

Minutes of the Public Safety Health and Human Services Committee Meeting
2/12/13
Portland City Hall

Portland Farmers in attendance:

Hanne Tierney	Mary Ellen Chadd
Daniel Price	Austin Chadd
Carolyn Snell	Jodie Jordan
Jaime Berhanu	arrived late: Jim Beckwith, others?

- The meeting was called to order by council chair Ed Suslovic, who suggested to the council and the public present the Farmer's Market proposed license agreement be moved to be addressed first on the agenda (probably due to the large numbers in attendance for the street artist regulation amendment; there was no prompt from the Association for this change). Councilor Suslovic asked if there was anyone present who objected to this change in the agenda, no one commented, so the agenda was changed.
- Statement from City Clerk in favor of the proposed license agreement was read by the Business Licenser.
- The Business Licenser explained the current process of licensing market vendors done by the City Clerk's office.
- City Attorney explained since the last PSHHS meeting, she had met with farmers both for and against the Association and discovered that the Association was started based on a majority vote at our annual meeting in 2010. The Association has developed its own rules and bylaws by committee, and has submitted a current application for State non-profit status.
- Public Comment Opened:
- Hanne Tierney's Chair of the PFMA Statement, how the Association was formed, how our Rules and Bylaws were formed.
- Mary Ellen Chadd's Secretary Statement how minutes and meetings are posted and announced.
- Public Comment by local artist concerned question: Will the proposed license agreement with the City authorize the farmer's market to prevent artists from selling there?
- Jaime Berhanu's SNAP Statement
- Carolyn Snell's Membership Admission (history and current process) Statement
- Daniel Price's Statement in support of the proposed license agreement/
- Austin Chadd's Statement as farmer of Green Spark Farm on accomplishments of the PFM Association, and current research for a professional third-party market assessment in order to improve and grow the market and plan for the market's future: in favor of the proposed license agreement.
- Colleen Hanlon Smith, Maine Federation of Farmer's Markets, Statement on farmer's market governance systems and successful markets in Maine.
- Councilors asked if State non-profit status had been obtained, and Mary Ellen stood up and displayed documentation of State non-profit status that Daniel Price had received, postmarked February 8th, 2013.

- Councilors discussed that their concerns from last month's meeting had been addressed, and move to vote on the proposed license agreement.
- All councilors voted in favor, the proposed license agreement now passes on to full City Council, meeting date and time TBA.
- Note: The proposed license agreement between the City of Portland and the Portland Farmer's Market Association which will continue to be drafted until the farmers and the City of Portland are content with the agreement.