

Pike Place Public Market Constituency  
**General Membership Regular Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**February 15, 2022, 6 to 8 pm**  
Held via phone and Zoom (see Appendix Item #1)

### **Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Jerry Baroh at 6:04 pm.

### **Roll Call**

Those attending included:

Constituency Board Members Jerry Baroh (Vice Chair); Bruce Rutledge (Secretary-Treasurer);  
PDA Reps: Russell Monroe, Nick Setten, Officers at Large: Joan Paulson, Gordie McIntyre

Constituency General Members Ruth Danner, Haley Land, Colleen Bowman, Bob Messina,  
Christine Vaughan, Ernie Dornfeld, Patro, 2067293540.

## **CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 15th, 6-8pm**

The Constituency is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. This meeting will be held via Zoom (and phone). The agenda is as follows.

6:00 p.m. Call to order Jerry calls to order at 6:06

6:05 p.m. Approval of agenda  
New Business and Old business  
6:08 p.m. Approval of minutes  
Jan GM approved

6:09 p.m. Public comment

Ruth, GM meeting early, election audit report, 14 questions, agenda, no one spoke, new business would have been normal place to bring up motions

Disappointed no one brought up the points. Appreciate the blog, but it is far removed.

Concerns, no one reached out.

Express disappointment

6:12 p.m. Bylaws Committee update

Meeting weekly, tomorrow at 10:15, expect to finish. Certainly done before Exec Comm on 2/24.  
New election session should have bylaws that are unambiguous. Lively and lengthy, spent half an hour discussing the word "Quorum at last meeting. Consensus document is the aim.

Take feedback, meet one more time, decide what to incorporate, then present to membership. It's a living document. Goal is to have a doc that people can agree with or live with.

Final draft by 2/24, call special meeting, final draft distributed with 30 days notice for approval.

Been very careful to distinguish between general membership or executive. Executive committee votes in executive committee. Make recommendations. But no exec can speak to issues as a rep unless it has been passed by membership or exec is reporting on something. They can voice opinion, but they need to make that clear. Also list that they monitor any official notification. Discussion of "oversight." Replaced it with "monitoring for accuracy and accountability."

Received extensive written suggestions – some adopted, some not. PDA Council should have to approve motions – rejected. Didn't make sense.

All meetings recorded by Zoom. Ask Bruce for link.

Mailings – seems reasonable to have one mailing of all the papers.

Looking like a rainbow with all the changes color coded.

Jerry, Public?

Christine, Concern of creating a loophole if names are different from other governing documents. Asked Mary to check with attorney about causing confusion. Pike Place Public Market is the name. But Pike Place Public Market and Pike Place Public Market PDA, we worried about loophole.

Added a preamble at Haley's suggestion to show that this is a public group at a public market.

Bob, Need a special meeting. When is the latest?

Christine, last week of February or first week of March, presuming we finish tomorrow.

Bob, want to use clear language on the ground rules for the special meeting. Committee members listen and notetake, not debate.

Christine, asking for a suggestion box.

Ernie, Christine summarized very well.

Jerry thanks the committee. Well rounded committee.

Ruth, why the urgency before the election? Processing new membership created a bottleneck, as did the audit. Concerned about floating 365 days proposal, 100% recommend against redefining of the year for the purposes of the election.

Asked about Pike Place Public Market PDA.

Christine, it is in the existing bylaws. Important to some that the PDA be referenced that way.

Floating year, without it, puts pressure when good people are running or when there is a dearth of candidates.

Nick, get to membership asap.

Christine, have it as long as they can without mailing.

Nick, 3.3 for special and 4/19 for vote?

Christine, committee would meet again, final version by 3/15 meeting.

2/24 Exec Comm

Joan asks about tomorrow's meeting

Christine, in person at Pike Place Bar & Grill, 10:15 to noon. Available by Zoom.

Ruth, Hate floating year but not opposed to six month membership requirement.

Jerry says he couldn't get elected because he wasn't a member for a year, and was voted in after his 365<sup>th</sup> day.

Haley, move this discussion to our special session.

Christine has to go to another Zoom meeting.

6:58 pm Old Business

Ruth, changes proposed by Seattle Greenways and CM Andrew Lewis to restrict vehicles from Pike Place. Interest in a committee, Future of Pike Place Committee to get out in front of this whole thing. Included diverse pop of Constituency, PDA, merchants, residents, FoM.

Director would be glad to attend a meeting and begin a dialogue. Better for us to be proactive on these important issues. Questions, feedback, alternative ideas? Ruth would volunteer to be part of that effort.

**Joan, important subject. Develop a timeline for our year. Interface with City Council. Put on agenda for future meeting.**

Nick, a lot to ponder with this suggestion. Future of Pike Place a little bit lofty and outside of our bailiwick. Friends interested in this conversation. It's about storytelling and digging the vibe. Evident that Seattle Greenways doesn't dig the vibe. Paying attention, PDA Rep, FoM rep. Make a resolution?

Russell, do not believe a completely separate committee needs to be formed. Don't have any authority. PDA and city, specifically SDOT, will make decision, Need to stay abreast and keep members informed. Little bit too lofty. Going to get resolved soon, anyway, he believes.

