma to

inexplicitly erase the stereotype and blame black people for the violence inflicted upon them. We must stop these patterns of abuse and call for the remaining members of the Broadening Inclusion group to resign. The city should protect activist for justice rather than Neo Nazi's by reevaluating the current leadership of the market, end the policing and surveillance of activist and take concrete and meaningful action to allow assets to the market. If unable to do so then it is fear for the community should allow other avenues such as Elmer Valvo (?) and the peoples market. Thank you

**Michelle Moyd** - Ugh where to start? The first thing I want to say, I'm just going to go through a list of points. This is definitely my forte, but the first thing I want to say is the Broadening Inclusion Group cannot function if Schooner Creek Farms is part of the farmers market. There is no such thing as inclusion when you have a white supremacist operating freely at the cities farmers market. No person of color, no black person, no disabled person, no person who is a member of a religious minority can feel safe in that space until you take that seriously you can't even begin to talk about inclusion whatever that means. I would suggest you spend some time talking to some people who actually know what that term might mean if you were actually invested in doing something about the problems that you face. You have had ample time over the course of the last year to learn, you've had many different conversations with different people in all kinds of spaces that most of us are not allowed into. You have had every opportunity to learn, but what that statement indicated is that you have refused. Over the course of a year you have refused to learn. The problem with the statement, well there are many problems with the statement but that statement is actually an insult to black people. You have insulted the black community of this city. Apologies are one thing, but undoing the insult that was leveled in that statement is going to take much, much more than you are prepared to do. And we can see that today from the statements you have issued today as an advisory council. You're missing the entire point right no so I urge you to go back and consider what it actually means to talk about even say the words diversity and inclusion when you have a white supremacist operating in the market. I'm going to single out one of the comments I heard from the advisory council members who used the words cerebral to describe essentially what she envisioned as her position and in doing so leveled yet another insult to all the hundreds people who issued, who wrote comments in response to that egregious Facebook post, what you just said is that we are not cerebral anybody that posted there doesn't have a thought in their head and if you can't see what the insult in that is I don't even know where to start. I urge you to go back and read those comments all of which were cerebral and all of which urged you quite clearly to disband the Broadening Inclusion group and to seriously consider getting out of the city market business because it is clear that you do not understand what it means to do anything the resembles diversity and inclusion which by the way is an empty phrase that means very little and you could ask any expert about this and they will tell you the same. I'm done.

**Dave Warren** - Ok thank you, I didn't prepare anything to say. Just in listening to what is being said I actually agree with those that think you should go further and relinquish city control of the market. I know there was a vote on that a few months ago and you voted to maintain control. One of the statements that was made during that meeting was something to the effect of the member felt that the farmers market was in good hands and they would be able to guide the

market through this period. I think that you have shown that you can't do that, not in this moment. We've seen time and again the city erring on the side of white supremacist and I understand the legal constraints here you know a city cannot tell folks what they can say or believe and all that but the only people that have been arrested during this whole saga is protestors including people of color. You can get around this problem by relinquishing city control of the market and not allowing white supremacist to be vendors at the market. I don't know how you can talk about Broadening Inclusion when there are white supremacist openly vending at the market. And so please reconsider city control of the market, most cities don't run farmers markets it's not a core function of government, same as running golf courses. That's all I have to say thank you.

**Alex Goodlad** - Can you hear me? Ok hello everyone I just want to echo the call to hold white supremacy meaningfully accountable and personally this is how I feel as a Jewish person I stand with Black Lives Matter to get rid of the city ran market and leave it to the vendors, leave it to the people. Though if you can't do that I have made it a point to come up with all the possible policies. I personally think, don't take it as legal advice I'm not certified as a law person but I have studied this stuff. I've looked at the contract I wish other people are more aware of these I don't even work in the Parks Board but I feel like I know more of this than other people but they broke the rules. Schooner Creek Farms broke the rules they violated the convenient 9 not to sue. You can open and investigation, you can remove them in a totally content neutral way. So there's other ways you could do this, to be honest though the city has completely lost trust they should just get rid of the market. So those are really the two feasible possibilities at this point is to ban SCF or just refuse yourself from the market, preferably refuse yourself again. To everyone that calls us the reactionary calls us a cult and calls for jailing of protestors. One of your Broadening Inclusion members actually said that on Facebook, I have it screen shot. The real reactionaries are the city government we are just the reasonable voice. Thanks for hearing me.

**Chung Shi Shan** - So I heard a lot of talk here about apologizing so I very quickly went to google apologizing, How to apologize- making amends by taking action. I have hear a lot of actions being talked about, particular diversity inclusion trainings, and that's great! And you all have had decades to in English I would say to train yourselves as to how to behave justly on white supremacy and this is the same decade in which black people, and brown people, and indigenous people have been forced to undergo the same training without sitting on a council and so can you. Those people learned to read books and comments and managed to listen to history without even sitting on a council without making any remarks before public comment and so can you. You can have this training, what's a few more years to undergo this training and learn how to behave and then maybe we can have a city run farmers market again and you can have a council again. Everyone deserves a second chance not necessarily while sitting on a council.

**David Kepple** - Thank you very much and good evening to members of the farmers market advisory committee and to members of the public. I am speaking in solidarity with Black Lives Matter and No space for hate this evening. I would like to credit everyone who has worked so hard including the Farmers Market Advisory committee for very good intentions but in this

extremely painful moment for our country we are suddenly seeing what some of us had not seen while it was painfully obvious to those who were suffering. That is that the rules of our society were set up precisely for the purpose of maintaining white supremacy and so it should not be surprising that the Farmers Market Advisory board finds itself in the squandering in trying to take action and whether it has the legal authority to remove white supremacist. The essence of white supremacy really is that even when we are conscious that we are doing so we center white experience rather than black experience. As I try to think what is the experience of people of color must be in a market that defends the presence of white supremacists I think it must be one of great insecurity and humiliation to violate the most basic rights that our society grants to all people. So we find ourselves in the paradox were if our formerly public organization structure cannot afford true protection and true dignity to people of color then there is no alternative to reorganize the market as a nonprofit that has the authority to support those essential public rights of our society. So I am in agreement with those that concluded that the basic structure of the market must change and I am also encouraged during the Covid period citizens groups showed tremendous initiative on behalf of both compassion and justice and I want to express my confidence that if the market is given over to the growers and to the people this will happen again. Thank you so very much for the hard work you have done but I think it is time to recognize that we must turn the page. Thank you.

