

February 18, 2014 PIKE PLACE MARKET CONSITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Board Members Present: Tom Graham, Sharon Mukai, Joan Paulson, Chris Scott, Jill Andrews, David Ghoddousi, Gloria Skouge, Patrick Kerr, and Betty Halfon

Others: David Dickenson, Howard Aller, and Jennifer Maietta.

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The agenda was approved. The minutes for October 31, November 19th, and November 21, 2014 were approved by acclamation.

The main item on the agenda for this meeting was a discussion with David Dickenson, Market Master of the daystalls, about the 2014 Daystall annual rules review. David began by explaining the basic structure of the rules review process. The annual rules review is mandated by the Hildt Agreement, which is one of the governing documents of the Daystalls. David passed out a working copy of the rule changes and suggestions which are submitted by members of the Daystall community (farmers, craft vendors, and performers) as well as staff. He then covered each rule change proposal submitted. He explained that this meeting is not an agenda for public comment or debate on the proposals, but questions about rationales are O.K.

Several of the highlights of the proposed rule changes were: 1) many farmers want to be able to purchase Salal for their bouquets in the winter months. This is an exception to the rules that farmers must grow everything they sell on their tables. 2) Staff proposed a new Buskar space by the Gum Wall, with some questions about if it is safe there as it is a commercial road. 3) There was clarification of Family Permits for farmers, and who qualifies, and a rent increase for the Daystallers on the high demand days of Friday –Sunday. 4) Proposal # 25 proposes to eliminate the off-season point system.

The next item on the Agenda was a presentation on Pike Place Market Wayfinding and Signage given by Jennifer Maietta from RMB VIVID. She passed out a detailed handout and began her discussion by stating that the Historical Commission was informed that RMB VIVID is looking at these goals; easy to read signs, and not too many signs, just basic stuff like elevators, and rest rooms. A common theme is to make sense of chaos.

Betty H. asked about Emergency Signs, and Jennifer said this was not being pursued at this time. Joan was concerned especially about wheelchair access. People could die during an emergency with no way out. Jennifer passed out a hand held folded Pike Place Map for us to review. Concerns were that it would not work at the information booth, that it was too small to read easily, and that Rachel the Pig was nowhere on it and the Buskers were not mentioned.

The next item on the Agenda was a motion made by Joan P. She proposed that a signage plan that meets the Federal requirements of the ADA federal requirements for disabled people

should be included in the 2014 budget, and is not, and also addresses wheel chair access. Howard A. said that the Market is in compliance because of the Historical nature of the Market. All a person in a wheel chair can do is wait for the fire dept. Joan's proposal stated that a written request be made to the PDA Council to include wayfinding signage for emergency egress to be included in the 2014 budget plans, and also include wheel chair access for emergency egress. The subject of the proposal was Emergency Signage for Egress and was proposed by Joan and seconded by Chris S. The motion passes with 7 yes and 4 abstaining votes.

New Business: 1) Kshama Sawant is coming to the March 2014 General Assembly meeting. Chris S. suggested that we post the March Agenda early on the website to get the word out.

2) Joan suggested that an educational process on the Hildt Agreement is needed soon.

3) The City Light issue is ongoing.

4) Joan feels that the issue of having a trolley car coming to 1st and Pike is a major concern for the Market because of traffic problems in an already congested area.

We adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Mukai,

Secretary.