

**EASTERN MARKET COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

MINUTES

Attendance: Mike Bowers (for Bill Glasgow); Chuck Burger, Chair; Steve Hagedorn; Jackie Krieger, Vice Chair; Susan Oursler, Treasurer; and Jerry Sroufe. Monte Edwards, Secretary, Anita Jefferson, and Nikki Dean Brown arrived after the meeting began.

The regular meeting of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC) was held on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., in person in the North Hall and via Zoom. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

Report of the Treasurer

The Chair reported no activity and that Treasurer Susan Oursler was added to EMCAC's bank account.

Report of the Chair

The Chair reported on the following matters.

- New EMCAC Meeting Format: The Executive Committee recommended the new U-shape table configuration in use at the present meeting. Additionally, the Executive Committee also requested that: (1) the maximum time for each committee report be limited to 15 minutes; and (2) all committee reports be submitted at least 24-hours in advance of the meeting in writing, utilizing bullet points and noting motions to be considered.
- Councilmember Charles Allen's Bollard Meeting Update: The Chair identified the issues of developing a review standard and procedure as well as determining responsibility for maintenance, which the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Public Safety will undertake.
- Subcommittee on Communications Formation/Charge: The Chair moved that a Subcommittee on Communications be established with the following charge: (1) develop an annual event schedule; (2) review social media and the website expand its reach; and (3) develop community outreach to foster interest in EMCAC and its activities. The motion was adopted. The Chair noted that Marci Hilt will serve as chair and Steve Hagedorn will serve as vice chair.
- Consultants Advisory on Procedures and Process: The Chair stated that this report was forwarded to the Subcommittee on Operations.

- Subcommittee on Operations Appointments: The Chair moved that the following appointments to the Subcommittee on Operations – Erin Monju, Bobby Clark, Ellen Oppen-Weiner, and Jackie Krieger – be approved. The motion was adopted.

Report of the Tenants Council

Anita Jefferson, Chair of the Tenants Council, presented a written report, which is attached to these minutes.

Report of the Subcommittee on Operations

Susan Oursler, Chair of the Subcommittee on Operations, reported that Barry Margeson, Market Manager, and she discussed the transfer of leases from existing to future lessees and how to amplify the categories of goods sold by vendors.

Report of the Subcommittee on Capital Improvements

Monte Edwards, Chair of the Subcommittee on Capital Improvements, reported that:

- Mr. Margeson and he participated in a conference call with the project manager at the Department of General Services to review the request for proposal (RFP) for the chilled water piping replacement project; and
- modifications were made to the RFP to require: (a) the specification of the manner of water treatment for the piping and associated operating valves and strainers, (b) the schedule of water treatment for a six-year period, and (c) monthly progress meetings with a representative of EMCAC in attendance.

Report of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Public Safety

Sam Pastore, Chair of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Public Safety, reported that:

- following an initial discussion with Mr. Margeson, he and Brian Pate are working to determine levels of importance of the recommendations on public safety and the emergency response plan; and
- he received a summary from Mr. Margeson of the stakeholders meeting with DC Fire and EMS and the District Department of Transportation regarding bollards that the subcommittee will review and recommend additional items.

Jackie Krieger stated that Mr. Margeson and she are meeting weekly to collect useful information by type of emergency from the existing emergency response plan and other sources for eventual distribution as a training guide.

Report of the Market Manager

Mr. Margeson presented a written report of the Market Manager, which is attached to these minutes. He agreed to inquire with DGS budget personnel regarding whether the Eastern Market Enterprise Fund is on the Mayor's list to be changed from a non-lapsing fund to a lapsing fund and add Monday, December 23, 2024, and Monday, December 30, 2024, to Eastern Market's operating schedule for the holiday season.

New Business

Jerry Sroufe informed EMCAC that the Department of Parks and Recreation scheduled a community meeting in the North Hall on Friday, December 12, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. regarding the redevelopment of the Rumsey Aquatic Center.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Monte Edwards, Secretary

Tenants Council Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2024

Attendance:

Present	Name	Role/Position
X	Anita Jefferson	Chair, Arts and Crafts
x	Sola Ope	Outdoor arts and crafts vendor
x	Mike Bowers	South Hall Merchants
x	Sarah Buffaloe	Pottery
	Angie Brunson	Farmer's Line
x	Nicole Brown "Nikki Dean"	Arts and Crafts
	Kem Ramirez	Prepared Foods/Safety Security Committee
x	Barry Margeson	Market Management
	Katrina Cuffey	Market Management

Review of Action Items

1. **Action:** Management to make promotional calendar visually pleasing and distribute to vendors at Art All Night and Hill-o-Ween.
2. **Action:** Mike to reach out to Main Street requesting mailbox the week of the 17th-24th.

