

Pike Place Market Constituency Minutes

Meeting Type: General Assembly, Regular Meeting

Date: June 21, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm PST.

Place: Meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Attendance: Adora Lopez, Jerry Baroh, Bruce Rutledge, Gordie McIntyre, Joan Paulson, Zack Gebrkidan, Russell Monroe, Liz, Bob Messina, Ruth Danner, Haley Land, Skip Knox, Christine Vaughan, Bob Braun, Colleen Bowman,

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 by Adora Lopez.

Approval of the Agenda

Skip Knox moves, "to amend the agenda to allow me to introduce a motion regarding the Pike Place Market Historical Commission".

Haley Land seconds the motion.

Adora Lopez asks if there are any objections.

Discussion ensues with Jerry Baroh and Adora Lopez.

Gordie McIntyre makes a Point of Order, "We're discussing whether or not to put this on the agenda or not. We're not discussing the motion at all."

Skip Knox clarifies that the Chair has called for a vote.

Gordie McIntyre makes a Point of Order, "We essentially agreed to put it on the agenda. The agenda has not started to happen yet. We have to approve the minutes. We have to have community comments, and then we will start the agenda after that".

Chair Adora Lopez clarifies that Approval of the Agenda comes first, however, Skip Knox is no longer available to restate the motion. The Chair announces that the body will move on with the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Bruce Rutledge announces that he has not completed the May minutes due to election duties. He reports that the April GA minutes have been shared but have not been approved yet. March GA was approved.

Adora asks if the April minutes can be approved. She asks Jerry Baroh for guidance. Jerry explains the process.

Adora asks if there is any discussion, questions or concerns about the minutes.

Discussion ensues with Ruth Danner and Adora Lopez. Chair Lopez explains, that because this is a General Assembly meeting and every member has the ability to speak, that there only be one Public Comment period at the end. Her decision is based off advice from a parliamentarian. Ruth Danner is supportive.

Election Committee Update

Bruce Rutledge thanks Joan, Ruth, Skip and Haley for doing “an excellent job”. He raises an issue and suggests that by next election, there be a way to take money digitally. Bruce has been allowing people to Venmo their dues to him, in the meanwhile. He announces that tomorrow is the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the election. They are honoring any mail that is postmarked June 22nd.

He adds the phone banking was thorough, but there will be some attrition, due to the balloon or memberships last year. It was a bit of anomaly.

Regarding the election slate, Bruce reports that there is still room for people to join. Adora has announced she will run for Chair. Zack is running for his seat. Nick is running for PDA Rep. Mark Brady has said he will run but has not specified a position. Jerry is planning to run for an At Large position, which opens the Vice Chair position. Ali Mowry, who is currently At Large, will not be running for re-election. All races are unopposed, at the moment. Several people have shown interest, and Bruce recommends they do.

The candidate questionnaire is finished, and Bruce will be sending it out to the announced candidates tomorrow. There is a deadline of July 1 for candidate responses. This should give ample time, and Bruce states that he would appreciate any early submittals.

Adora clarifies some dates. June 22nd is the last day to become a member if you want to vote. She asks if there is a time? Mail should be postmarked. Bruce says if you deliver to any Executive members tomorrow, that’s OK. And any memberships put under the door are valid.

Adora asks about the deadline for the Election Slate. Bruce clarifies that someone can actually get on the ballot until Tuesday the 19th, and you can be nominated from the floor. He asks for confirmation on that.

Haley contributes, saying a person can nominated by the floor on Election Day, in fact, they can nominate yourself. If someone decides to run after the deadline for questionnaires, they can petition and get 20 signatures of members, and can be on the ballot. And if there’s time enough, that can receive and quickly return a questionnaire.

Jerry Baroh states that if they join the race two days before, they will not be on the ballot. When nominated from the floor, they are not on the ballot. They can be a write-in.

Bruce mentions that Bob Braun is willing to run for a position and welcomes him to introduce himself.

Bruce states that the slate will be finalized on July 1st, the same day as the candidate questionnaire deadline.

Bob Braun introduces himself and states that he hopes to be of benefit to the group.

Bruce Rutledge says we are looking for people who are interested in running.

Haley reiterates, that if a person petitions to be on the ballot, they will be on the ballot. He also answers Bruce's inquiry, and says the questionnaire asks if one would be willing to run for more than one office.

Discussion ensues with Bob Braun, Haley Land, Adora Lopez, Ruth Danner and Christine Vaughan contributing. It is clarified that no one person can hold two positions.

Christine Vaughan suggests that procedures for people running for or winning multiple positions be stated in the election procedures, as these scenarios are not addressed in the Bylaws. The Election Committee must put forward procedures annually. The procedures can change every year, but the Bylaws cannot.

Discussion continues with Ruth Danner and Colleen Bowman contributing.

