

Pike Place Market Constituency Executive Committee Meeting 6/25/20

Board members present: Jerry Barroh, Nick Setten, Russell Monroe, Betty Halfon, David Ghoddousi, Mark Brady, Ali Mowry, Joan Paulson, Shari Curiel, Gordie McEntyre

Others present: Laurie J., Lisa Connolley, Colleen Bowman

Board members absent: David Ott

Jerry calls the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

Approval of minutes: Pending. See Agenda Item #2.

Agenda

1. Bylaws Review Update
2. Minutes Update
3. 2020 Constituency Elections
4. PDA Council Meeting Report
5. July General Assembly Agenda

Agenda Item #1: Bylaws Review Update

Jerry confirms with Russell that amended bylaws (for grammar) will be sent to Laurie to send to the membership and to Mary to post in the PDA office.

Agenda Item #2: Minutes Update

Additional time needed for Joan to review the May ExCom minutes. They will be ratified at the July GA. Russell states that he will begin sending out the minutes for both monthly meetings during the first week of the following month so that everyone will have time to review them before that month's GA meeting.

Agenda Item #3: 2020 Constituency Elections

Jerry addresses the board regarding a letter sent to the Chair of the Elections Committee demanding the removal of a member of the committee. Jerry states that the committee member in question will not be resigning and that no further formal discussion regarding this will be taking place.

Russell reports that the Elections Committee has approved the eligibility of the three candidates seeking positions. He will send Laurie the candidate packet to be included in the upcoming newsletter. Also, all current CDC guidelines will be followed while the elections take place (masks, hand sanitizer, sanitized pens, 6 feet distancing, sneeze guards, etc.). There will be another committee meeting the following Thursday 7/2 at 12pm.

David expresses his concern about the legality of postponing the elections as there is no provision in the bylaws to do so. Russell reminds him that the resolution was an administrative requirement necessary to hold the elections, was passed unanimously, and does not impact the bylaws. Joan would like to have the candidate packet sent to Megan Lee for inclusion in the July Market Insider. David would like some time set aside during the next meeting for potential additional candidates to address the board and members. This is placed on the agenda for the July GA.

Gordie seeks clarification about whether the August GA meeting is canceled. This leads to a wide discussion around how the election will physically be conducted. Russell states that the fact remains that the election is two months away and it is too early to say with absolute certainty where it will take place given the current pandemic situation. Russell states that official notices will go out to the membership once we know for sure where the election will be held. Nick recommends reaching out to Randy Stegmeyer of Market Security about securing the space.

Agenda Item #4: PDA Council Meeting Report

Jerry reports that Ed Bridge has turned down the PDA's offer to bring him onto the Council as a mayoral appointee. Nick states that there has been a slowdown in the mayoral approval process of nominees resulting in deficiencies of both the PDA and Historical Commission boards. Lisa states that this is likely due to city staff being furloughed. Laurie asks if Bridge provided a reason for declining the position. David reports there was no discussion about the reason during the Council meeting.

Agenda Item #5: July General Assembly Agenda

1. Update on the Foundation's Small Business Recovery Program (Nick)
2. Elections Committee Report (Russell)
3. Conduct Meeting Update (Ali and Jerry)
4. Potential Candidate Introductions

New business or public comment:

Nick asks Laurie if we can get the link providing the agendas of the various PDA meetings included in the newsletter. She states this can happen. Joan warns that the PDA is notorious for changing the agenda content 24 hours before meetings take place. Russell points out that providing the link gives our membership greater access regardless of whether or not the PDA changes the agenda and that the link should still provide the most up-to-date information.

David asks Jerry if he has reached out to Suzi LeVine, the state's Commissioner for the Employment Security Department, regarding the possibility of her joining us for an upcoming meeting. Jerry states that he has reached out, has not received a response, and will try again.

Ali takes a moment to update the board on her recent lack of attendance during the protests. She tells the board that she was very uncomfortable with the email communications that have occurred between board members during her absence. She would like the board to have an official meeting during which conduct would be addressed. She asks how the other members feel about this. Betty, Shari and Russell agree. Laurie agrees but would also like to see it expanded to include a review of the board's decision-making process. David agrees. Joan agrees with Laurie in terms of structure, which she believes has been lacking for sometime. Ali asks if she is interested in discussing conduct specifically; Joan responds that the subject is broader than that. She believes that short tempers are a result of the lack of transparency. Ali believes a conversation around conduct and respect is foundational but agrees that there should also be a conversation around process. The conversation turns to bringing in a third-party mediator but there is no consensus around who that person would be. An update on this subject is placed on the agenda for the July GA.

Jerry adjourns the meeting at 7:47pm.