Nick, ways for us to engage with Market community, overlap with Friends, etc. One idea from Friends, opportunity to have a community generated poll that would be analogous to their poll.

Jerry, has PDA taken a stance on this?

Nick, Mary is working on it. Community meeting where Lewis is making an appearance.

Russell, stance in general by PDA and Mary is that we are not for closing down the street to traffic.

Skip, resolved soon? What did he mean?

Russell, community meeting coming up, contentious issue, lots of people talking about it. Decision makers will come to consensus in the very near future.

Gordie, taken up at PDA Exec meeting tomorrow night.

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Haley, attending meeting makes a lot of sense. Survey plays to our strengths as a grassroots group.

Ruth, thinks it's about 3 per 100 that would be affected by their plan. You're there if you have to be there or stupid Google maps led you to Starbucks. Get them to see we care about safety, but need to be a working market.

Russell, not about people in vehicles. Talking about trucks delivering goods.

Ruth, conversation with Andrew Lewis, not going to impact delivery vehicles or disabilities. Greenways said the same thing.

Jerry, permanent seats.

Russell, toll booth? How do we regulate it?

Jerry, parking lot doesn't have a 15-min option to go pick up a burger or something.

Nick, 1<sup>st</sup> avenue streetcar project could further pinch. Greenway survey was very vague, are you in favor of a safe Pike Place? Advocate for PDA to have control. Update tomorrow.

Skip, nine blind guys getting ahold of an elephant. Just rumor. Clam up and watch and wait and learn.

Colleen, does Greenway know the membership numbers of the Constituency?

7:00 p.m. Election update

- Membership cards
- Election committee
- Survey questions

100 in person, 150 online

Survey that would gauge the members

Bob, finish the bylaws process. Let's see what happens the second time around. Great interest in both.

Nick agrees. Final vote on bylaws, 4/19, resolution on how to vote.

Bob, good thinking, take advantage of all these people. We don't know the numbers. But hold the survey let's get this vote on bylaws decided, Bruce counting the votes.

Jerry, Bob doing the same thing again?

Bob, yes, agree with hybrid election again. General membership should decide, but not on the same meeting for the bylaws.

Ruth, Telephone tree? Write script for what to say on calls. Not sure we have the time for anything but in person and election runner. Personally in favor of mail-in. Takes time to set that up. Huge undertaking that someone would need to get involved in right now.

Jerry, Skip is into that too.

Nick, don't use the special meeting but GA meeting in March, which would be a very simple vote.

Russell, Bylaws conversation happening for months, Vote for adopting it. If you care about bylaws, join the bylaws meetings. Most successful election with most votes cast. Can handle election issues at GA meeting.

Jerry, Bruce send a condolence card to Adora

7:44 p.m. Committee reports

Ruth, municipal code, SMC3.110.270D So long as the ... council may attend and report at Constituency meetings so long as the number equals or exceeds 30% of the Council's membership.

Bob, bigger issues not to detract from Ruth's studiousness.

Colleen, first five words

### **3.110.270 - Composition of the council.**

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If the charter provides for council committees, the council by resolution may designate and appoint one (1) or more committees consisting of at least three (3) or more members to represent the council and may designate a committee of its membership to present quarterly reports to the constituency, so long as the number of the council's representatives attending and making the report to the constituency equal or exceed two voting members when the voting membership of the council is five (5) or less, or the nearest integer to thirty (30) percent of the council's voting membership when the council has six (6) or more voting members.

Nick, FAM report

As much as things can be, they're good. Year of growth, not out of pandemic. Red credit program with very aggressive efforts to secure government funding and some pretty savvy choices with the Lid to keep numbers under control. Recovery but very far from peak operations. Resolution, 2021 ballot surplus to put it into operating reserves and capital replacement. January slow, but a very healthy January.

Flower Row construction. Break ins in Atrium area. Redo doors in Atrium.

Loan is forgiven if give housing to elderly.

Trimming vacancies down. And some interesting leases.

Gordie, Atrium kitchen, Enter Atrium from gum wall, stairway, force doors, Atrium Kitchen robbed four times in last month and a half. They stole all the liquor she uses to make her dishes.

Programs

Should have a conversation about Market Historical Commission

Daystall rules, meeting 2/8. One individual proposed selling tertiary items, recap of Holiday Night Market,

Pride Market most successful one.

Conversation about how great Pike boxes are. 2021 Marketing recap. Attract, Delight and Engage.

Events sent to my inbox for next newsletter.

Love in the Market event. Buskers, scavenger hunt, more buskers. Get 60% local participation. 11 to 4pm.

Jerry, satellite markets?

Nick, June express farmers market kickoff.

Gordie, rents on daystall, proposing 3% increase. Example, craft table, peak season June-Sept, Thursday \$14.96. Friday \$35.57 Sat 41.53 Sun \$39.23.

Jerry, per 4-foot stall?

Haley, 4 feet or 24 feet, you pay one rate.

Nick, holding back on rent increases until after Covid.

Approval of minutes. July 19, reviewed them and move to approve

Approved by acclimation.

8:05 p.m. Public comment

None

8:06 p.m. Adjourn meeting