

Constituency General Assembly DRAFT Minutes
January 16, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Economy Market Classroom, 93 Pike St. #317

Attendance: David Ghoddousi, Ali Mowry, Sequoia Lonneker, Devin McComb, David Ott, Joe Read, Chris Scott, Nick Setten, Gloria Skouge

Agenda

6:06 p.m. Call to order

Guest Speaker Devin McComb, mayorally-appointed PDA Councilmember:

Nick asked what Devin hoped to accomplish with the PDA during his term. Devin said his primary goal is to learn about the Market and its pieces. Long term, he wants to get locals back to the Market.

Gloria suggested Devin tell about his background. Devin said he grew up in Portland, moved to Chicago for law school and work, working in real estate law. Moved back here, where he works for Stoel Rives as a transactional lawyer, working with leasing of commercial real estate and farming. He worked with Historic Seattle PDA, which is how he got connected with the Pike Place Market PDA. Devin said he worked with a number of non-profit groups in Chicago, including Chicago Public Art Group. He helped draft guidelines and rules for artists.

Chris gave a history of the Hildt/Licata Agreement and explained that it has to be renewed every ten years. He said the new MarketFront Pavilion could bring up some issues with this agreement. Chris recommended getting a sense of what is currently an issue with craftspeople and farmers, and bringing them to the PDA Council.

Nick recommended that Devin reach out to Friends of the Market. Chris suggested the Market Foundation.

Chris talked about the Market Roundtable, which was a group of Market stakeholders that used to meet to discuss issues.

Devin was asked about the selection of a new Executive Director. Devin said he was ill and was not able to participate. He said he wished there had been more time.

Chris spoke about the state of the Constituency office, which he said was too small, decrepit and had black mold in it. It is something the Constituency would like to see resolved.

Chris spoke in support of establishing an art council, explaining that it could provide a showcase of Market art to activate the Market at night during the long summer nights.

Devin asked if the Constituency thought the Market is a successful place.

There was a discussion about the importance of art. Chris spoke about the importance of inclusivity and participation at the Market. He said he thought there need to be stronger ties between the Constituency and the PDA Council, and with other organizations.

Meeting adjourned.