

CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 25, 2024, 6:15 p.m.

Attendees

Officers: Bob Braun, Jonathan Berner, Bruce Rutledge, Nick Setten, Christine Vaughan, Davin Stedman, Alex Rasmussen, Emily Pike, Gordie McIntyre

Members: Chris Scott, Heather Pihl, Mark Childs, Carolyn Manning (online) Charlotte Quinn, Tinker, Jessica Shapiro, Bob Messina, Joan Paulson

Agenda:

6:16.m. Call to order by Jonathan

6:17 p.m. Approval of agenda

Approved by acclamation

6:17 p.m. Approval of minutes: June 27, 2024

Approved by acclamation

6:17 p.m. Public comment

Heather talked about MHC open seats

Jonathan makes motion to send out a message to membership

Motion passes by acclamation

Heather will send the message out

Mark Childs speaks to workload at MHC. They meet twice a month except Nov/Dec

Mark is an architect who studies public space. He talks about busker spots and asks if we should revisit them. For example, the spot across from PP Chowder is rarely used.

Discussion ensues

Bob Messina, talks about pedestrianization discussion at last GA. Commends officers and candidates for nuanced response to Greenway questions. Says those people did not display nuance, made the issue black and white.

Joan says the Constituency ballot box was painted by Keegan. Bruce had asked about it at the election.

6:37 p.m. Election update

Bruce introduces winning candidates

Chair Bob Braun

Vice Chair Jonathan Berner

At Large Officer #1 Emily Pike

At Large Officer #2 Davin Stedman

PDA Rep Christine Vaughan

Nick moves to approve slate of winning candidates that Bruce has announced

Alex seconds

Motion passes by acclamation

Bruce will make packages for incoming officers with bylaws etc.

6:50 p.m. Old Business

None

6:52 p.m. New business

Nick says we need to talk about our 2025 budget in the August meeting.

Also says there is a move to redo the historical signage throughout the Market. Nick would like to do a presentation on that. Presentation at Friends lasted about an hour. Redo of all kiosks, information booth, elevator by Pike Street Hillclimb, etc.

Christine suggests doing a brainstorming on the budget at the August GA and then take it to the Ex Com to prioritize the list.

Carolyn asks what the Constituency does. Officers explain its role as being a voice for people connected to the Market and that we have 4 of the 12 seats on the PDA Council.

Chris, budget should make the Constituency more effective and stronger. One of the roles is public oversight. Will it make it more effective?

Davin talks about how people he talks to often don't know what the Constituency is.

Jonathan talks about at large officers can start committees, perhaps an education committee makes sense.

Mark says the rest of Seattle needs that education too. Reminds us that Historic District and PDA are not exactly the same.

Charlotte suggests educating tour guides because many are not very informed about the Market. More discussion about parameters of budget discussion.

Gordie reminds us that the August GA would be on August 20, which is more than 30 days after the election was completed. The election for an at-large officer to fulfill Jonathan's term will happen in August.

7:37 p.m. PDA Committee reports

Gordie says as a lame duck he didn't pay much attention. (laughter)

Nick gives report. Facilities, Residences, etc. Council meeting. Master Plan implementation discussed. Mentions 9/26 PDA Council Retreat.

Five candidates being considered for PDA Council.

Interview sessions with Executive Directors will start in August.

August 14 is the onion festival at the Market for the Wednesday monthly market.

Christine says there were 206 candidates for the Ex Director position before the number was winnowed down.

7:49 p.m. Public comment

Davin passes out Rabbit Box flyers.

Charlotte asks about the CSA Wednesday night markets.

Nick suggests attending the Programs Committee meeting on second Tuesday.

Chris suggests she sign up for the Market email that goes out every month.

7:54 p.m. Adjourn meeting