

MAY 20, 2014 PIKE PLACE MARKET CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Board Members Present: Tom Graham, Sharon Mukai, David Ghoddousi, Patrick Kerr, David Ott, Ben Kirchner, Chris Scott, Joan Paulson, Betty Halfon and Gloria Skouge.

Others: Howard Aller, Mike Skouge, Ben Franz-Knight, Cynthia Hope, Mike Smith.

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m. The agenda was approved by acclamation and the minutes for April 15, 2014 and March 18, 2014 were passed out for the first time.

The meeting began with a discussion with Ben Franz-Knight about the traffic congestion at Virginia and Western Avenue. He said that S. Dot analyzed the intersection and found it was the safest in the City for pedestrian traffic, and recommended no changes. The City preferred the high density of foot traffic and said it created safety. There were union issues involved in hiring part time police officers, and Howard pointed out that only a policeman can step onto the street and stop cars. (Gloria arrived at 6:40 p.m.) Joan mentioned that the subject of congestion will be more evident during the construction in front of Steinbrueck Park.

Ben F.K. then discussed the striping on Pike Place (there are none) and said the City is out of paint. He said there are a number of issues in addressing Pike Place maintenance, and the City needs a higher awareness of the situation. Goran Sparman is the acting director of S. Dot. Tom suggested that we invite him to our June Constituency meeting.

The next item discussed was the Daystall Space available for farmers and Crafters. There is a large advent of flower farmers this year. The flower festival in May saw farmers with two spaces inside and space outside as well. Tom mentioned that the spaces that may become available on the PC1-N plaza will need to be evaluated as to how they may fall under the Hildt Agreement. There was a discussion on who has priority to spaces in the Market and Howard mentioned that first priority is for local produce since this is a farmer's Market. Betty mentioned that flowers are not food and maybe we should look into this.

The next order of business was forming the nomination committee for the July 2014 elections. The Secretary needs to Chair this year as the Chair and Vice Chair are running. The nominating committee is Sharon Mukai, Joan Paulson, and Ben Kirchner. Running for office are David Ott, member-at-large, Chris Scott, member-at-large, Gloria Skouge, PDA Council Rep, Jill Andrews, VP, and Tom Graham, Chair. The election is held at the July 15th, 2014 General Assembly Meeting at 6p.m. and on Friday July 18th from 10-5 on Flower Row in the Market. Tom will look up the vote to concur the auditor.

The next item on the Agenda was "New Business." Tom, Joan and Chris had a meeting with Councilmember Sawant. Tom said some headway was made on the issue of City Light and the

metering and use rates being charged to the Market. Apparently the executives at City Light have changed since the issue began. Ms. Sawant is Chair of Seattle City Light. The group from the Constituency layed some ground work on what the PPM is. Chris had concerns about the social services at the Market and explained the important role they play in the Market and the Charter. Joan told us that Ms. Sawant requested their presence at a Council meeting the next day. Betty then mentioned that Joan's public comments at the PDA Council meetings are very helpful.

We adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Mukai, Secretary