

Subject: Re: Farmer's Market idea

 **Kate Rosenbarger** - [REDACTED]
to Matt Flaherty, Isabel Piedmont-Smith, Steve Volan

Wed, Jan 8, 4:41 PM

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Thanks Isabel! Abby also reached out to me and I'll chat with her about it. I do think there is value in organizations putting on a speaker series or community conversation about this. We could also look into national organizations that work in educating people about racism and white supremacy. My previous employer did this and it was very productive.

Here is another resolution. It is from Portland, OR:

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/5717058-Anti-Hate-Resolution.html#document/p1>

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 9:38 PM Matt Flaherty [REDACTED] wrote:

Agreed. Abby Ang just got in touch (perhaps with y'all as well) wanting to chat re: a resolution condemning white supremacy/hate groups. I told her I'd love to talk about that and other steps we as a city and/or city council could take. She referenced the recent resolution out of Boise, ID (attached).

Talk more on this soon. Thanks Isabel!

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Matt

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 9:19 PM Isabel Piedmont-Smith [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks for the feedback, Matt. Let's touch base after the Thursday Farmers' Market meeting. Certainly other groups could host such an educational event (NAACP, BLM, etc), but I think it's important the city does it. It's a recognition that white supremacy is on the rise, exists even in sacred Bloomington, and must be confronted.

Isabel

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 5:12 PM Matt Flaherty [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Isabel,

I think this is worthy of consideration. I got the impression from Jim, after he spoke on this topic at a council meeting in the summer or fall, that he might be interested in something as well. I know Resolutions don't have legal teeth as such, but there is still power and importance in words and clearly condemning white supremacy in all its forms. Education and work around the history and current trends in white supremacy and white nationalism would be useful. I skimmed the Bridge Initiative report, which touches on this, though I still need to read it in full.

I guess we'll know a lot more re: what's happening with the market in a few days as well. Would be happy to talk more about this and brainstorm soon.

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Matt

On Sun, Jan 5, 2020 at 5:42 PM Isabel Piedmont-Smith [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello, "progressive caucus!"

I was talking to a friend of mine yesterday about the Farmers Market situation, and she suggested the city take the lead in educating the public about white supremacist movements in the US, their methods for infiltrating communities, and their ties to Bloomington/Monroe County/southern Indiana. This is something we could do as a result of the Farmers Market hubub to just reach out and let people know what is happening on a national level and how what we have seen in the last few years locally ties into that. It would certainly not be an answer to what we should do about the market this year, but it would educate folks that don't realize that white supremacy sneaks into communities, with Bloomington no exception.

What do you think?

Isabel

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