

Chicago Market Board Meeting

November 6, 2023

Minutes by: Howie Bollinger

Call to Order

With a quorum identified, this meeting was called to order by Matthew Ruffi on November 6, 2023, via Zoom at 7:00pm.

Roll Call

- Board Members in Attendance:
 - Matthew Ruffi (President)
 - Dana McKinney (Vice President)
 - Kate Grimm (Treasurer)
 - Howie Bollinger
 - John Law
 - Malicha Dida
 - Chris Burns
 - Anthony Todd
- Board Members Absent:
 - Grant Kessler
 - Sonia Lewis
- Chicago Market Staff Present
 - Dan Arnett (General Manager)
- Owners/Guests:
 - Karen Naranjo
 - William Lopez
 - Michelle Shutz

Agenda

- Treasurer's report
- GM report
- Officer elections
- Board education
- Owners forum

Order of Business

Meeting Intro

- Matthew Ruffi opened the meeting.
- Owner count: 2351 (+7 from previous meeting).

Topic: Consent Agenda Items

- No consent agenda items in this meeting.

Topic: Treasurer's Report

- Kate Grimm presented the treasurer's report.
- Next steps in a future meeting will be to vote on the budget.
- It was also noted that the parking rental program will continue through the holiday season.

Topic: General Manager Report (Q&A)

- Dan Arnett noted that a new PR firm has been hired.
- Issues with getting a building number from the city were discussed.
- Issues with timing of establishing utilities were discussed.

Topic: Officer elections

- Matthew Ruffi, Kate Grimm, and Dana McKinney volunteered to continue their current positions.
- Howie Bollinger volunteered to serve as secretary.
- John motioned to vote Matthew Ruffi as President, Dana McKinney as Vice President, Kate Grimm as Treasurer, and Howie Bollinger as secretary. Anthony seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 to 0.

Topic: Board education

- Dana McKinney presented on Board education on reporting, monitoring, and policy reflection.
- The need to transition from a working board to a governing board was discussed.
- General manager will provide reports based on governance processes ahead of each board meeting.

Topic: Open Forum

- Kate Grimm recapped some of the successes of this year's Uptown Farmers Market.
- Matthew Ruffi noted that Chicago Market will not facilitate payment transactions for Grow Uptown Garden going forward.

Topic: Owners' Forum

- An owner asked about goals for owner numbers and growth. Matthew Ruffi discussed that while Chicago Market does want to increase growth, it is no longer tied to Chicago Market's goals with the funding that is now in place.

Closing

- Matthew Ruffi moved to adjourn the meeting with no objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.