

May 25, 2021

Coventry Farmers' Market Operating Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Via Zoom video conferencing

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Nelson at 8:03am.

Roll Call:

Erica Pagliuco, Jean Nelson, Anne Marie Charland, Jamie-Lynn Connell, Alexa Gorlick, Katrina Weaver, Eric Trott, Barbara Barry, Janine Coughlin

Absent: Michele Pesce

Adoption of Minutes:

A motion was made by Weaver and seconded by Coughlin to adopt the minutes of May 11, 2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of 2021 Market Season Planning:

Discussions with EHHD - New COVID guidelines – operational adjustments:

The guidance document that was provided by the District was discussed. Mask wearing will be encouraged. Social distancing will not be required. Sampling will be allowed to occur.

One or two pop up tents will be available for the vaccine clinic that will be run by the District.

DPH guidelines indicate that with large events mask wearing should be required. The Market does not have the resources to police this requirement. There is discretion allowed with the enforcement according to the District. Social distancing with the vendor spaces should be done as long as the operation is not adversely affected. COVID guidelines can be reflected upon on a week to week basis. The District can provide guidance on this.

Food trucks can be spaced out to provide more area for line formation. There is no guidance on customer mask wearing after the purchase of food, which relates to customers eating on site without a mask. The District would like to avoid the congregating of customers waiting for a sample at the vendor tents.

The Market will not be doing sampling at the onset of the season. There may be opportunities to do this later in the season. The barn is considered to be an 'indoor' environment. Sampling outdoors under a tent is a reasonable idea to consider.

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Vendor application status:

Guest vendors and bakers are being finalized in the next day or so.

Vendor spacing and field usage was reviewed.

High quality artisans, pet treats, plant/flower, and specialty food vendors would be good to be able to add to the vendor mix.

Opening day preparation and activities:

Brian Hurlburt, DOAG Commissioner, will be available for the ceremony. Seed planting will be happening. EHHD pop up vaccine clinic.

Themes – musical performers during season:

Michele has been contacting musicians to perform at the Market. They will need to bring their own audio equipment this season.

The Holistic Alliance will not be available this season for a Holistic Health Fair since the group has not continued to work together since the pandemic.

Fire prevention day could be planned for October. Fire trucks could be on site as well as applications for street numbering signs. Ray Oliver will be communicated with on this.

Next Meeting:

Tentative June 8 - 8am via Zoom.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29am.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric M. Trott  
Director of Planning and Development