Meeting Discussed: June 2024, Sept 2024

Progress: Calendars not distributed at Art All Night, will occur at Hill-o-ween 10/25. Letters to Santa Mailbox requested, received thumbs up from EMMS, added to calendar, will be located at Bowers Cheese.

Discussion: No discussion.

Further Action: Management to send visually pleasing holiday promotional calendar to TC for review by Tuesday 10/22

Promotional calendar received 10/30/2024, **Item Closed 11/20/24**

3. **Action:** Management and AARC to meet to discuss how to balance product diversity.
4. **Action MGMT, AARC:** Now that new vendors are permitted to come sporadically; create a way to make sure there are not several repeat/similar products when accepting new businesses.

Meeting Discussed: July 2024, Sept 2024, Oct 2024

Progress: Discussion regarding a Master Product List that is verified in person by management walking around to each stall, should be the ultimate goal.

Discussion: During EMCAC meeting in October it was suggested the Operations Committee organize a group on volunteers to survey goods being sold at the market over several weekends. This is a good idea, Tenants Council has the following suggestions and considerations

- Volunteers should not be associated with the market or have a vested interest (ex. Current or past vendors, staff, or committee members)
- A list of categories such as a checklist is needed to provide clean data. Master Product List is a good place to start.
- Holiday season is not a representative time to perform this survey, suggest implementing in the spring (March or April)

Action Item: Mgmt team to work on draft to bring to January TC meeting. We will work on a comprehensive list of goods being sold at the market per vendor. This completed list would then go to the operations team who is organizing volunteers to use the list to visit outdoor booths to reconcile list against actual goods being sold in the spring.

5. **Action Item:** Review new applications with AARC to clarify if they still indicate the actual maker/business owner is showing up and not employees, to establish the business by establishing customer relationships.

Meeting Date Discussed: July 2024

Progress Update: Barry and Katrina to discuss policy regarding expectation of maker/applicant's attendance with outdoor businesses. And determine if it was removed from applications.

Discussion: Observation made that vendors that have been at the market 6 months to 2 yrs are not selling at booths, but are having employees work for them. This negatively impacts the customer experience particularly when the worker has no involvement in the process or knowledge of it.

Further Action: Management team and AARC to convene to discuss maker/owner vs hired worker policy for new vendors and update TC at January 2025 meeting

6. **Action Item:** Management to create and maintain best practices playbook for promotional events ahead of the end of the year Marketing and Promotions planning meeting with EMMS.

Meeting Date Discussed: May 2024, July 2024, October 2024

Progress Update: Vendor survey feedback from previous event was distributed by Anita to Mgmt and Market Operations Chair.

Discussion: Mgmt to seek feedback on recent the recent Novemberfest event from vendors. Mgmt Proposal that EMMS is the entity that should create and maintain a best practices playbook. Importance of compiling this document soon discussed in front of Global Pride (March), Marine Corps 250th, US 250th (July 2026) Cherry Blossom. Suggestion that there be a playbook for “smaller” events” verse “larger” events funded by EMMS

Further Action: Management to report back to TC on what best practices were created for the future success of smaller events organized by Eastern Market. TC recommends best practices from the eyes of the businesses at the market, what were their expectations, how did they measure success, what can be changed, discarded from an Eastern Market perspective. EMMS will have different metrics for success. EMMS requested to put together the best practices playbook for larger events EMMS organizing.

7. **Action:** Management agreed to provide weekly updates to Tenants Council and EMCAC regarding the issues with the building.

Meeting Date Discussed: July 2024

Progress Update: None provided

Discussion:

- Stonework – completion date scheduled for 11/30
 - o Final cleaning verification, south door threshold sealant
- Additional signage – a little more work, should be complete 12/02.
- Indoor wayfinding and stall signs.
- HVAC Performance, engineering report of system findings – Management doesn't have the report, has been requested. Hasn't been received
- Compressor room – Will continue working with what is installed, open doors when hot outside
 - o Chiller room has additional insulation to protect pipes this winter, so no pipe bursting expected this year.

