September 2020 Farmers Market Report

In September, the Farmers Market was able to accomplish a long-term goal of moving weekly booth reservations and payments online. It took several weeks, and plenty of backup support from PCS Team Kelly Schmidt and Maggie Martin, but the new system is operational and vendors are successfully using it. Ongoing tweaks and improvements are expected during the coming months.

Manager Robertson continues to be in conversation with Mayor Foulds about re-opening the market to live music, craft vendors, and public seating as COVID restrictions are lifted. The Mayor okayed increasing craft vendors at this time, with the promise of revisiting the entertainment and seating options soon.

At their September meeting, the Farmers Market Association Board approved offering reduced joining fees for Holiday Vendors (November and December markets) and moving the market indoors at DSRP Event Center during January, February, and the first part of March. Market Manager Robertson will coordinate with the DSRP Event Center Staff on logistics for the temporary move.

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