

Officers: Chris Scott, Bob Braun, Bruce Rutledge, Nick Setten, Alex Rasmussen, Jonathan Berner (online) Gordie McIntyre, Gina Karaba

Members: Heather Pihl, Erik Pihl, Chris Weaver, Jacob, Emily Pike (online) Ruth Danner, Joan Paulson, Christine Vaughan, Bob Messina, Todd Armey, Liz Hughes, Valued Customer, Grannie iPhone2, Jean Bateman, Jonathan Evergreen, Haley Land

CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:15 p.m.

This meeting will be held both by Zoom and in The Classroom (93 Pike St. #317). Need directions?

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Agenda:

6:18 p.m. Call to order

6:20 p.m. Approval of agenda

6:25 p.m. Approval of minutes: February 20, 2024

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6:30 p.m. Opening remarks by the Chair

6:35 p.m. PDA Master Plan discussion

Conrad's letter (attached) is discussed.

Alex & Jonathan say they are not OK with signing off on this letter. They met with Emily.

Ruth talks about financials (see attachment)

Erik, within just 10 days, not master plan., lose chance to have our voice heard by PDA

Chris, talks about getting housekeeping things through.

Heather, why punt it forward?

Joan asks for her comments to be read

Gina says she isn't being heard. Still using numbers from 2022. Difficult time. Craft rules are too rigid.

Bob M, one person's letter is a red flag for me. Can't reach a consensus. Plan will go through but will fall of its own accord.

Chris, reps need to vote their conscience.

Jonathan, irresponsible to sign a letter from the general body. Send survey with comments.

Gina asks for letter to decouple economic stats from Covid for crafters.

Christine, don't be specific about streets, businesses, with sole exception of fresh food farmers.

Ruth, increased rents aren't aspirational. They'll happen as soon as the plan is approved.

Joan's comments:

Not being a Board member, this looks good. I recommend several additional points: 1. The PDA PR efforts needs to be more robust for the 363 days a year, when this Public Market is open for business and the public, locals and visitors. The primary PDA PR efforts has been between May to November and must be expanded. A night time PR effort also needs to be created again, as was the case before Covid. The public school Market educational program needs to be implemented again, as it had been, for 20+ years, prior to Covid. The students of today, are this Markets local future shoppers, as stated in the 1907 dedication. 2. This Planning process has not been happening within an open public process, as per the State Open Public Meeting Act at both State and City of Seattle legislation, over the past several years. The PDA 2003 Charter on page 32, Section 8. Hierchy of Governing Law, states 'Generally, in event of a conflict, the following sources of authority shall prevail on descending order of supremacy: Federal law, State law, city of Seattle ordinances and regulations, This Charter, PDA Council Rules and Regulations and Bylaws of the Constituency.' This entire planning process, has not followed the State and City laws, for the Open Public Meeting Act and needs to comply. 3. This proposed Planning process is proposing changes of uses and design, without any review or approval, from the Market Historic Commission. Having the PDA approve this proposed Plan now, without the Market Commission approval, does not comply with the PDA Charter again. This proposed Plan also applies Highest and Best Use, which should be removed, as it was not included under the 1974 Urban Renewal Plan, which created this renewal of historic buildings, uses, design and community.

This Planning process needs to be more transparent and accountable to the PDA Charter, that will benefit the greater good for this most unique Public Market.

Nick on the letter: add context to "nonprofit management"

Decouple, but how? What would replace it? Says the master plan is a list of opportunities already.

Short section about social services – doesn't feel very aspirational. New space for the food bank. He speaks of the Five Families.

Bob B says about decoupling, make it the Council job.

Bob M these points are better served in public comment. Not ready to vote on adopting the letter. Talks about cafe streets and how more restaurants are applying for seats.

Christine, put together a letter to vote on the group.

Motion by Christine

The Constituency General body shall draft a letter to send to the pda council before the vote on March 28th.

Erik seconds

Christine diverse opinions into one coherent voice would be a Herculean task. Probably would vote no.

Erik believes we're close to consensus. Bob's intro. Critically important for Constituency to send a letter. Subsequent PDA Councils will forget how this discussion went without a response from the Constituency. Driven, in my opinion, because Mary is retiring. Agrees with Joan's "highest and best use" comment. This body's job is to be an activist organization. We must do our job.

Alex, umbrella language that incorporates all our ideas.

Haley, what this letter is supposed to be is global, broadbased. More detail we put in it, the less convincing it is. We could water it down with details. Drop your specifics and look at it for having the greatest impact.

Heather, same people have been showing up to the PDA Council meetings. They know what we will say. It's a big deal for Constituency to step forward with letter. We can do this.

Chris, Perfect be the enemy of the good.

18-3-1 motion passes

Nick reads letter and people discuss rewrites.

Jonathan asks to add "and craftspeople" to the farmers sentence.

Add's "and deserve support" to the retail and crafters.

Jonathan

Motion passes 13-0-3

Motion

Bob, moves to approve letter as is
Erik & Heather second

Jonathan says we should bring them up sooner

Haley says wise and strategic for our 4 members has weighed in on this. Hopes Council reps.

Move to postpone
Second

Adjourned on 8:25pm