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CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 25, 2024, 6:15 p.m.

Agenda:

6:15 p.m. Call to order

6:16 p.m. Approval of agenda

6:16 p.m. Approval of minutes: February 28; March 19, 2019; December 21, 2023
acclamation

6:17 p.m. Public comment

Bob Messina, Congrats to Jonathan Berner who got a place in the Market

Chris Scott, Comment about a comment by Ruth Danner, who said we should cap our budget at 3%. PDA runs pretty lean as it is. Capping salaries with a lot of teamsters is going to be a tough call. Capping reminds me of health care and wants insurance companies want to pay out.

6:21 p.m. PDA Master Plan update

Bob asks that we combine the Master Plan with PDA committee reports

Nick talks about Master plan, working on DEI, especially inclusion, rolling

Russell, We should put out an official response. The consultants are listening to us. They explicitly said there doesn't need to be an overhaul of the Charter. It's important to include a comment about the Market community itself in the reports. Hoping that does get added. Consultants want a greater cohesive way for city council and pda staff to work.

Gina was packing while the meeting was happening. The people who are going to come in and do the food – would they be classified as farmers?

Russell added bit about holding ourselves accountable as we go through the plan. Doesn't feel like we need to adopt the thing right when it is put out. Council could spend some time fleshing out aspects of it.

Gordie, Master Plan consultants want to revisit PDA leasing process. New leasing director, Juan, is fully aware of those ideas. Seems they want to expand the PDA. PDA already has accountability programs in place. They also want to refine the PDA Council's processes. New committee to hire a new director after Mary. Needs to happen pretty quick because Mary is done on 3/31. Keep an eye on that committee. Consultants want to increase community engagement. Amy et al do a good job, but perhaps could use help in tightening Pioneer Square and ID ties. Consultants want more robust

data. Doubling down on what we already do. And they want to institutionalizing DEI. Need to be careful to not open up selves to lawsuits.

Gina, one group underrepresented is handicapped people. Disabled people struggle at the Market. Muckleshoot in Market?

Heather, City has given building by the incline to the Muckleshoot.

Jonathan has applied for Market but wants to quash rumors that he got it. Not yet.

6:45 p.m. Speaker invitations for future meetings

Bruce talks about Bob Kettle

Nick, let's brainstorm some questions for Bob Kettle.

Bob explains his plan – 5 minutes intro, 7 minutes Q&A.

Chris, that's not a lot of time.

Gordie, streetcar, introduce him to what the Constituency is.

Bob M, 7 minutes seems too short. 15 minutes would go by fast. Bob K should know about our stance on the streetcar.

Skip, how many people voted on those issue? Good idea to know.

Chris, Problems with SDOT and the Market. SDOT needs to be responsive to the Market. They want to create a cafe street on Pike Place – where will deliveries happen? No realistic idea of how products are distributed for merchants. Need to push on this. Use 2nd and 4th, Chris says.

Gordie, Read Danny Westneat's column about streetcar as White Elephant.

Chris, ridership is very lonely. First Hill was lonely but is now active.

Skip who are the proponents by name for the streetcar. ExCom should know this.

Chris, Urbanist, Seattle Subway and SDOT.

Heather, DSA too.

First Ave Transit Alliance is against streetcar.

Heather pulled together that group. Called deputy mayor Emery yesterday. Met her in Nov/Dec and proposed getting buses on 1st w/ Jack Whisner. Emery and Adonis Duckworth were in attendance. Said a decision would be implemented. Article by David Kroman. Emery says the stance is status quo. Mayor's "announcement" is buried in that story – he wants to have an arts district with the Culture Connector.

Skip, Highlight these items in our community

Chris, estimate is over \$400 million. Economics might kill it.

7:05 p.m. Constituency Elections

Bruce explains

Bob, interim chair, opening remarks. Floor nominations. 10-15 minutes for voting. Roll Call.

Chris, candidates should have an opportunity to make comments.

7:00 p.m. Old business

Listening Committee - Call for Volunteers

Jonathan, call for volunteers, hope to have them by middle of February.

10 or so wanted.

Russell, what are the questions?

Jonathan, we sent out 6 page document which is on website.

7:18 p.m. New business

7:18 p.m. PDA committee reports (moved to PDA master plan update)

7:18 p.m. Public comment

Skip talks about Master Plan and consultancy double-speak. No need to change but comes down to interpretation.

Gina complains about being moved out of a space and crafter storage. Unimpressed with Instagram team ignoring demos.

Chris, is problem because people are new? Have things been upended? This is something we should bring up when the Market Master visits.

Bob, more than happy to talk about those concerns.

Chris, this is why we need a Merchants' Association.

Jonathan, if we decide that consultants are interpreting things incorrectly, what can we do?

Bob, we are part of the PDA and have four members on the Council. We can make noise.

Chris, Constituency not as active as in the 80s but can raise a ruckus and have more tools now.

Bob Messina, Master Plan, increase parking rates. Increase sales percentage. Start a Pike Place delivery service, proprietary delivery service. More cars in the Market? Echoes Russell, let's take our time with this plan.

Joe Doney, Still trying to evict me but I defeated the restraining order. Met Mary before the meeting. Rehashed his tale of lost property. Mentions Brandon Clark etc says they were unhelpful. Threatens to get media involved.

7:48 p.m. Adjourn meeting