**Anne Meheady** - I would like to address a comment that began all of this earlier, and that was this idea that social media reactionary politics is part of what generated this whole issue. Rather than viewing social media as a space of reactionary or emotional commenting. Instead it has become a mode of transparency, community, and justice for those of us who are doing the work of antiracism. The reason for this, is because the typical outlets have not allowed us to be heard, have not allowed us to seek redress. The issue with the farmers market, doesn't just boil down to what was said during that statement The statement is a symptom of a broader culture of white supremacy in Bloomington government. The very fact that you have allowed white supremacist to openly recruit in our market, to frighten people, to frighten customers, to frighten protestors in the market and that you shelled out over a hundred thousand dollars to allow this to happen, is a gross injustice. I just want to review with you very briefly what exactly has happened over the last year that has led us to this point. We've had multiplying incidents of white supremacists harassments, ranging from Ku Klux Klan, to the formerly known Identity Europa and now the American Identity movement. During the market last year Patrick Casey of the American Identity movement came to visit the market, came to recruit at the market, and now Sarah Dye has launched a YouTube channel, as well as a podcast which she has used to recruit more members to her white supremacy organization. This town, has allowed for the expansion of white supremacies grasp on the heart of its citizens, and that is a gross injustice as well. Disband this committee and to the members who have spoken today, please resign. Thank you. I'm done.

**Megan Betz** - I want to start by saying thank you, to Jada B., Dr. Michelle Moye, and Abbie Ang. The amount of labor that black women and women of color have had to put into a



explaining their own need to feel safe in their community, should make us ashamed. I'm going to speak explicitly as a white woman to fellow white women. I am going to start by encouraging you to read the chat where folks have done a ton of labor to you to share resources, again. Over the course of this meeting we have been called reactionary, unintelligent or not cerebral, and emotional. And yet, we are asked to trust you to rebuild whatever committee you decide to suspend or disband, which is just purely semantic at this point. Lynn, you asked us to listen, what is clear that people speaking with the united voice, demanding that you listen. The people listened to Black Lives Matter call for a boycott, and will not return to the market while it continues to be governed by white neo politics that support white supremacists. The city needs to let it go. If we are only looking at this problem of the past 10 days divorced from the larger context of a white supremacist presence in the city market and its impact on our public safety, we should be ashamed at the shallow thinking. There is no shame here, and I have to ask if we don't feel it yet as white people, what it will take. Thank you.

**Rebecca Fosmine** I want to echo what Megan said, and to thank the black women and women of color who have done such incredible work to educate you, the members of the Farmers' Market Advisory Council. I would encourage you to also really check your ego in these conversations. I don't see how it is possible that you can see that there are any other action you can take, aside from resigning and letting people who are more capable of obviously representing all of Bloomington. Letting them do this job. Because obviously you haven't been able to do that, and that takes courage to say, you know what I'm not good enough to do this and I'm not in the right mindset to do this. I can't it. I encourage you to do that, to check your ego and really look what it is really best for the entire community. I will say as a white woman and as a Jew, I have not visited the market in well over a year. I don't feel safe there, and I know I have tremendous privilege in probably not being someone that Patrick Casey or any of Schooner Creek would obvious target. I just want to say that I feel profoundly unsafe, and I am not interested in anything other action that you would take aside from resigning, disbanding the market, turning it into a nonprofit. Letting the vendors do what they know how to do best, which is to sell their produce and their goods in a fair inclusive space that government is not a part of. Thank you.

**Nicole Johnson** - I am a white woman and of a religious minority. I am also from the south originally, and I grew up in New Orleans. I just want to say that first of all I think it's ashamed that you guys didn't follow suit, on the two of you that still remain on the Board, or whatever this is. That you didn't follow suit with your seven other member and resign. I am also ashamed at the Parks Department is involved in this and hasn't pulled out. I am also ashamed that we haven't seen other Departments of the City, saying that this isn't something that needs to be continued. The fact that we are even discussing that this needs to be continued, is absolutely atrocious. I live in Crestmont, I walked the B-Line and went to the Market, when I moved back here, one time. One time, this was last year before all of this got really bad. I had a small child in a stroller and what I saw, and I am not even going to get into it. You can pick a day, you can pick a Saturday. What I saw in the middle of where I came to try to better myself, to better my family.

To move into a broader thinking environment than where I came from, as a white person. To seek white lines (?). I am ashamed of all of the white women I am staring at on my computer screen. I definitely echo everyone, that you guys should take the time and do the work to understand what it means to be born with white skin and what it means to not be born with white skin. And you let the people, there should be some diversity on this diverse board. On this board that is supposed to be representing diversity and insuring it. How can you as white women insure the diversity of a black person? Please tell me. Do you have any idea what it like to wake up black? No, you don't. And I am going to tell you another thing in closing. My daughter was about ten when she moved here, and she was a teenager in this town, and without getting too much, her whole opinion on this town now as she leaves. As she absolutely leaves and never wants to come back, is that we are Martinsville with makeup on. So you think about that, if that is what you want for Bloomington to be. Because Martinsville is ramped. I have friends there, and I am not looking to look think that you people, is this because our whole city supports white supremacy. So you have to include white supremacist, who exclude everyone. How can you include someone that excludes people by nature, by their definition? How can you include them, when they are harmful people? None of the people who are protesting this want to harm, have a moral or ethical structure that is based on (?) None of the people protesting you and your actions have the same hate.