- Item closed, no further action needed.
- Elevator installation – Final repairs in progress, scheduled to be complete last week, management requested further updates from contractor
 - Note upcoming clay delivery (1 ton) will be needed in December. Barry to manage the completion date against the need for working elevator by Market businesses.
 - Elevator operational, item closed.
- Process for opening ridge vent – Will be part of Building Management System tie-in of controllers for Air Handling Units. Operation manual forthcoming after replacement of cold-water piping during the winter anticipated to be complete in April 2025.
- Sewer ejection pump status of new electrical panel – Management to request update from DGS contract officer, no update provided.
- Bathrooms –Health and Handicap issue. Secondary soap dispensers are gone and primary dispensers are not working, working soap dispensers and working sinks are not in sync. This is happening frequently and without secondary soap dispensers, customers and workers at food stalls do not always have soap and water at sink to wash hands. Management to put in request for sink to be repaired. There seems to have been a theft for the soap dispensers and refill tubes. TC reports there needs to be on-going focus on full working soap dispensers and working sinks throughout the day, not a snapshot of it's working now.

Action Item: Management to check function and refill frequency of in-counter soap dispensers with housekeeping. What is the expectations for keeping things functional and reporting repairs when not.

Progress Update: Secondary soap dispensers have been re-installed. Maintenance team checking soap every hour during weekend.

Further Action: 3 stalls in women's room out of order this past month, as of today 1 stall is still out of order to replace the toilet bowl (ceramic). Barry to ask about the lifespan of the toilets.

- Dampness under windows – Photos circulated of window condition after major rain events shows potential water intrusion. Management will contact facilities

Further Action: Management to provide updates regarding building improvement work, any effects on outdoor market, weekday market customer flow.

Progress: work order in for inspection of the issue.

8. Action Item: Management to send new policy and procedure documents to TC.

Meeting Date Discussed: October 2024

Progress Update: Policy and Procedures document received by TC 10/30/24. Item closed.

9. Action Item: Management to send draft Christmas tree plan to TC next week.

Meeting Date Discussed: October 2024

Progress Update: No plan has been distributed as of 11/20/24. Request for plan for farmers shed when trees come, and vendor placement and information to displaced vendors prior to tree arrival.

Mgmt plan is that trees will be removed from C street at 4:30 so vendors can load out. Vendors will be able to park their cars behind their space per usual. Elliot will likely be moved to Knopps space, Hunter of H30 plans to stay later due to mild winter.

Further Action: Management to inform vendors impacted of Christmas tree plan prior to 11/30

10. Action Item: Request that Management send a reminder to vendors regarding acceptable volumes at the market. This will be particularly helpful prior to x-mas trees displacement as the issue has resurfaced at the lower end of 7th near C for several vendors.

Meeting Date Discussed: October 2024

Progress Update: Complaints and concerns about individuals playing music at their tents. Importance of sending this reminder now expressed going into the holiday season when displacement for trees, new vendors, and those at Holiday Market who send staff to the market.

Further Action: Request that Management send a reminder to vendors regarding acceptable volumes at the market.

11. Action Item: Management to communicate role and needs of uniformed officers at market to PSD and MPD as applicable.

Meeting Date Discussed: October 2024

Progress Update: Item closed

12. Action Item: Policy for distribution of emails between TC and management will need to be part of a regularly scheduled TC meeting.

Meeting Date Discussed: October 2024

Progress Update: Not discussed.

Further Action: None requested

New Items

Vendor Set-Up Issues

Issue Description

- Continued issues with “creep” outside of published space sizes.
 - o Miriam has talked to Katrina and Barry since Dec 2022 about a repeat offender and is instead getting reprimanded for defensive action
 - o Repeat offenders
 - someone working with Anthony and setting up an artist space next to this space
 - Carpet vendor setting up an A-frame sign outside the allotted 7 feet at 12 feet. No corrective action taken, vendor enjoys 5 extra feet of selling space. Neighbors who are following the rules exasperated.
 - Tea vendor setting up signage outside regularly outside of allotted space.
- With Holidays, tree re assignments, and Jan to early April lower participation, we are entering the season of people not being in spaces they typically are. Now is the time to get a handle on some of the commonly reported issues: load in, parking, load out, setting up in allotted space and volume. TC Requests Mgmt preemptively put out a reminder email. Also explicitly stating it is expected of hired help as well.
- Wood shavings ending up on neighboring businesses
 - o Request for containment system for this vendor
- Issue with some not setting up a tent. Attachment A may still say Broadway needs a tent (this is more of a weekly complaint and not a windy day one. Neighbors request the tent to define for customers which space belongs to which business.
- Issue with people unloading AND setting up taking a long time, this ties up parking spaces for others who come after needing to unload. cars and trucks still there at 9:15am
- With not one but two Holiday markets this year, some businesses are sending workers to Eastern Market. How can management request that these workers be informed of the rules especially around, set up, breakdown, parking, music volume.
 - o This can be particularly problematic when three or so vendors in one section all have hired help unfamiliar with the rules.

