



CHURCH STREET
M A R K E T P L A C E

Church Street Marketplace Cart Vending Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

ATTENDANCE (Zoom):

Committee: Mark Bouchett, Becky Holt, Sam Tolstoi

Staff: Kara Alnasrawi – Executive Director, Andrew Bacher – Church Street Marketplace Coordinator

Public: Maharaja Spice owner Alok and Sid, Mathew's Montreal's Famous owner Mathew Panetta

MATHEW'S MONTREAL'S FAMOUS FOOD CART APPEAL REVIEW

- Mathew Panetta appeals the Marketplace Commission's decision to reject the menu change for his food cart. He wants to clarify the differences between his proposed menu and the Laliguras menu due to different recipes being used.
- Mathew clarifies he will not be selling his cart and is instead partnering with Maharaja Spice to curate a new menu and manage his cart
- Discussion ensues of whether menu changes can be made to establish a significant difference from Laliguras.
- Discussion also ensues about the vendor's willingness to operate only at times when Laliguras is not open or if they are willing to move their cart location to a different block.
- Mathew is not interested in a different location due to the City Hall Block's nighttime crowd.
- Committee discusses the reasons for not allowing mobile food vending that is in direct competition to brick and mortar, fee-paying vendors.
- It is reiterated from Commission meeting, that Laliguras has voiced serious concerns.
- Committee agrees to table the vote while Mathew presents an alternative that could include some menu changes and/or changes in times of operation
- All agree to work swiftly to resolve this issue so that the cart can be fully outfitted to serve the new menu.

Meeting is adjourned