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Nashville Farmers' Market Board Meeting Minutes August 15, 2023 – 9:30am

Announcement - *As information for our audience, if you are not satisfied with a decision made by the Farmers' Market Board today, you may appeal the decision by petitioning for a writ of cert with the Davidson County Chancery or Circuit Court. Your appeal must be filed within 60 days of the date of the entry of the board's decision. To ensure that your appeal is filed in a timely manner, and that all procedural requirements have been met, please be advised that you should contact your own independent legal counsel.*

Public Comments - *Individuals, requesting to address the Board, will be limited to three (3) minutes unless granted more time by the Board Chair. Each person authorized to speak is expected to state her/his name and address and the organization represented if any, and if the speaker reads prepared text, to provide a copy to Board staff.*

I. Opening Announcement – 9:32am

- a. Board Chair Angela Crane – Jones requested an Executive Session for the Board of Commissioners.
- b. Executive Session ended – 10:10am
- c. Motion made by Board Chair Angela Crane – Jones for Vice-Chair Will Radford to take over and conduct the August Board Meeting.
 - i. Second - Scott Moskovitz
 - ii. Opposed - none.

II. Public Comments

- a. Carol Hagen with Tennessee Artisan Honey – She wanted to discuss that the drive gates in the farm sheds are closed during vending hours of 9am - 2pm on the weekends. She feels that customers are not able to drive into the sheds area to load heavy and bulk items. She feels that by having the gates closed it can affect the amount of product that can be sold due to having to carry heavy or multiple items long distances.
- b. Christina Sutton with Candy Creations – She has requested that their business would like to sell popcorn when another popcorn vendor is not selling at the market (i.e. Saturday). She feels that it would benefit the market by allowing Candy Creations sell popcorn on Friday and Sunday.

- c. Stephanie Bystorm with Succulent Vegan Tacos - Stephanie discussed the AC issues not working and wants to know why it is taking so long. Board Member Scott Moskowitz discussed that kitchens are always hot and that the Succulent Vegan stove is extremely hot and gives off lots of heat and could be an issue. Scott mentioned that the AC needs to be addressed and that the market staff is working on the problem.
- d. Ronald Cervas with Succulent Vegan Tacos - Would like to thank Alex and Scott for coming to their space since the last meeting. Ronald wants to ensure that the Board is involved with these ongoing issues. Ronald wants to report that the issue is not corrected and that this has never been an issue in previous years. Ronald has requested a rent credit for the lack of AC during the time period that it has not worked correctly.

III. Approval of July 2023 Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion to approve - Scott Moskowitz
- b. Second - Alex Lorenz
- c. Opposed - none

IV. Jamaicaway Grievance Discussion and Vote

- a. Vice-Chair Will Radford defers to Metro Legal to go over the rules of the grievance process.
- b. Metropolitan Attorney Theresa Costonis explains the grievance process, swearing in, and that each party will be given the opportunity to have an opening statement, question, and answer period from the Board of Commissioners and Metro Legal, and then closing statement.
- c. Metropolitan Attorney Theresa Costonis swears in the owners of Jamaicaway, David and Ouida Bradshaw, to begin the grievance hearing.
- d. Jamaicaway owners David and Ouida Bradshaw make opening statements and enter the question-and-answer session.
- e. Metropolitan Attorney Theresa Costonis swears in Nashville Farmers' Market Executive Director Darrell Lane to begin the grievance hearing.
- f. Nashville Farmers' Market Executive Director Darrell Lane makes opening statement and enters the question-and-answer session.
- g. Jamaicaway owners David and Ouida Bradshaw question Executive Director Darrell Lane about the grievance.
- h. Jamaicaway owners David and Ouida Bradshaw decline the closing statements portion of the hearing.
- i. Nashville Farmers' Market Executive Director Darrell Lane declines the closing statements portion of the hearing.
- j. Board Member Scott Moskowitz makes a motion to postpone any decision until a further date until more counsel can be provided by Metro Legal at a future board meeting.
- k. Motion to approve- Scott Moskowitz
- l. Second-Alex Lorenz
- m. Opposed-none

- n. Metropolitan Attorney Erica Haber explains that further action from the board needs to occur prior to the 75 days from the grievance date. The decision must occur prior to October 1, 2023. The decision will occur during the September board meeting or a special called meeting prior to that date. A public announcement will be made if a special called session occurs.
- o. Board Member Scott Moskowitz recommends to Vice- Chair Will Radford that the remaining agenda items with the exception of a quick facilities and financial update be postponed until a future meeting.

V. Market Staff Reports

- a. Facilities – Charles Kizer & David Hornbeck
 - i. Drainpipe issues have been addressed.
 - ii. The main HVAC systems are now 100%. There are 11 smaller VRF HVAC units that have leaks and are being addressed currently.

VI. FY23 Year End Financial Results – David Griffin

- a. Finance Manager David Griffin presented the FY23 year-end financial reports.

VII. FY24 Budget Presentation – David Griffin

- a. Finance Manager David Griffin presented the FY24 budget information and FY23 Comparisons.

VIII. Final Comments - none

IX. Adjournment – 12:00 pm

- a. Motion to approve-Scott Moskowitz
- b. Second-Alex Lorenz
- c. Opposed-none

Name:	Organization:
Tim McKinney	Clay Daddy
Annette Van Dyck	Intentional Illumination Candle
Christina Sutton	Candy Creations Nashville
Kendred Sides	Candy Creations Nashville
Carol Hagen	Tennessee Artisan Honey
Sam Bosha	Music City Crepes
Anna Fields	Bubble Love
Hyo Gwen Jung	Bowl and Roll
Adriana Orrega	Succulent
Ronald Cerdas	Succulent
Stephanie Bystrom	Succulent
Rhett Miller	Nashville Wood Design
David Bradshaw	Jamaicaway
Ouida Bradshaw	Jamaicaway
Angela Crane-Jones	NFM Board Chair
Will Radford	NFM Board Vice-Chair
Alex Lorenz	NFM Board
Scott Moskovitz	NFM Board
Theresa Costonis	Metro Legal
Erica Haber	Metro Legal
Darrell Lane	NFM Staff
Heather Hoch	NFM Staff
Courtney Cotton	NFM Staff
Yolanda Manning	NFM Staff
Charles Kizer	NFM Staff
David Griffin	NFM Staff