**Asha Kirchhoff** - I am a young professional, a woman of color, young professional, also not native to Bloomington. When I moved here, I heard it was inclusive place and that the Farmers' Market was really fun. I went and learned that there were Nazis and it was shocking, and I did not feel safe. To see the City and this Advisory bungle their response made me feel like my government doesn't watch out for me. I just want to say, I encourage others to join me, raise your hand, I will be boycotting Farmers' Market until there are no white supremacist who are selling there, and I also see diverse and adequate equity and representation on this committee. Thank you.

**Daniel Bingham** - I just wanted to pick up a thread that Anne left off with, and walk us through how get here in a little more detail. We discovered last year there were white supremacist on market. Not just people who held despicable views, but people who were organized. Sarah Dye and her partner are core organizers of Identity Europa in our area. Identity Europa is not just a white supremacy group, but a white terror group. That helped organize Charlottesville, where someone was killed, and terrorized an entire city. They were organizing with Nolan Brewer who was trying to bomb a Synagogue in Carmel. Amongst the protests about their presence in market, a protester of color was arrested by the City, while surrounded by armed white supremacist who were threatening fellow market goers, and she was arrested under a rule that didn't exist. There was no rule against carrying signs at market. I have video of Marcia confirming that. The city was informed shortly after that, Schooner Creek Farm was in violation of a number of terms of their contract. Meaning that the city had grounds to kick them out that had nothing to do with their speech. They were bringing fellow Identity Europa members to be stand assistants in their booth, and giving the city false identities for those members in violation

of their market contract. Around this time the city had to close the market, due to threats of violence from white supremacist. That were egregious enough, that they didn't feel they could run the market safely. So that all of us that had been saying, we don't feel safe going to the market. That you know that we were not safe either, because you closed the market. At a certain point you formed the Broaden and Inclusion Task Force, but you didn't invite any of the critics of the city's handling of this situation on the task force. Instead you appointed allies of color. Appointing only the people of color who agree with you. A task force like that is tokenism. The Broadening Inclusion Task Force released a statement that brought us all here and added lot of fuel for the calls to boycott. This should make it clear that you all have not and cannot handle this well, and you are putting farmers who depend on the market for their livelihood in danger. Once last point. Recently the city cut ties with Ken's Towing, cut their contract after they made extremely personal political statement and showing that you don't even need the violations of Schooner Creek contract to cut the contract. You could have done it, just based on their white supremacy, because you just did that to Kens Towing. Thank you.

**Andi Haynes**- This is my first time participating in a government meeting. I have been spurred like lots of Americans in the last month or so to get involved. I came to this to understand better what is going on with the Farmers' Market and the Broadening Inclusion group. I want to show you what I have seen while I have been sitting here for the last 45 minutes or so. I see a group of white people, several who appear to be on their phones or looking at something else while the public comments are happening. I see someone named snowball on the committee who we have asked her to say her name, we are expected to say our names in order to speak, but you can have committee members, I also see someone named exeterlane, and I don't know who that is. So I don't know why that is. I see the committee making excuses for what the sub-committee did for the statement that they made. I see you all making excuses and passing the buck. That is your subcommittee, you are responsible. You should have been managing them, clearly you were not paying attention to what they were doing. This board, from what I have witnessed tonight, exudes comparable arrogance, you do not have the best interest of the committee at heart, the community at heart, and you should resign. You are not listening, people are talking, and people are putting their hearts and souls into this, and have been for a long time. People that I know in here that have been involved in this for a long time, and you all are looking at your phones while these people are talking. It is rude. You don't care what people have to say in the community and therefore you should not be on this board. That is all that I have to say.

**Makeba Reed** - I wanted to show my video, because I am a black woman, and a very proud black woman. I am here to say that if we unmuted several people, we would see that there are not a lot of black people here. I think it is dangerous to speak on behalf of black people when we haven't even surveyed black people in Bloomington. I personally haven't been going to the market for a long time. Not only because of white supremacist, frankly white supremacy is all over America. I haven't been going to the Farmers' Market personally because I felt like it wasn't the space for me. I get the frustration of fellow individuals that are people of color that may feel some kind of way that white supremacist being at the market. But the honest truth is,

white supremacist is everywhere and I have lived with it my whole life, battling and figuring it out. In these different spaces, these white spaces that I personally am part of. I work at the university, I am extremely involved in the community, and I am an activist. I also have a problem with some people in the community that say they fight for black lives, but often times they neglect black lives. So I am tired of constantly getting this since of individual speaking for black people, when they don't even associate with black people. That is kind of my frustration with this board, I wish you would have all surveyed and reached out to groups, known groups and accessed our input, because then so much could have happened if there had been input. Not only from black people, but from people of color. If people are speaking specifically for black people, I think there should have been more input the community. There are so many different individuals that are not monolithic, there are black voices that are ready to speak because we are all frustrated and tired. My final thought, is I wish you all had reached out to the black community, to the people of color that are living this every day, 365 days that I am black. I wish you all would have reached out to us. And, that statement was a direct attack on our brothers and sisters in Chicago and that should not have been. We know our history started with the genocide of Native Americans, then the enslavement of black people. We don't need to people to tell us that black on black crime is something, that is some bull. That is my frustration, is that statement.

