

10/27/22 DRAFT Executive Committee minutes

**Officers present:** Bob Braun, Zack Gebrekiden, David Ghoddousi, Gordie McIntyre, Russell Monroe, Nick Setten

**Additional members present:** Jerry Baroh, Bob Messina, Joan Paulson

Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Vice Chair Bob Braun

Agenda: Approved by acclamation

Approval of minutes: Minutes: Approval of minutes tabled.

Public comment: There were no comments from the public.

Old Business:

Discussion of Constituency November meeting schedule

- Gordie suggests pushing up GA to 11/8 and ExCom to 11/17 to align with PDA's calendar for Programs & Full Council
- Russell agrees with this
- Bob treats these as a motion and a second
- Will need to get an email blast to the membership today or tomorrow.
- Bob will make sure that Bruce knows to set this all up.
- Amended motion – Nov 8 GA , Nov 17 ExCOM, No GA in Dec, 12/15 ExCom
- Motion passes by acclamation

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)/ Pike Place Market Historical Commission (MHC)

- Update from Bob Braun – Bob was asked by the membership to set the wheelsin motion to have a conversation with Llewelyn Pritchard who signed a letter on behalf of Allied Arts. Bob is hoping to get his thoughts about how to proceed. Bob also received a message from a city councilperson who is interested in this subject. When asked who to talk to first – mayor or city council – he is hoping to get an invitation by asking the right people to speak with the mayor and 1-2 council people who would be worthy of

questioning this piece of legislation

- He will keep plugging away at it and email the ExCom.
- Nick explained that the 15 aspects have been trimmed to 4
- Skip and Bruce met with Sarah Morningstar, Sarah Sodt and Sara Bell – who are Minh Chau’s bosses
  - Their takeaway – when it was suggested that they return to pre-covid processes, Sarah Morningstar said “We are not going back to pre-covid processes”
  - Didn’t respond to the question – how is it better to have 1 person in a closet than 12 good minds?
    - It’s clear they’re evasive, slippery, etc
  - There was a ‘survey’ back in the spring which was absolute bunk
- Skip says the only person supporting the DON is Lisa, the Chair
- Skip says if nothing else, the commission ought to resign en masse in a moment of theater
- Bob plans, as Acting Chair, to write a note to the DON and let them know we would appreciate them keeping us advised of their plans as a matter of courtesy. He would introduce that there’s been some changes of assignments, and see where it goes.
  - Might be worth trying to get them to further water down the last 4 items if we can’t get them to completely do away with it.
- David asks what the PDA stance is – Russell says it is neutral
- Bob M says he attended yesterdays mhc meeting, they had 1 approval to do then went to the Big Issue – they specifically asked if DON could inform the MHC of what is in the legislation so that they can coment on it – Minh Chau said that when the legislation is ready it will go directly to Tammy Morales, and the commission members will be just lik eany other member of the public and will have to make a comment to the committee
  - Bob says we need to get to someone on Tammy’s committee with questions about why this is happening, that might be an opportunity.
- When Skip spoke with Sarah Morningstar, he posed a question the

answers of which indicate that the committee thinks of the MHC dismissively or with contempt

- Joan proposes a motion to send a letter to the city, council, etc etc
  - Bob offer to write it as vice chair & acting chair and asks how we would write it
    - Joan says we've already written a letter of support. We also have letters of support from other groups; Joan says we need to attach those letters and implore them to read and understand these letters.
    - Bob plans to 1) ask that they exempt the market from the legislation or 2) table it until there is input from the public.
    - Upon adjourning, Bob will send out a draft to a handful of people. He will also compile all the letters that he has, and Christine's Op Ed.
    - He will send the letter to the four City Council Committee members.

#### Budget Update

- Bruce gave a good update at the last meeting. Bob is disappointed that Mary did not see fit to allocate what we felt was a legitimate and barebones request, although she did leave the door open by telling Bruce that additional requests would be given careful consideration, and most likely funding.
  - The thing we mostly need is some tech help and staff help. Getting funding for staff is very important. We will likely run out of the money she has offered in the first part of the year.
  - Bob plans to write to Mary introducing himself and officially advising her that the chair is taking a lead putting him in the acting role, and that he would appreciate her coordination with him on topics of mutual interest. He would also comment that the budget request wasn't fully funded, but optimistic about future possibilities.

#### New Business

- Bob mentions a strategic planning document that was shared with him. He will share it.
- Gordie says it is mandated that if the Constituency has a vacancy on one of the seats then an appointment needs to happen at the

next GA.

- Discussion about the Master Plan and possible amendment to the PDA Charter.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.