

AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING, PIKE PLACE MARKET CONSTITUENCY

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

OTHERS: Mike Skouge, Joe read, Ernie Dornfield, Andrew Scharhon, Andrew Kerr, and Ben Franz-Knight.

The meeting was called to order by Tom at 6:25p.m. After a change to the agenda, Ben made his presentation on PC1N priority uses. These are: storage, parking, and supporting core features of the Mission Statements. Ben spoke of the importance of working with stake holders and waterfront partners while refining the design. On July 26, 2012 the BB+ became the preferred option. Mid-September, 2012 we will finalize the MOU (memorandum of understanding) with the City. December 27, 2012 is the date to approve next phase of Miller Hull Word made models, and by mid-2014 begin to mobilize. By the end of September, the Council must approve the Miller Hull model without a formal guarantee that we will get the site. The Council hopes to be under contract by mid-February of 2014.

Ben next spoke of the rail road tunnel built in 1903 that runs under the site, but has been found to end half way through the site and may mean we can get more parking. Ben praised the BB+ site design because it maintains views from the Desimone Bridge and connects to the Park and gives porosity through the site. It proposes a Desimone Square Plaza with view space.

Joan asked if the proposed plan is consistent with the Urban Renewal Plan. Ben said that the goals and guiding principles are almost 100% consistent with the plan. The MOU with the city does allow the Aquarium expansion as well as the Market remodel to displace parking. Joan said that the loss of parking is a significant issue, and we should consider the new view from the Waterfront to the Market for view impacts. Ben agreed that parking is a big issue for the Waterfront as it will be losing a lot of parking. Joan's concern was how to conduct business in the Market without delivery options for vendors and businesses. Patrick said that the Council is considering options like loading docks. Ben will come back in a month to discuss advanced designs.

Next item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for the June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Constituency General Assembly meeting. They were approved by acclamation.

Next item on the agenda was July 2012 election ratification vote. It was moved by David and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gloria, with 11 yes and 1 abstention.

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Discussion of the sun setting date for the Urban Renewal Plan was the next topic. Joan gave us some background information. The Plan was established on January 4, 1974, and will sunset on January 4, 2014. Seattle, however, was the only city in the U.S. to combine the Historical District into the Urban Renewal plans. It was citizen's initiatives to enact Historical Districts. The City of Seattle established the Plan. The Seattle City Council has access to the Plan. Urban Renewal Plans all across the country are weakening with the result of increasing building heights again. Joan talked to both the Mayor and the City Council about this issue, and proposed to put this on the Constituency agenda. Her concern is that the goals for the PC1N development do not state that they are in compliance with the Urban Renewal Plan. Are we in danger of the Market being whittled away and being subsumed the development plan? Tom said that the PC1N plan is within the zoning requirements. Should we invite Heather McCauliff and Sally Clark to a meeting? Betty suggested that we could also go the City Council meeting.

The next topic on the agenda was a discussion with Ernie from Alpine Design and Marketing about the content and design of our new web-site. Tom will give him copies of our by-laws and governing documents. We will review the proposal for a graphically punctuated web-site. The Constituency will provide the text. Some ideas for the site were email contact with the Board members, printable membership form, and agenda and minutes available on the site. Tom said that public outreach was important. A web-site committee was formed with Tom, Joan, Jill Andrews, and Gloria as members.

Officer's Concerns: Teagan discussed problems with traffic flow on Pike Place, lines of Starbuck patrons blocking the sidewalk and neighboring businesses, people honking horns and busker crowds. Should we have a major discussion about Traffic, hire police officers, paint cross walks? Betty again suggests a roundtable discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Mukai

Secretary