

DURANGO FARMERS MARKET
PO Box 3761 ~ Durango, CO 81302

"It is the mission of the Durango Farmers Market to strengthen community ties to agriculture by providing a venue for regional agricultural producers to sell their products, by preserving open space, by promoting healthy farming practices and by providing educational benefits through hands-on experience. The Durango Farmers Market seeks to improve the quality of life for all community members."

BOD Meeting
(Tuesday, November 14, 2023)
Time PM Via Zoom

Those Present: Morgan Di Santo (President); John Buck (Vice President); Sheila Payne (Treasurer); Victoria Halligan(Secretary); Cassandra Freeman (Member-at-Large); Anna Knowles (Market Manager).

- 1. Meeting called to order by the president at 6:06 pm.**

- 2. Discuss Holiday Market Applications for the 2023 Holiday Market.**
 - a. Previous holiday map allocates 49 vendor spots available inside.

- 3. Review of Agricultural Vendor Applications**
 - a. John moves to accept all Ag and that we revisit the farms in question application separately. Sheila seconds. Motion passes
 - i. The Ag vendors approved are Bountiful Ridge Farm, Destiny Botanicals, Botanical Companions, Fields To Plate, Fresh Start Microgreens, Herb Meadows Farms, Hideaway Honey, Jakes Farm, Hideaway Honey, Kind Hemp Farms, La Plata Lavender, Leafcutter Farms, Lilybee Farms, Los Miramontes Lavender Farm, Peacetree Organix, Rainbow Springs Flower Farm, Turtle Lake Refuge, Vibrant Earth Seeds and Rowers Farm.

- 4. Review of Ready to Eat Vendor Applications**
 - a. The board does not approve Durango Gourmet Popcorn.
 - b. Discuss with Cardinal coffee, Cow Camp Kettle Corn and Subversion if they would use their trailer outside to allow room for more vendors.
 - c. Before approval Heart song chocolate needs to submit their cottage foods license.
 - d. There would be 10 ready to eat vendors inside that do not have trailers and 3 vendors with trailers outside.

- e. Sheila moves to approve all ready to eat food vendors from the 2023 season. Morgan seconds. Motion passes.
 - i. The ready to eat food vendors approved are Cardinal Coffee, Cow Camp Kettle Corn, Earth's Garden, Farm to Summit, Heart Song Chocolate, Love N' Juice, Luv Box LLC Luv Tempeh, Measure With Your Heart LLC, Munch Munch Bakery, Oddbird Bird Baking Co. LLC, Omni Adventures, Subversion, Sunbird, Tortilla La Flor, Wordplay Coffee.

5. Service Vendor Application Review

- a. Victoria moves to not approve Falun Dafa Durango and Four Corners Fencing but Victoria does approve Mountain Medicine Acupuncture. Cassandra seconds. Motion passes.
 - i. The approved service vendors are Mountain Medicine Acupuncture and the Durango Farmers Market Information Booth (community booth on mmm.)

6. Artisan Vendor Application Review

- a. 25 vendors have been approved indoors at this point.
- b. The board would need to approve 42 vendors total to have a cushion for extra booth spaces.
- c. There is currently room to approve 15 artisans. Waitlist 20-25. 32 previous artisan vendors have applied for the holiday market.
 - i. Victoria moves that the board has reviewed all artisan applications and accepted all artisans. However, because of the large volume of applications the board will delegate to the market manager to decide official approval based upon seniority, diversity of products and proper licensing. Morgan seconds. Motion passes.

7. Holiday Market 2025

- a. Discuss this winter how to enhance harvest and holiday markets moving forward. Brainstormed opening applications for two months and they both close at the same time.
- b. Look into finding an indoor space for Harvest market.

8. Executive Session

- a. Victoria moves to go to an executive session. John seconds. Executive session starts at 7:12 pm.
- b. Cassandra moves to end the executive session. John seconds. Executive session ends at 8:20.

- c. Sheila moves to suspend the vendor in question based on section 13 paragraphs a & c for the 2023 holiday and harvest markets. John seconds. Motion passes.

Cassandra motions to end the meeting. Morgan seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:26

On November 17, 2023

The board has moved to alter the motion to suspend the vendor in question. The vendor in question will not be suspended for the holiday and harvest market.

*See 11/17/23 BOD Meeting Minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Victoria Halligan, Secretary.