**Alex** - I am white queer man and have lived in Bloomington for a long time. I just want to echo every single thing that has been said by the public. Especially those words of black, indigenous, and people of color. Especially the women of color, who have been taking time out of their days, that could laterally be doing anything else, other than rehashing the same thing over and over again. We can't have an inclusive market when there are people who want to kill people at the market. If this committee, if you are just going to continue to sit on your hands and say we can't do anything about it, then the city needs to get out of running the market and allow a much more competent organization, such as the People's Market to take over. That is all that I've got

**Flavia (sp?)** - Thank you for listening to all the people who have spoken so far. I am an international student, a PHD student at Indiana University Bloomington from India. Way back when I got my offer and I got into IU, one of the first things someone told me, was Indiana are you sure? That is the state where elected officials once belonged to the KKK. I was like really, so I read up a little bit on Indiana history. When I came here, people directed me to the Farmers; Market, because I do like to buying local, and believe very strongly in supporting independent farmers and vendors. When I did, I was surprised but disappointed that it felt very white, it did not seem welcoming to students. It did not feel like it was an inclusive space at all. I have been here for four years now, so when you hear that some student group invited a white pseudoscientist who tries to use IQ and racial science to justify his research. You are not surprised. Not surprised there are white supremacy on campus, not surprised when racist comments are sprayed on doors and the buildings of apartments that are studies for minority communities. Not surprised when racism happens on campus. When we heard about Schooner Creek Farm, none of us were surprised. It just seemed like a natural extension of what Indiana's

history has been, and what it feel like to be a minority, a person of color in the United States. I just want to point to the fact that when you guys say diversity and inclusion and when you are carrying all of this history along beside you, because you can never divorce yourself from that history, neither can I am not trying to excuse what it means to be in Indiana now. I think invariably what you see when you say diversity is we see 50 shades of white, we are seeing people who are going to extraordinary lengths to accommodate what other white people feel and think. And want to be centered, while ignoring how people of color, particularly people of the black community that have been saying for a long time, which is that they don't feel like they belong. So all that I want to say is that I haven't been to the Farmers Market in years, until I turned up for a couple of protests, and I don't think it is going to change. You need to understand you are walking along side history and none of you will ever be able to be divorced from that and you will need to be operating with knowledge of that history. It is really important that you not only have more black members of your community represented in your various committees. You should actually be disbanding the market because of the damage that has been done, and I don't think you will be able to undo this damage for years. If people had been saying this about Indiana five years ago, when I came here, I don't what they would be saying about it now. So yes, support the People's Market, disband the market, so you can kick white supremacist out, so you can show us you actually care about who comes to the market, who lives here, who feels safe here, and who feels like they belong here. Thank you.

**Thomas Westguard** - I want to address something that nobody else has addressed. A whole lot of people speaking about principles and justice and doing what is right and I agree with them. I just want to make a different point, and that is the exercise of political power. It is plain to me that the city of Bloomington has decided to go down a path of exercising political power. In spite of justice, in spite of what is right. You thought you were facing a bunch of disorganized fools who are going to go away. Now a year later what you are looking at is a highly organized group of hundreds of people who are incredibly angry with you. In terms of political power this is what losing looks like. You are failing miserably to get rid of the problem that we have asked you very nicely to get rid of. I understand that in politics you have to make compromises to let something's go, to save it for what is important. You are reaching a point where you have spent all of your pennies and now you are burning all of your credit. What are you saving it for, if it is not this? If you want people to support candidates you think are good, you are burning that, if you want people to support policies you think are good, you are burning that. You are losing and you are losing a lot more than the Farmers' Market. I don't know, make your choices accordingly, we are fired up, hundreds strong. Live with it. That is all I have.

**Kel** - I just wanted to point out a few things about the overall process of what is happening right now. It was overall ½ hour into meeting before any visibly not white person was allowed to speak. That was a combination of the competition of this council as well as the destruction and restrictions imposed by like Robert's rituals of order, which inherently racist and silence the public. I really encourage you to do some research on that, and really reconsider how you

structure these meetings. We saw the same thing at the County Council meeting, there was a huge response many people of color showed up. Black folks specifically, black women specifically, said beautiful eloquent thing. They did not speak to anything anyone said they made their own decision that they clearly had planned to do. The next meeting when there was a follow up you saw far fewer people from the public overall and almost no people of color remaining. So I want you to pay attention to that, you have this huge response, people who are doing so much emotional labor for you right now. And see who shows up next time after being told we need to be, I'm a white person so this isn't even affecting me near as much as it's going to be affecting others folks, but being told to be unemotional, cerebral, I know I am echoing things that other people have said. You all need to do some work on your own internalized white supremacy. I would highly recommend and encourage you to check out Black Lives Matter resource list and start working through that, and particularly to look at the book *Me and White Supremacy*. Really take very seriously the prompts in that. I also want to say, that when you say something like, I've got to be careful about what I am saying, about topics like racism. I think that is an internal cue to check what you are about to say. See what is actually coming up for you, because it sounds like a lot like I am not a racist but. So I think that is something to check in ourselves. I am including myself in this, as I start to notice this. I also wanted to echo what people have said about the police response to the market and things that have happened there. We had people like Three Percenters there armed to the teeth threatening people who were protesting. Not one of them was arrested, in fact they were protected by police who then arrested the protester. So really needing to draw attention to that and the fact that the Mayor's response to that, to this whole issue was that we needed to increase surveillance, we need to increase police. What we are seeing now is that he is in creditably out of touch. He needs to resign, and be replaced immediately as well as anyone else who has been part of the forming the terrible thing that was issued. I also wanted to say that the Sherriff bringing in, that he wanted to hire more police in the mist of what is happening internationally. This outcry against police brutality against people of color, and black people specifically, also shows the Sherriff is out of touch and the Sheriff needs to resign as well. Until these things happen, clearly no progress is going to be made. As so many people have said the city needs to relinquish this market, people who are listening support the People's Market. That is a wonderful alternative. And to any of you who are out there on the Council, I see this is recorded. I know that means you have a transcript of the comments after this. Read the comments, every word of them. So many people have spoken to you and given you amazing resources. Thank you.

**T. Coleman** - I would prefer that Black Lives Matter B-town get to speak again before I do, please. And if you would come back to me, I will use the raise hand function again.

