

## **MINUTES**

**Pike Place Market Constituency • Executive Committee Meeting • December 17, 2009**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Tom Graham, chair; Teagan McDonald, vice-chair; Theresa Alexander and Gloria Skouge, PDA Council representatives; Liza Couchman, member-at-large.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

Joan Paulson turned in membership cards and dues cash and checks, as well as a fact sheet used for outreach (see attached).

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting were approved.

### **JANUARY CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

The following items were discussed for possible inclusion on the January Constituency General Assembly meeting agenda:

- Renovation update, should the PDA be willing to hold a joint meeting;
- Daystall rules review process;
- PDA Council policies and procedures, with Council Chair James Savitt as guest speaker; and
- Overview of the imminent sunset of the Pike Place Urban Renewal Project Plan, with Joan Paulson as guest speaker.

During discussion, consensus was reached that February would be an appropriate meeting in which to address the Daystall rules review process—issues having been identified by then, but prior to PDA Council's final action.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

Vice chair McDonald reported that a petition is circulating to restrict a specific busker's performing at a specific location.

Gloria Skouge reported that the PDA Council Finance Committee is not considering revising the PDA-Seattle Foundation service agreement that runs through 2012.

Liza Couchman recapped the results of the Market Express program's inaugural season, as reported to the PDA Council's Operations & Communications Committee by PDA staff.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Liza Jayne Couchman  
Member-At-Large  
Acting Secretary

Joan Paulson

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## What Will Happen To The Future Of The Pike Place Market Community??

**WHAT:** The Pike Place Market is part of the 22 acre Pike Place Urban Renewal Project that was approved by HUD and City Council in January, 1974. The project boundaries are: the Viaduct, Lenora Street, Union Street to the middle of First Avenue. This Plan also includes a smaller Historical District area within the 22 acres. This Plan, just like all other Urban Renewal Projects, has a 40 year time life and then the entire Plan sunsets. The citizens of Seattle had voted to save the Pike Place Market in 1971 by using the initiative process, which was the first initiative in the State of Washington.

**WHO:** Nationwide, all Urban Renewal Projects revert to the control of the City or County that the project is located in. Therefore, the future of the Pike Place Market will be in the hands of the City Council and Mayor. The land use can be altered either by increasing heights, lowering heights or allowing the Plan to stay the same for the entire area or modify parts/pieces within the area.

**WHEN:** The process to resolve this transfer will most likely start in 2012, which needs to be finalized by January, 2014. This Urban Renewal Project is the very last project in this nation. It is also the only project that combined Historical Preservation with a traditional approach of Urban Renewal. So this project is the first and last of its kind to happen in the United States.

**WHERE:** The future of the Viaduct plays a major role in whether the last property (PC-1 which is currently surface parking along Western Avenue) gets developed as parking, merchant storage and/or housing, as part of the Pike Place Market or becomes part of the development of the Port of Seattle and/or the greater Waterfront.

**WHY:** The approved Pike Place Urban Renewal Plan spells out uses, heights, easements and zoning for the entire 22 acres. This Plan also states what uses that cannot go into this area. Historically, City's nationwide, during an economical down turn, will increase the heights for the zoning and change the Plan to allow increased density. What will happen to Seattle's treasurer that is now 102 years old??? What will be the process of decision making and time frame for making the decisions????

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