Action Item:

Management to enforce space restrictions equally and consistently across all vendors.

Management to request containment system for wood shavings

Management to enforce requirement for use of a tent on Broadway

Management to educate new vendors, those in new locations, or hired help of rules and procedures

Use of the North Hall during Holiday season

Issue Description

- Will the North Hall be available to vendors for inclement weather?

Discussion

- Dec 7th and 14th the North Hall is not available, each Sunday in December it is available and will be open for customers to use unless inclement weather than vendors can use.
- Mgmt to announce which days during week leading to Xmas that vendors can come set up. Put in Market Spread.
- Dec 20th will be a Friday Night Market. TC has requested Mgmt do some advertising and social media hype around this because there are two holiday markets competing for foot traffic, we do not want to get lost in the mix.
- Mgmt to remind outdoor businesses expectation that should never park in the behind the Market. Customers only

Small biz Saturday plans

Issue Description

- Are there any plans to market this?

Discussion

- Eastern Market will promote this on social media and has some printed flyers with the events and vendors.
- Eastern Market Main Street is doing Better Together promotion



Eastern Market Manager's Report to the EMCAC

November 21, 2024

Eastern Market Finances To-Date for FY24:

FY24 Budget and Actuals	1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		FY24	
Income	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals
South Hall Rent	\$ 69,519	\$53,755	\$ 69,519	\$33,545	\$ 69,519	\$131,927	\$ 69,519	\$73,644	\$ 278,076	\$292,871
Exhibitors & Farmers Line	\$ 79,326	\$86,072	\$ 44,461	\$46,130	\$ 95,393	\$97,560	\$ 98,573	\$119,039	\$ 317,752	\$348,802
North Hall	\$ 78,000	\$28,550	\$ 34,000	\$133,375	\$ 58,000	\$61,950	\$ 30,000	\$46,488	\$ 200,000	\$270,363
Application and Event Fees	\$ 162	\$175	\$ 1,342	\$420	\$ 619	\$385	\$ 377	\$280	\$ 2,500	\$1,260
Flea Market	\$ 9,318	\$6,268	\$ 3,106	\$0	\$ 9,150	\$15,530	\$ 9,150	\$9,318	\$ 30,724	\$31,116
ATM	\$ 2,845	\$2,491	\$ 2,422	\$0	\$ 1,556	\$1,153	\$ 2,178	\$1,377	\$ 9,000	\$5,021
Other Revenue		\$22,455		\$7,985		\$5,467		\$5,527		\$25,463
Total Income	\$239,169	\$199,765	\$154,850	\$205,485	\$234,237	\$313,972	\$209,796	\$255,672	\$838,052	\$974,895

	Quarter				Grand Total
	1	2	3	4	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - OTHER	\$ 2,486	\$ 17,707	\$ 6,390	\$ 41,306	\$ 67,889
WASTE MANAGEMENT		\$ 2,933	\$ 2,709	\$ 18,219	\$ 23,862
ELECTRICITY	\$ 12,843	\$ 13,937	\$ 27,041	\$ 44,236	\$ 98,057
GAS	\$ 623	\$ 9,182	\$ 6,400	\$ 210	\$ 16,415
WATER	\$ (881)	\$ 12,657	\$ 17,467	\$ 37,244	\$ 66,487
PERSONNEL	\$ 118,651	\$ 117,095	\$ 118,754	\$ 121,303	\$ 475,803
OCCUPANCY FIXED COSTS				\$ 170,756	\$ 170,756
INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT NON BUDGETARY				\$ 27,870	\$ 27,870
Grand Total	\$ 133,721	\$ 173,512	\$ 178,762	\$ 461,144	\$ 947,139

Water usage in September was higher than usual. We're checking why.
Occupancy Fixed Costs expense of \$170,756 paid for janitorial contract.