**Andrew facilitator** – We currently are going with the rules that each member is given two minutes to speak. Are you forgoing your time for Black Lives Matter?

**T. Coleman** – Sure.

**Andre facilitator** – Okay, I think we can accommodate that.

**Jada B for Black Lives Matter** - Thank you to T. Colman, I really appreciate that. I want to stress that everything you have heard today Black Lives Matter told you a year ago. A year ago, we sat down with this council and had these face to face conversations. With you, with vendors, with vendors of color, No Space for Hate was there, Abbie Ang was there. We told you what to do a year ago, and how you can improve the market. All of the things that are happening now, including this debacle with this statement, are a direct result of you not listening to the voices of black people and the people of color. And you are continuing to show that arrogance and ignorance today. And so please remember that when this gets worse, when apparently it is going to. Because I doubt you are going to listen, yet again. And more and more people continue to leave the city market, and your vendors are left without being able to make a living themselves. Please realize, that it is because you did not listen to black people and people of color. Willful ignorance as people are stating over and over again. All of you should resign, disband the city market and encourage everybody to join the People's Market. We have actively been doing food justice, and racial justice in connection, since our inception. Just recently we were able to give dozens of bags of food to people in need, and we prioritized black people in need, right now during COVID. You all spent one hundred-thousand dollars on security for racist, for white supremacist this year. How much good could that have been done in our community. How much could we have helped in our community and in particular black and brown people during the time of COVID-19? And I urge all of you to look at the diversity make up, quote unquote, of this committee here. And realize that you created this problem. You created this problem, your Broadening Inclusion Board was filled with tokenizing people and then you let them spin in the wind. For your lack of ally ship with them. So help make a statement, you're disavowing and removing yourself away from the statement to allow one black person to take the fall for everything. That is not on him that is on you. This is the world you created.

**Lesamarie Hacker** - My first question directed to Marcia. Why did you not get back to me, and others concerning the images, screen shots, the words of harassment from Amanda Sheridan, towards a person of color and persons of color organization, and she mocked her own members of the Broadening Inclusion Board, I sent you. Can you please explain why you didn't get back to me on that? Second question before you shut me down. The Inclusion meeting that was on January 18. Was stated that the public safety inclusion member asked, who determines what public safety is? How do we have public safety when there is no safety for the public of Bloomington when there are Nazis in the market? Is Marcia available to answer. Is Marcia available to answer?

**Andrew – facilitator** - We are just taking public comments at this time.

**Lesamarie Hacker** - Okay, maybe she can think on that and eventually get back to me.

**Jennifer Crossley** - I am a black woman, in case you didn't know who I am. And it is clear that you need to listen to more black women in this community. I would like to say first and foremost, after everything that has been happening over the past several weeks, leading up to the protest and the march that was that Friday. Doing the work and organizing everything, and to see so much beauty, and such pain and disgust that we have been feeling for so long. And to come home to read that asinine and tone death statement that you all put together, was completely terrible and off putting. Let me tell you something, I am from Gary, Indiana, my brother was shot and killed in Chicago. So I take offence to that statement. Yes, I know my brother's life mattered, but that is not the point right now. The point is, we are out here dying in these streets, and this is the statement that you all want to say. That was uncalled for and not cool. Secondly, the market like my sister Makeba also said, really hasn't been very inclusive to some of us black folk in this community, to be quite honest. And it definitely isn't inclusive now that we have Nazis in our Farmers' Market that have been outed. Myself personally and my family, I am not subjecting my family to any of that. I don't care what organization I have to go for, I am not going, period. And right now what we are seeing right now, everything that is happening is a movement, not a moment. It is a movement, not a moment. Because people are tired of what is happening and what is going on. So what you all you people on this Inclusion Board that haven't resigned, need to look at yourselves and say are you wanting to be on the right side or the wrong side of the movement. If you choose the wrong side get out of the way, because we have work to do. So whether or not you want to be for or against it, that is on you all. But at this point we need to keep moving, and this is a fight that is bigger than this. So I would suggest to do the work, listen to black people, listen to black women, and go ahead and do the right thing. Thank you.

**Chloe** - This is my first time speaking at a public government meeting, and I am calling in because I am a Jewish queer Mexican woman. Who is not native to Indiana I came here, this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year here. When I came, I recognized the Farmers Market, as not a super diverse place to be and that is to say the least. When I learned of the presence of the Nazis, of the Schooner Creek Farm, I became enraged and scared. But I was still hopeful, this was Bloomington, Indiana. When I came here from the west coast, I did my research, and I found out where I could be safe if I went to Indiana. And Bloomington as a queer Mexican woman, who is interested in the idea of having access to an abortion. Bloomington seemed like a nice sort of relative mecca within the whitewash of Indiana. But the way that you all have handled the Schooner Creek presence at the farm. The way the City has handled the Schooner Creek Farm at the Farmers Market is detestable, it is unacceptable. I stopped going. So I got to interact with the concept of what it means to boycott something. At the end of the day, if you look up what the verb of boycotting means, it means to withdraw from commercial or social relations with a country, organization, or person as punishment or protests. Now when I thought about my relationship to that word, and whether I was truly boycotting the Farmers' Market? What I realized was that no, as a person of color, I didn't even have the option to boycott the Farmers Market. Because it wasn't me trying to punish the market, and it wasn't a protest against the market. It was literally an action caused by the market because I no longer felt safe there. Nor did I feel that the people that were important to me, my friends and family were safe. So I second the



call for you all to resign, to relinquish control of the market, not to the city since the city has clearly shown they are incapable. We need to uplift black indigenous voices. The voices of people of color, we should be running the market. Black individuals should be running the show. Indigenous individuals should be running the show. If you're not moved by empathy, or willingness to evaluate your own privilege, then and act on that revised perspective, then maybe realize that your failure to update your approach with antiracist principles will be death of this town. Because that is not the direction of growth, antiracism is. Thank you.

