

Portland Farmers' Market Association

Meeting with Ann Freeman, City Attorney

April 24, 2012

Attendance:

Ann Freeman, Attorney for City of Portland
(2 other City employees, names unknown at this time)
Daniel Price, Freedom Farm
Hanne Tierny, Cornerstone & FailBetter Farms
Jaime Berhanu, Lalibela Farm

1. Discussion of proposed license agreement changes between the City of Portland and the Portland Farmers' Market Association. This change would allow the City to license the PFMA and eliminate the need for the City Clerk's office to issue individual licenses to farmers. It would also allow the market to make decisions for itself actively.
 - a. Discussion of development of a longer term license (5 year). Daniel asked if the license could be "rolling" so that the market would always have a 5 year commitment from the City for the use of the market locations.
 - b. License fee will be \$100 per vendor due each March 31 and collected as a lump payment from the PFMA. (Winter market vendors will be counted from that past/current season)
 - c. Ann will work on taking City Rules & Regs out of the License language.
 - d. All market complaints will be directed to the PFMA.
2. Ann confirmed that the Wednesday market is allowed to continue in Monument Square throughout the winter
3. Ann will find language to add to the License Agreement for a renewable/rolling license.
4. The process for the new license will be as follows:
 - a. Public Safety Committee with public comment (possibly May 17) likely June 21st at 6:00pm. Ann will present ordinance changes to be made and License Agreement. If approved:
 - b. City Council Meeting: First reading=July 16th (no public comment). Second reading= August (with public comment)
 - c. If approved the agreement becomes effective 10 days later.

Minutes taken by Jaime Berhanu, Lalibela Farm