Capital Improvements

HVAC

- Moving forward with the next big project: Replacement of cold water piping, controllers, and Air Handler Unit coils;

Internal & External Projects

- Freight lift – Project is complete;
- Bollards – Met with CM Allen, DDOT, MPD;
- Stonework – Almost complete;
- Security system – Getting configured;

- Fire alarm system – Project is complete and passed inspection;

Operations:

Product Mix within the market: Financial practicality of running a purely fresh seafood stand in DC today is questionable.

HVAC System: Heat is on.

Policies and Procedures Report: Was sent out to the EMCAC for review and feedback.

Security Update:

PSD work is going well. They are able to immediately and authoritatively get problem situations under control.

North Hall

Name	Status	Date	Start Time	End Time	Event Actual
Aerobic Fitness	CLOSED	11/1/2024	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	
Wyoming State Society COWPIE	CLOSED	11/1/2024	4:00 PM	1:00 AM	\$3,050.00
Presidential General Election Set-up	CLOSED	11/4/2024	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	
Presidential General Election	CLOSED	11/5/2024	6:00 AM	11:00 PM	
Presidential General Election Tear Down	CLOSED	11/6/2024	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	
Boogie Thursday - November 2024	CLOSED	11/7/2024	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$300.00
Aerobic Fitness - November 2024	CLOSED	11/8/2024	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	\$350.00
Puppet Show Fridays - November 2024	CLOSED	11/8/2024	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$0.00
Puppet Show Tuesdays - November 2024	CLOSED	11/12/2024	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$200.00
Aerobic Fitness	CLOSED	11/13/2024	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	
Boogie Thursdays	CLOSED	11/14/2024	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	
Rep Patrick McHenry's Ultimate Thanks For Giving Event	CLOSED	11/14/2024	1:00 PM	1:00 AM	\$6,900.00
Aerobic Fitness	CLOSED	11/15/2024	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	
DC Rawhides Country Dancing	DEFINITE	11/16/2024	5:00 PM	1:00 AM	
Puppet Show Tuesdays	DEFINITE	11/19/2024	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	
Aerobic Fitness	DEFINITE	11/20/2024	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	
Boogie Thursdays	DEFINITE	11/21/2024	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	
Aerobic Fitness	DEFINITE	11/22/2024	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	
School Without Walls Homecoming Dance	DEFINITE	11/22/2024	4:00 PM	1:00 AM	\$1,000.00
DC RISO Print Fair	DEFINITE	11/23/2024	8:00 AM	1:00 AM	\$2,050.00
DC RISO Print Fair	DEFINITE	11/24/2024	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	
Aerobic Fitness	DEFINITE	11/27/2024	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	
Grand Total					\$13,850.00

\$40,300

October Definite Event Bookings

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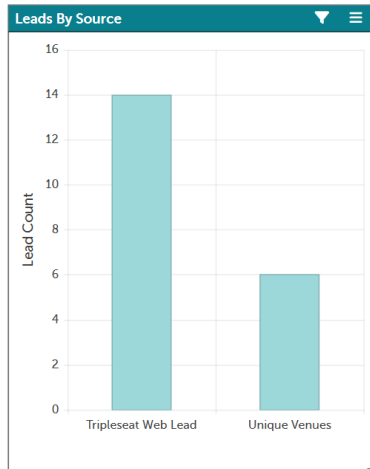
October New Leads

\$708,635

All-time Sales Managed by Tripleseat

1,346

All-time Leads Delivered by Tripleseat



Marketing and events:

- Novemberfest was on November 9th and 10th
 - Advertised on WAMU, Washingtonian Calendar, Social media
- The schedule has been made for the holidays and is posted at the market and online.

HOLIDAY!