**Elm Hill** - I am a citizen of Bloomington, and also speaking as a Parks Department employee. I work with Kid City, and I want to state as a citizen and as a Parks employee, that I state that I believe the Farmers' Market Inclusion group should be disbanded. And that the Farmers Market itself should be disbanded, and that we should transfer that function over to the Peoples Market, and Elmo Cotto. I got into my government job, because I want to contribute to our community. I am really disappointed. I have only been working in parks a couple of weeks and it's not functioning as far as I can see. I just want to state my disappointment and to use my position to effect change and act to antiracism. Thank you.

**Lisa Thomason** - I have been paying attention to the chat. Listening to everybody's voices. And I just want to add my voice as well. There has been nothing that has made me to want to leave this town, this town that has been my home for so long, the town I came to be an undergraduate, I got all of my degrees here, I left and came back because it is such a fabulous place. Nothing has made me want to leaves as much as what has happened here. Continuing to have white supremacy at the Farmers' Market. I can't bring my students there. I teach classes where I take my students out into the community. I teach a lot of people of color, and I want them to feel this is a place where they can grow, and feel welcomed in the community. As they make IU their home, or their temporary home, and I can't do that now. I haven't been back to the market, and I won't go back to the market. I have to say nothing has disappointed me about this city that I have loved as what has happened with this debouch. We are talking about folks who have been validly a racist white supremacy, involved in violent acts. At a time when there are rising antisemitism and violence against people of color. It's a continuing problem that I would like to see us make changes. I just want to express my extreme disappointment, and let you know how disheartening this is. I really think we can do better, I know we can do better. Thank you.

**Selena Drake** - I am one of the organizers of the "Enough is Enough" protest that occurred on June 5th against police brutality. My main concern is the white supremacy that the Farmers' Market is protecting. I understand they are using their first amendment rights, however I want this to be known that there is approximately between three thousand and seven thousand people in our community that organize against white supremacy and we aren't here to stop, and we will continue until the white supremacy is gone, and we will use our first amendment right to do that. Thank you.

**Lauren McAlister** - Lucky for me I know most of you personally. Marcia, Janice, Lilly, Paula all of you know be because I am one of the few black farmers at the Farmers' Market. Why, why am I one of the few? Why am I not able to sell? Because years ago, not months, not weeks, years ago the farmers market board member was made aware that Nazis were selling at the market. That board member did not inform anyone else, that board member did not make any moves to protect my rights, to show up this vendor. How can I as a black vendor, we have talked a lot about consumers, we have talked a lot about the existing members, when you close your eyes and think about the existing members, those are white males over fifty-five. Those are not woman of color, those are not black people. When we consider how this organization, how this Broadening Inclusion Group was performing that still not the black vendor conversation. 99% of the land in Indiana is inherited. There is zero action being made by the city to include vendors of color. So we need to roll back a little bit and get started at the beginning of the conversation, which is the point system. The point system is inheritably racist. It supports white supremacy by saying, whoever has been here the longest will get the soul of the land. The white vendor over sixty-five who pass it down to their children, who continue in delegatory ways keep me from vend my own land and bring food to my people in this community. Those are not separate issues, those one in the same. Such as the fear this board clearly has of white supremacy, all of you must be terrified of what Sarah Dye can do, otherwise you would have already listened years ago, you would have walked across the hallway and asked someone in the city building for help, you would not have remained impudent your fear and accountability to this community. I am not done you can wait. What I am saying to you, Marcia, Lynn, exeterlane, Rebecca, snowball, Paula is that we have come to a hard stop, you do not encourage black vendors, and you do not encourage black consumers so why would this community support your efforts to continue white supremacy. From all angles from all sides, 360 this group of white woman work together a council of carrion, to make sure that I as I as a black farmer am not protected, I could not be protected, and cannot move forward in my efforts to grow food, for my community. Thank you for waiting, but maybe next time write down what I said instead of looking at your phones. Why don't you write down what a black vendor is saying to you so you can refer to it again at your next meeting, when I don't have time when I have to go back to work because I am doing all of this while I am still working. Don't forget that part, I am working right now for free because years ago Marcia was impudent in her role, Paula was negligent in her role that is why I am here. Please catch up.

**Josie** - I go to IU and I would just like to say that I am very disappointed in all of this. This doesn't make any since, listen to black people the first time. B-town say they had a meeting with you over a year ago, and to hear the last speaker (I did not catch the name) to say she came to you years ago, this does not make any since. And your basic statements are completely awful, awful there is no reason for that, no reason why that was stated. You cannot care about black lives in Chicago, New York you cannot care about black lives in any city if you are doing the things you are doing right now. You are protecting white supremacy. The fact that you say you care so much about black lives you don't that is a lie. A lie to the public, if you are not going to

be here for everyone in your city, leave. You are here to serve the public not protect white supremacy, Nazi racist, that is not your job. So you need to privatize this market go to the peoples market, all you need to resign if you are not here for us. We are not letting up, like everyone else has said on here, this is not the end of it. We are going to keep going, we are going to boycott, whatever it is to disband this.

**Vauhxx Booker** -Thank you to all the commission members for being here today. I assume you have the best intentions in serving your community. My mother would have told me as a boy the path to hell is paved with good intentions at times, and this has certainly become a hellish situation. I am tired, I can't imagine how these amazing black woman and woman of color feel, who day in and day out have served their community, not only lift their voice for justice, but you will also notice they are the same woman that stood up to lift up the community during the pandemic. Whether it was organizing mutual aid networks, or whatever fashion they proved they cared about our community. We are way past the point of disbanding this group, of course we should disband this subcommittee. It is the only reaction you can have to a statement like this. The question of how we begotten to this statement is, someone mentioned you basically tokenized people of color, basically cherry picking individuals who had the same view point as you did. Kind of a way to black face by proxy, it is just unacceptable. Black people should not have to go meeting after meeting and civilly ask you to respect their lives, their safety and their interests. This group does not seem to understand there is a vast difference between the statements all are welcomed here, to this space was intentionally designed for you. We want designed spaces in our community that are intentionally created for everyone. Where black people, people of color, queer people aren't after thoughts, that they are part of the process. We have seen that happen with the People's Market and Elmo Cotto and a wealth of dedicated people that any other community would be immensely proud to have. We have that in Bloomington, we have activist that open up to the bone (?) please respect them. I want to make sure I amplify these amazing woman color, hear them. They should not have to try to be so evil, when they are asking for their lives and their safety to be respected. Thank you.

