

**CITY OF DEXTER
FARMERS MARKET AND COMMUNITY GARDEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Farmers Market and Community Garden Oversight Commission was called to order at 5:32 pm at the City Offices, 8123 Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carol Jones, Jeff Peters, Quaila Pant, Martin Ruhlig, and Mary-Ellen Miller

Absent: Mark Olexa, Julie Knight

Other Present: Brenda Tuscano, Farmers Market Manager; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Motion by Jones, Seconded by Miller to approve the minutes from November 17, 2015.
Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Jones, Seconded by Pant to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

COMMUNITY GARDEN BUSINESS

None

VENDOR REPORT

Martin Ruhlig reported that it is cold out and the ground has frozen. Jeff Peters reported that it is approximately six weeks until seeding season.

STAFF REPORT

Brenda Tuscano reported that she was going to investigate including more advertisements in the Sun Times. Justin Breyer reported that the Farmers Market received a \$3,000 budget for this Fiscal Year, which ends in June. He also reported that staff received some negative feedback from Council and DDA regarding painting the Farmers Market signage. This issue is going to be discussed at the Council organizational matters meeting at the end of the month.

NEW BUSINESS

None

A. DISCUSSION OF : FARMERS MARKET APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

Justin Breyer provided an overview of the changes to the policy from the previous year. These changes included incorporating a vendor behavior subsection and a list of Market Manager duties.

Motion by Miller, Seconded by Ruhlig to approve the 2016 Farmers Market Application and Guidelines.

Motion Adopted

The Committee discussed vendor fees and the appropriateness of increasing the coming year's fees. No Committee members expressed an objection to increasing the fees by \$10 or \$20. The Committee discussed the benefits that vendors have at the Dexter Market over other markets, and Brenda Tuscano presented a chart of other markets' fees.

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Develop a Mission Statement

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Move Jones, support Olexa to adjourn at 6:10 pm

Motion Carried