

July 21, 2015 PIKE PLACE MARKET CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Board Members Present: Tom Graham, Sharon Mukai, Joe Read, Joan Paulson, Betty Halfon, Gloria Skouge, Christopher Scott .

Others: Howard Aller, Sharon Shaw, Hollis Clare, Haley Land, Ben Franz-Knight, Sally Simmons, Harry Simmons, James Cornell, Kenneth Telesco, C. Vaughan, Michael W. Schaible, Nancy Sherman, Howard Aller, Murad Habibi, Kristin Schwartz.

ELECTION NIGHT

The meeting was called to order by Tom Graham at 6:09 p.m. The agenda was approved with the change of shrinking Ben FK's presentation to 20 minutes, followed by a discussion of the loss of the Early Bird parking currently available at the Pike Place Market garage. The next item on the agenda was the approval of the May 19th, 2015 minutes for the Pike Place Market General Assembly Meeting. They were approved by acclamation.

The next item was the report by Ben FK on the ongoing construction at the Market. The Market is under construction and is going well. This is a 30 pile Market, and the installation of the Burlington Northern monitoring equipment is installed. Its function is monitoring and measuring loads during construction. The paper work is submitted. Also, Ben said that Burlington Northern keeps its own time, not Bens. He also said that there is a 1.3 million grant coming in from the State and this is good. Ben walks the site daily, and we are a month into the job. Troy has done an excellent job.

The question was asked what is the monitoring device monitoring. Ben said any movement. Burlington Northern is keeping very close watch during the construction. Nancy S. said she can't find any drawings or floor plans of the senior housing. Ben said he can share this from his office and Nancy said they should be available to the public.

Ben next spoke on the issue of the elevators. He said the vertical transportation issue is not solved. For the garage and some housing, this is the main challenge. Michael Schaible asked how the new space is going to be allotted. How? Who? Don't turn it into a Mall that draws away from the original Market. How many new vendors will be brought in? Ben said that uses will be integrated separate conversations. Will the Hildt- Licata Agreement be in effect here? Tom G. thinks not. Haley said no decision has been made about the Hildt which comes up for renewal in 2019.

Ben FK feels that this is an incredible moment in Market History as the PDA has been trying to develop PC1-N for 40 years. He said the whole project will cost 72 million dollars with a 34 million dollar grant from the city which the PDA does not need to pay back. Ben also said that the PDA has been able to refinance the existing debt at a very low rate.

Next began a discussion on access to affordable parking. Many in attendance at this meeting were concerned about the loss of affordable rates for all day parking that had always until now been available. Ben Franz-Knight was present to speak about this. He explained that the State purchased tangible 450 spaces in the parking garage to be designated for short term parking. Ben explained that the garage was filling up by 10:30 a.m. with all day parkers so no places were left for short term parkers. So, the state purchased these short term parking spaces for 6 million dollars. Ben said in hindsight they should have asked for more. Early Bird parking rates have now gone through the roof. So, Ben FK said the garage is not available for all day parking or the 6 million is at risk. Murap asked how many spaces will be available when the garage is open. The answer is 850 spaces in combined facilities.

Hollis asked about an investigation into looking for new parking spaces for Early Bird parking. Ben said we do need a loading zone on the North end of the Market for vendors to unload, and that reintroducing Early Bird parking would be difficult. Sharon Shaw said that the community has been adversely affected by not being recognized as a working community that cannot carry a satchel on the bus. Ben FK said the PDA could have done a better job communicating. They are proposing a transit plan which includes discounted Orca passes. Tom proposes a motion to support the PDA Plan and suggests we support the PDA proposed transit plan as a start. The motion states that the Constituency should support the proposed transit plan which includes discounted individual orca passes for workers, employees, business owners, farmers of the PPM as a start to help with the hardship created by the loss of Early Bird. Betty Halfon is the maker of this proposal which is seconded by Chris Scott. The motion carries with 17 yes, 2 no, and 2 abstaining. The motion is dated 7/21/15.

The next item on the Agenda is the July 2015 Constituency annual election. Tom calls for nominations from the floor. Murad Habibi nominates himself for PDA Council and is 2nded by Sharon Mukai. Tom decides that we can write his name in tonight on the ballot for the voting of the Constituency at the meeting. His name will appear on the ballot for the Friday voting from 9-5 on flower row. Murad introduces himself as a resident of the Market for 4 years. He feels he has a voice that needs to be heard in the Market as a resident. The meeting then moves to the voting and introductions of the members who are already on the ballot and the voting will continue on Friday on Flower Row, 9-5p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Mukai, Secretary