Calling the Motions:

Motion to suspend is voted on first- Cortland Carrington, Melanie McQuinn, Suzanne Mann in support of suspend – those opposed to suspend: Janice Lilly, Mara Rosenbarger, Lynn Schwartzberg, Rebecca Vadas, Michael Gleeson, Whitney Schlegel

Motion to dissolve- Janice Lily, Lynn Schwartzberg, Cortland Carrington, Mara Rosenbarger, Rebecca Vadas, Suzanne Mann in support of dissolving – those opposed to dissolving: Melanie McQuinn- two abstain due to technical issues: Whitney Schlegel, Michael Gleeson

The motion to dissolve the Broadening Inclusion Group passed by a vote of 6-1-2.

Cortland opened the public comment for those who want to speak on something not listed on the agenda.

**Jada with Black Lives Matter B-Town** - So now you have done the only decent thing that you could do. Which is disband the so called Broadening Inclusion, but you now need to go further. You now need to spend the time and do the work on educating yourselves on antiracism. Which would either include removing the white supremacist from the market, or all of you should resign. It seems like you are incapable of stewarding this community in the way it needs to be stewarded. So perhaps you should resign and allow for room for people who know better, and can do better? Remove Schooner Creek Farm or resign. That is what is up. It is time for the disbanding of the city market if you are not capable of doing either one of those things. So it's time for that. That is what is up. Disband the city market, resign yourselves, or remove Schooner Creek Farms. How can we proceed to create a space that is inclusive for everyone if you continue to allow Nazis our market space? It is past time. It's past time. I also want to say as part of the Broadview neighborhood, you still haven't gotten together your traffic for your pickup. You have disrupted an entire neighborhood several times during the process of your pick up. That means people who are emergency workers can't get to where they are supposed to be. That is as much of a public health crisis as have Nazis in your market.

**Nathan Mestler** - I will be very brief. I would challenge any member of this council who is not willing to resign immediately, to take the remainder of my time and speak and explain exactly why after hearing dozens if not scores of comments calling for the resignation or disbanding of the City's Farmers' Market and not a single voice otherwise. I yield the rest of my time to anyone.

**Thomas Westguard** -The thing that is not on the agenda today, is the disbanding of the Market. You heard from how many dozens of people, as well as hundreds of comments on Facebook, telling you the market needs to be disbanded. You've seen the drop of in attendance that happened long before the pandemic. You have seen the skyrocketing cost. Lynn why are you shaking your head? Doesn't seem like you are paying attention, which is kind of the whole point, isn't it. The market needs to be disbanded, you are failing. You are failing utterly to handle this situation. Everything you are doing looks terrible because there is only one right thing to do and that is to disband the market. Everything you do that is not that, is a failure. This is why you keep ramming your face against the wall, everything hurts because you are not doing the only thing that is right. You can keep it up, and keep looking that much worse every day. There is a part of me that enjoys the fight honestly, but I would prefer to see government run well. That is all I have to say.

**Rob Stone** - I just want to amplify everything that we heard earlier. Just to say, this is a historic moment and you will all be judged. I am here witnessing it, and I absolutely agree with what Jada said. This has got to end, there is only one way that we can deal with this. We have to eject the white supremacies from the market. They are part of an evil organization, they have been actively recruiting. They have had the leader of their group at the market, they used our market

to transition to Identitarian. We have become a fulcrum point for white supremacy action, because of the inaction of the people who are gate keeping and controlling this market, and dismissing the people who have done all of this labor to tell you what is going on. The bottom line is, this has to end, and it is not, not going to end. Because this is the struggle between good and evil, it is the struggle of our time. It is so much bigger than the social space of Saturday morning. Why can the social space of Saturday morning be doing the right thing. Thank you.

**Osha** - Do the homework, at home in the privacy, outside of this council. Disband the market, remove Schooner Creek Farm or resign. Do the homework, disband the market, remove Schooner Creek Farm or resign. That is all.

**Kel** - My first two points are going to echo what you just heard. I think repetition is actually good in this case, where you need to remove the white supremacist or relinquish the market immediately. That is a bare standard of what would be acceptable. You also need to clearly educate yourselves more about white supremacy and internalized ways you are perpetuating it. I would actually encourage you to take a step beyond that, we are seeing this in other places and organizations, we are seeing white people actually step back from positions of power, relinquishing that power and demanding people of color, and ideally specifically black people take their positions. When we are looking out at an all-white membership, at least in terms of who has shown up here that clearly needs to happen with some of you. I highly encourage you to do some internal reflection, why you feel it needs to be you who holds your position, and why you couldn't step back and make space for a person of color to be in that position. You need to review your protocol, you need to reconsider this. I can't imagine that some of you haven't wanted to respond to what we have said. People have asked you direct questions, multiple times and the rules that you are following are preventing you from making this an authentic dialogue, and actually giving people, and giving yourselves a way to respond to that. You need to reconsider that. I again want to reiterate, there needs to be a call for the Mayor and the Sheriff to resign, given how out of touch they have shown themselves to be. Particularly at this moment, and it needs to go a step beyond that. We seeing so many cities across the country right now dismantling their entire police department. Why are we not hearing that on the table in Bloomington? Look at the police budget and look at all of the good that could be done with that. Why there is no conversation about that, and along those lines County Council after those meetings some of us has dredged through has finally said they are going to have a public meeting where they invite public input on reforming the justice system. Now, I think we need to go a lot farther than reforming, I think we do need to dismantle it. I've asked them to reach out to you all, and ask you to join them in that meeting, because I am tired of going to these things and hearing you don't have the power to do certain things. It's okay to ask the public whether its City Council purview, the Parks purview, the County Council purview, you all need to get together and provide a space where you are going to have an authentic dialogue with the public, dismantle the police department, have the Mayor, and the Sheriff resign, and every one of you consider stepping back and let people of color take your space. Thank you.

