

October 16, 2018  
Constituency General Assembly draft minutes  
6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jerry Baroh, Ali Mowry, David Ghoddousi, Nick Setten, Joe Read, Jerry Antush, Lori \_\_\_\_

#### PDA Retreat report

Ali said they talked about use of vocabulary. Joan Paulson brought up bottom up vs. top down communication and decisionmaking, and said the PDA is doing a lot of the latter. Joe \_\_\_\_ said it should be top down; that's how it works. David said that everyone was asked to talk about their interests. Ali said there wasn't any delegation of actuals. David said former Councilmembers were invited to participate: David Savitt, Gloria Skouge, Ernie Sherman. PDA asked for input on what kind of data the Council would like to see.

#### PDA Committees

Ali reported on the Market Connections Committee. Market to MOHAI - historical walk along corridor between the Market and MOHAI; discussion about the viaduct demolition - there will be a party on the Viaduct, and there will be tenant parking in the MarketFront garage used for staging. There will be noise up to 85 decibels. MarketFront fix is happening in six weeks.

There was a discussion about the totem poles at Victor Steinbrueck. Ali thought the Constituency board, being mostly white, should support and amplify what the tribal people want to do with them. Nick agreed that the Constituency should help boost signal for the historically suppressed voices. He said the names he's heard behind that effort are Colleen Echohawk and Councilmember Debora Juarez. Ali and Nick discussed contacting them. Nick said he would reach out to Karin about connecting with Debora Juarez on the Market to MOHAI project.

Ali reported on the Programs Committee and summarized upcoming programs.

#### Guest Speaker - Jerry Antush

Jerry talked about his background growing up in Seattle. He did an internship with Senator Magnuson. He was active in Democratic politics and organizing, including for Charlie Royer and Norm Rice. In 1981 he worked at a juice shop. He later worked at Jack's Fish Spot, then moved into the Market. He formed a production company and started a podcast with a focus on Pike Place Market. They are doing about one episode a week.

He said that he's found out that people don't know each other anymore the way they did. People don't understand what the Constituency does, or about the great advocacy

Friends of the Market does. He didn't even know the Friends do tours. The production schedule could be used to include podcasts on the Constituency, Friends, the Foundation on a quarterly basis. Jerry said that there needs to be a small budget. He has talked to Sharon Shaw about interviewing craftspeople. Foundation can get him an intern to help. He said a lot of work goes unnoticed in the Market. He named off business owners that will be interviewed. He talked about his outreach and aspirations for expanding the topics of the podcast. He emphasized that the content has to come from the Market community.

Ali asked about having a 30-minute episode featuring the Constituency. Discussion ensued, including about a budget for the project.

Jerry Baroh introduced Lori, who has been doing the Constituency website. He asked her to weigh in on the podcasts. There was a discussion about using different platforms.

Nick asked Jerry Antush if there was a common issue he heard about when doing interviews and outreach that the Constituency should know about. Jerry said that he has been surprised at how ill-informed many business owners are about how the Market works.

#### New Business

Nick suggested getting questions around the elections settled by November.

Nick showed a color copy of a guide on the Market that Chris had produced. In the future, he would like to get a vote on making copies of it, to be used as an outreach tool.

There was a call for volunteers to help with moving furniture into the new Constituency office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.