Eastern ^ Market

Holiday Trees for sale Mon-Sun from 8am-7pm					
Monday Closed					
Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
26 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm Farmers Mkt: 12-4pm (Decorations Go Up)	27 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm (Decorations Go Up)	28 Happy Thanksgiving Market Closed	29 Xmas Trees Arrive Market Closed	30 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm Outdoor Mkt: 9am-4:30pm Small Biz Sat Better Together Promotion	1 Indoor Mkt: 8am-5pm Outdoor Mkt: 9am-4:30pm Santa 11am-1pm Betty the Yeti Wakes up! 11am-1pm
3 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm Farmers Mkt: 12-6pm	4 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm	5 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm	6 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm	7 Both Markets: Std Hours Santa: 11am-1pm	8 Both Markets: Std Hours Betty the Yeti: 11am-1pm
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17 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm Farmers Mkt: 12-6pm	18 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm	19 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm	20 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm Holiday Night Market goes to 8pm	21 Both Markets: Std Hours Santa: 11am-1pm	22 Both Markets: Std Hours Betty the Yeti: 11am-1pm
Wkday Holiday Market 10am-5pm					
Santa's Mailbox at Bowers Fancy Dairy					
24 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm Farmers Mkt: 12-5pm Holiday Mkt: 10am-5pm Mailbox	25 Merry Christmas Market Closed	26 Day after Christmas Market Closed	27 Indoor Mkt: 8am-6pm	28 Both Markets: Std Hours	29 Both Markets: Std Hours

225 7th St SE - easternmarket-dc.org

DCA store named “Eastern Market” will open in late January. A visual of what it will look like is below. While the Marshall Retail Group did an excellent presentation, they’ve been a bit difficult to reach since then. I’ve requested a meeting to discuss.

Social Media:

New vendors to Eastern Market:



Functional Décor from Shop Cat Woodworks

Joey Barness from Shop Cat Woodworks writes: I began learning my craft in 2020 when a friend showed me how to carve a bowl from a fallen tree in the backyard. It started as a simple activity to pass the time during COVID and has since turned into an obsession of mine. I'm mostly self-taught, however recently I took a class at a design-build school to strengthen my skills.



Out of the Box Curriculum Kits from Nina the Nanny

Nina the Nanny writes: I am a seasoned childcare provider, known as Nina the Nanny, with over a decade of experience as a creative educator and mentor. I founded Center of Attention, a non-profit youth mentoring program, and have developed a deep love for hands-on learning. Through my journey as a nanny, I began crafting unique projects and educational kits for the children I care for, which led me to create my Out-of-the-Box Curriculum Kits. These kits are designed to nurture creativity and educational growth outside the

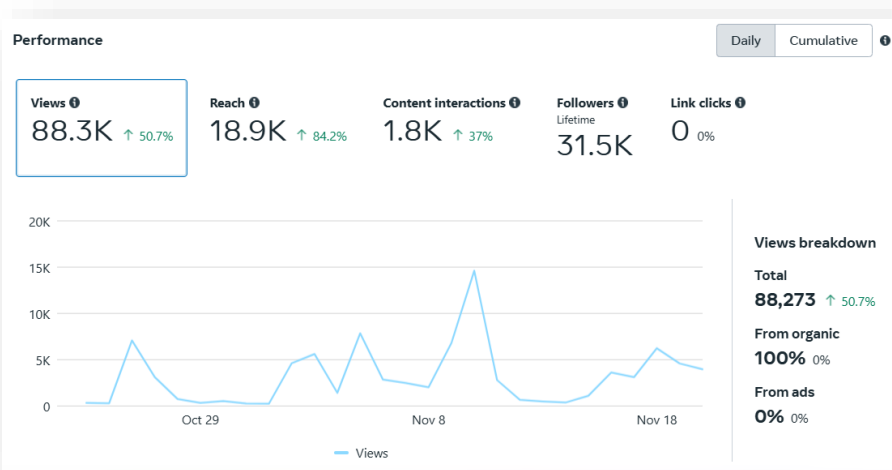
classroom, blending my love for teaching, childcare, and art. I am self-taught in this process, drawing inspiration from my hands-on experience with children over the years.



Handcrafted Spice Blends from Prana Kitchens

Sri Giridharan from Prana Kitchens writes: Prana Kitchens is built on the belief that mindful eating, conscious living, and supporting our farming communities are key to a thriving lifestyle. We create handcrafted spice blends that not only elevate flavor but also promote holistic well-being. Rooted in Ayurveda principles and ethical, fair-trade sourcing, our products are cast-iron roasted in small batches & blended using specialized techniques that preserve their natural oils and benefits. By honoring ancient traditions while catering to modern tastes, we aim to restore Prana—the life-force energy that connects us to each other and the planet.

Instagram



Facebook



Thank you!

- Thanks to Judy Thomas from the Eastern Market Main Street who scaled back significantly from both a scope and a financial perspective to make the Novemberfest work.