

OCTOBER 21, 2014 PIKE PLACE MARKET GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Graham, Chris Scott, Sharon Mukai, Joan Paulson, David Ott, Betty Halfon, David Ghouddousi, and Gloria Skouge.

OTHERS: Sabina Proto, Joe Read, Howard Aller, Ben Franz-Knight.

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The agenda was approved and the minutes for July 15, 2104, July 24th, 2014, and August 28th, 2014 were approved by acclamation.

The first agenda item was a presentation of the 2015 proposed PDA budget given by Ben Franz-Knight and Sabina Proto. They mentioned that the full council will meet on Nov.20th, 2014 to approve the budget. Ben said they are seeking approval for all critical operations with extra prudence for any new programs and initiatives. Ben said they are looking for more efficiencies and savings and are looking for similarities between the Seattle Center and the Pike Place Market. Some savings initiatives Ben mentioned are that the PDA is using a PDF for payrolls done electronically, and on the Marketing side, no more out to lunch concerts. Also, there will be more marketing on seasons other than summer, since summer does not need to be promoted so much. Also, a camera will be installed to inspect plumbing lines which will result in efficient operations. Other savings options include a second battery powered sweeper to reduce water use, streamlining the violations procedure for quicker turn around, front office reduction in postal services such as going paperless to commercial tenants, and an increase in Security to reduce expensive overtime. There will be no additional personnel, just maintaining the 2014 level. The Capital Project Budget for 2015 will be less than last year. One of the last things Ben discussed was focusing on the next three years. Budget planning in 2016 and 2017 will include managing for the Waterfront Development project and increases in spending.

Sabina spoke to the Constituency next. She said that the 2014 Budget is a working project until November 3rd and is open till then. She said that Ben submitted a thorough summary of the numbers. She said staffing levels will stay the same, Daystall staff will be recruiting more Daystallers and Farmers, and Residential vacancy rate is 5%. The discussion turned to questions from the members.

Joan asked if a 30 year study for revenues has been proposed. Ben said they have a static revenue accumulation, and Joan disagreed with this. Chris suggested getting residential tenants involved in reductions in rents through automated payments. Tom brought up the question of Bertha being stuck as relates to cost and repercussions in expenses. Tom said that the Waterfront is downsizing their project. How will this effect PC1-N, as any delay contributes to cost.

Joan brought up the fact that the lowest level of the garage is not accessible until the road is built. Ben and Howard pointed out that it is accessible; you just have to drive to the upper level to get out.

The next item discussed was Patrick Kerr's request to waive membership requirements for 6 months. Tom recommended for a year. Tom said the by-laws allow a vote to waive membership requirements. Sharon made a motion to table this discussion until November. It was seconded by Betty Halfon. The amendment passes with 6 yea and 2 no votes. Howard made a motion to adjourn, as we were asked to leave immediately by Security, as the room had been booked for another event. We adjourned at 7p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Mukai, Secretary.