

Pike Place Market Executive Committee Meeting 1/30/20

Board members present: Nick Setten, Russell Monroe, David Ghouddousi, Mark Brady, Ali Mowry, Gordie McEntyre, Shari Curriel, Joan Paulson

Other members present: Colleen Bowman, L. Johnson, Ben Krichner

Board members absent: Jerry Barroh, Betty Halfon, David Ott

Nick calls meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Approval of General Assembly 1/14/20 pending until Russell collates them based on the recording and notes provided by Nick.

Agenda

1. Report from PDA Council Representatives
2. Big Issues
3. Setting Agenda for General Assembly Meeting 1/14/19

Agenda Item #1: Report from PDA Council Representatives

David reporting: Three new signs being put up by the PDA for public awareness of the Market once the new Waterfront opens (Desmone Bridge, Marketfront, Western across from the Hill Climb). Company handling new signage will come to full Council with their plans. Nick would like whatever presentation that the company provide be also shown to the Constituency Strategic goals put out.

Ali reporting: FAM consent agenda for Pacifica Law Group, trademark licensing agreement, project management services, and lease proposals. Most details took place in closed session. David mentions that the owner of the grocery store The Souk will be leaving but that a new owner will be taking over with potential changes (hot food, etc).

Joan brings up concern over the remodel of Victor Steinbrueck Park given the parking garage bladder situation. Ali and David reassure her that the situation will be handled correctly. Gordie asks about the future of the Newstand spot. Mark responds that the PDA would like to see it be another newsstand.

Joan has submitted her updates for the Craftline Rules review based on the incorrect mapping. Nick responds that the map provided is based on the Hildt-Licata Agreement. Joan responds that the map is still incorrect. Ali asks Joan to bring the individuals who are not happy with the agreement to come here to speak to us because the farmer community are the ones who agreed to the Hildt-Licata. David recommends that we use part of the next ExCom session to go over the Hildt-Licata. Ali mentions that she has not heard from a single member of the craftline or farmer community have an issue with the map provided in the Hildt-Licata. Joan responds

that the agreement sent to the City did not include a map, which they then did (which is incorrect on three of the four boundaries). She believes that it is within her duties to bring up this inconsistency.

Agenda Item #2: Big Issues

Regarding the Merchant's Association, Nick asks Ben for updates; Ben responds that nothing has changed since the last Constituency meeting. Gordie mentions that we have the bylaws for the MA and that he is concerned about the possible lack of a board being set up given the current membership of 30 merchants. Mark brings up that an interim board of four members could be created out of the current membership. Gordie expresses that a board needs to be created if Megan, editor of the Market Insider (an asset of the MA) to receive funds. He also brings up the qualifications of being a member of the MA. Joan mentions that with her time in the PDA decades ago that they would require new tenants to register with the MA in order to finalize their lease. Nick inquires about the MA's communication with the PDA. According to Ben this hasn't happened due to technical difficulties. Nick and David both express the need for introductory letters be provided to Mary regarding the MA and its new leadership. David believes that something tangible needs to be provided for current and future members. Nick restates that Megan should come to a Constituency meeting (she has been invited for three months).

Light discussion about a dump truck carrying concrete catching on fire on 1st in front of the Sanitary building.

Gordie asks if anyone has heard anything from Eve or Elizabeth, two members of the Daystall community who joined us for our December ExCom meeting. Nobody knows. David says that when things are calm there is less of a need for people to show up to public meetings.

Discussions around downtown business closures ensues; and Gordie brings up the subject of our relationship (or lack thereof) with City law enforcement. Shari mentions that if people don't feel safe coming downtown then they won't come to the Market, despite our superior security. Various members discuss the issues they have witnessed downtown around security. Joan mentions that the sense of community along Third Avenue was lost when the tunnel was put in; which displaced many small businesses and turned the area into a commuter zone. Colleen suggests communicating with the DSA about downtown security issues for potential Market shoppers. Gordie suggests that the PDA request that Andrew Lewis (District 7 City Councilmember) show up at a meeting. Ali suggests building a coalition of downtown workers/residents to address these issues. Gordie asks if we can draft and circulate a letter to the various office buildings/residences in the area to invite them to the Market to talk about security and how leverage could be made with the City Council.

Joan revisits the Newstand closure. She would like to see the PDA focus on prevention of small business closure. David mentions that the PDA cannot help merchants/small businesses that do not inform the PDA about their financial problems. Ali brings up that the owner also simply

wanted to retire. Gordie mentions that the owner of Bulldog News, Doug Campbell, has also had difficulties selling print media but has been able to subsidize his business with other income sources ie: having a coffee bar.

Mark wants to revisit the issue of changing the Constituency membership period. David mentions that having historical insight would be good to have; and that the issue should be properly addressed during our Bylaw review. Joan says that, according to Sharon and Tom Brown, the date was set because more farmers/crafters were around the Market in the late spring/early summer when the current period starts.

Gordie asks about a podcast update. Nick will send out his notes from the last podcast meeting and it will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Agenda Item #3: Setting Agenda for General Assembly Meeting 2/11/20

1. Review of the Hildt-Licata Agreement
2. Invitation to Andrew Lewis and the surrounding downtown community
3. Podcast Strategy

New business or public comment: Gordie asks L. Johnson about how the newsletter goes out. She says via email for those who provide one and then snail mail for those who do not. Our current membership is approximately 440 individuals.

Nick adjourns meeting at 7:23pm.