

**Bloomington Community Farmers' Market  
Advisory Council Minutes  
October 17, 2022**

**FMAC Members Attending:** Cortland Carrington (Chair), Tracy Bruce, Mike Gleeson, Karen Saint Rain (virtual), Lynn Schwartzberg, Rebecca Vadas, Macaulay Ward

**FMAC Members Absent:** Kip Schlegel, Phrueksaphong Visuthduangdusdee ("Chang")

**Parks Staff in Attendance:** Clarence Boone

**Members of the Public:** Jessica Brown and Michael Kuzemka

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Cortland Carrington Also, a council photo was taken prior to the start of the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

September minutes were reviewed and accepted.

**1. New Business**

- Monroe County Health Department Presentations by **Jessica Brown** and **Michael Kuzemka**
  - **Jessica** reported on a new licensure requirements for farmers who sell potentially hazardous foods. This also includes FBA. A revised licensure fee payment will allow them to vend at 3 markets.
  - She also offered guidance on wholesale vs. resale vendors.
  - Brief questions regarding mushroom vendor rules were discussed.
  - Home-based vendor regulations and guidance regarding food handler certificates were previously sent to those respective vendors
  - Online platform vendor sales were addressed.
  - Different scenarios for handling compliance and info on Serve-Safe courses were shared. She remains available for further comment at 812-349-2837.
  - **Michael** was introduced. He is an Environmental Food Specialist.
  
- Presentation by **Rashad Nelms**, *Strategic Advisor, United Nations World Food Program*
  - **Rashad** shared his 18-years' experience with the World Food Program. The issues he addressed centered upon insuring that individuals consume healthy foods. Strategies were discussed to attract young adults to make wise choices. Questions touched

upon how to successfully introduce healthy food to our customers.

➤ **October Farmers' Market Review**

- October Farmers' Market Review
  - October Customer Attendance 9,768 (avg. 1,954)
  - October Vendor Attendance 220 (avg. 44)
- A few thoughts were shared on recruiting vendors, distribution of the survey, 2023 Farmers' Market Handbook, and a hosting a space reservation meeting.
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➤ 2022 Board & Commission Appreciation Event

- A link of slide show has been sent to each FMAC member

**2. Adjournment:** Seeing no more comments from the council or public, a call was made and accepted for adjournment at 7:03 p.m.