**Makeba** - I wanted to circle back on the statement that was issued, and I know that again black voices are not monolithic, so I hear my sisters, and I hear our cries. I would call you all accomplices, I wouldn't call you allies, and I would call you accomplices. I am just curious if Will plans on saying something, not saying that an apology is necessary but it caused a lot of damage. I am just curious who made that statement that was posted on public records for years and years to come. I am very concerned that an individual hasn't said anything about that, or haven't even heard from an individual at this moment. I am just super confused as far as why that statement was said and it is still very hurtful. I am aware there are some individuals, some black voices that are speaking up as far as educating city officials and city groups. Such as Beverly, Toya, Doris Sims, that are in these different spaces, I am not saying they need to reach out to us to make sure statements are correct, but why wouldn't you go to the black voices in the City before releasing a statement. I am really concerned that those individuals that are in those spaces that could give input haven't really been reached out to at all. That is really concerning me. If they are there, they are there for a reason. There again black voices are not monolithic, but we are in different spaces, and I think it is important to listen to those inputs and those voices. Continuously having additional way of looking at material before it is released. But then again, this actually reveals more of an issue. So I am actually kind of happy that this statement was stated because it reveals an issue that as people were saying that people do need to be educated beyond what an inclusion group is. I'm just curious, I don't know if that individual wants to speak up and say something or not. I am just curious if they would speak up and let us know what this was coming from, as this was utterly nonsense.

**Flavia (sp?)** I am very glad to see a lot of people made the right decision to disband the Broadening Inclusion group. The fact that it happened so quickly, so promptly great, but it also makes me wonder why you are able to recognize that something was grievously wrong in what was put out on a public forum, and you could immediately take steps to address it, where as I am wondering why that Schooner Creek Farm continues to be able to peddle their wears in the market. This to me is really telling that a lot of people have continued to point you to resources to educate yourself. Because I cannot imagine why you would continue to stand in the position that you guys are still standing in, and not feel like you actually are losing something. When you become the face of the Schooner Creek Farmers defenses, your become the face of the Nazis. It is costing you publicly, and I don't understand why you don't even just as a group of public relations why you don't disband the market and give us a statement that tells Bloomington that you would rather lose the market rather than see the government occupied by Nazis. That to me is really the heart of this. If that is what is really important to you, you need to know what is at stake. That being every one of you, being a white army of women are basically defending neo-Nazi rights at the market. We were hoping and expecting way more from you. (This comment was very garbled and some parts could not be understood)

**Anne** - If there is one thing that has become evident today from all of this discussion, it's that the Farmers' Market Board knowingly and willingly endangered the lives of black and brown folks in Bloomington, Indiana. Over the past year, you have allowed Three Percent militia who were armed to come into the market. Now unfortunately, Three Percent militia groups have been surveilling Black Lives Matter protests, in both Bloomington and Bedford over the past week. They are going to the protest armed, and they are going to these protests to make public demonstrations of their domination over the space. So what's become clear, is that not only have you enabled white supremacist under your watch, under your tenure. White supremacist influence is spreading, and the groups have gained more control over this area. Last year on August 1<sup>st</sup> a member of First Watch, an antiracist research group contacted the Bloomington Indiana City Government to have a meeting with Mayor Hamilton. Emily Gorcenski, who is a prominent researcher in white supremacy organizations, had a phone call with Mayor Hamilton in which she detailed parts of the case of Nolan Brewer which she had been studying from court records. At that time, Ms. Gorcenski made it obvious and plain that the presence of Schooner Creek Farms could potentially trigger another Charlotte's like event in Bloomington. Your continued approval and allowance of Schooner Creek Farms at the market, could potentially endanger the lives of people and trigger another such like event in our community. I request, seconding the request of Kal and Rob, that you relinquish your power on this committee that you resign, that you disband the Farmers' Market, that you relinquish your power allowing black and native individuals instead, who are clearly more ready for these jobs, more ready to take on white supremacy than you have been. Thank you, I yield my time.

**Renee Miller** - Since the beginning of this, about three years ago, we have been trying to tell you that there are white supremacist in this market, and nobody has listened. And here we are today, some three years later. I think it is glaringly apparent, that it's time for you folks to all resign right now. Right now, maybe at the very next meeting after you all talk to your loved ones, but that's it. We are coming for you. We are coming for you now. There were only a couple hundred that were able to be here tonight, but there are a couple thousand coming for you. It is time to turn this market over to the people, the City needs to get out of it. And while we are waiting for all of that to happen, more black people, capital B, are going to die. And what I don't think any of you understand, is that is going happen and you haven't done any homework about it yet. You have made that glaring apparent, everybody sent you all kinds of information and material, and nobody picked it up and nobody read it. Shame on all of you, resign now. I am going to ask for silence for the last bit of the two minutes in honor of black lives that have been lost today.

**Casey** - I just want to reiterate, that this is not just a matter of freedom of speech. It is a matter of life or death for people of color. The fact that some many white people tone police people of color, and call them reactionary is a feature of white supremacy. People are afraid for their lives, do better.

Cortland thanked the committee, parks staff and the community for their passion and comments.

Meeting was adjourned and seconded at 7:45pm.