Bruce adds that in March, there was a motion to hold the election in the very same way we did last year. He states this is not exact language, but operated as Elections Administrator under the assumption that, "a lot of things that could be changed, shouldn't be changed, because there was a mandate from the Membership that we do things very similarly to last year".

Discussion continues with Haley Land, Adora Lopez and Bruce Rutledge contributing.

Bruce continues by addressing a question about the schedule of the Elections Committee, which is yet to be determined.

Adora Lopez thanks Bruce for his work.

Old Business

Adora asks if there is any Old Business and mentions the cars on Pike Place issue. It's her understanding that it has become a "backburner" type of issue.

Bruce Rutledge adds that this month's newsletter mentions the issue, and there were two responses from Constituency members, which he would like to read into the record. The members who submitted are aware their comments are being recorded and were appreciative and "wanted to be heard".

Bruce reads the first written comment from Nancy Dowdy, aka Nancy Nipples, who runs the Pike Place Market Creamery. "Greetings. I believe that the road is for cars and the sidewalk and arcade are for people. I have customers who would not shop at the Market if they could not park on Pike Place. They're either elderly, handicapped or lazy, but it is important to them to be able to park near where they are purchasing product. I have deliveries to my shop five days of the week, and the trucks need easy access. Many of the parking spots have been taken over as seating, which makes it even more of a challenge to find parking (audio interruption). The only time the arcade and sidewalks are crowded are the months of cruise ships. Since that is just a few months out of the year, we should not cater to that. The majority of the year the arcade and sidewalks easily accommodate the people. We are a functioning market, and it is tough to get folks to drive downtown now. Limiting their access to parking will just make it worse. On days when Pike Place is closed to cars, I have noticed a drop in sales, as folks do not bother to come inside the buildings. Thanks for asking. Nancy Nipples."

Bruce reads the second written comment from Peter Schaible of El Gringo Imports. "Unfortunately, the movement of people and goods relies upon automobiles into the 21st Century. So does Pike Place Market. Is the Market going to do an impact study? Is it a potential that lawsuits might be filed to keep the street open? I feel that proponents of closing Pike Place to traffic want to see the street become a giant food court. Recent usage of closed street portions suggests this. What is the proposed usage for disallowing vehicle traffic? Maybe to add more businesses in highly visible areas. This neglects the areas of the Market where businesses are struggling, and empty storefronts currently located in these portions of the Market. Many businesses located in the Market rely on vehicle access to operate their business. Also, it will take a lot of staffing to open and close the street daily as well as manage maintaining and securing those areas. Currently the City of Seattle parking enforcement manages a lot of the street for us. What about emergency vehicles? People do reside on Pike Place. What about their access? Before management takes a public opinion poll of whether to fly to Mars, maybe they should describe what life would be like there. Peter Schaible, El Gringo Imports.

Discussion ensues with Adora Lopez, Bob Messina and Ruth Danner contributing.

New Business

Skip Knox speaks (audio is poor).

Adora suggest that if the motion was sent to Bruce, that it is read by him.

Russell Monroe enters at 1 hour and 3 minutes into the meeting.

Bruce reads Skip's motion, #062122. "Skip Knox moves that the Constituency Membership shall create by General Membership vote at the June 21, 2022, Constituency General Membership meeting, a temporary committee entitled, Department of Neighborhoods Monitoring Committee DONMC. The committee to expire with legislation regarding powers of the MHC

being either signed by the mayor or vetoed and or passed by City Council vote to override the veto by City Council or enacted due to insufficient vote to override a mayoral veto. Character and purpose of the committee. (1) The DONMC is to be composed by a chair appointed by the Constituency Chair, up to ten Constituency volunteers appointed by the Constituency Chair. The DONMC Chair will coordinate schedule attendance of Department of Neighborhood, DONMC monitors at Market Historical Commission meetings. (2) Each appointee is to attend, in person, a single Market Historical Commission meeting anonymously, i.e., without signing in and without speaking during the time they are in the meeting, and (3) each attending appointee is to report what they have observed at the next ensuing Constituency General Membership meeting, unless in the course of the meeting there is discussion made by Department of Neighborhoods staff and or papers presented by Department of Neighborhoods staff regarding removing certain duties and or prerogatives now vested in MHC, and (4) in which case the attendee is to report immediately to the Constituency Executive Committee what the details of the Department of Neighborhoods presentation were.”

Adora Lopez states she doesn't feel comfortable proceeding with a vote because of the difficulty of hearing the motion maker. Audio issues continue for Skip Knox.

Discussion ensues with Adora Lopez, Skip Knox, Christine Vaughan, Russell Monroe, Bob Braun and Bob Messina contributing.

Colleen Bowman makes a Point of Order that the Executive Committee, not the Chair, can appoint a committee. She adds the exact bylaw language in the chat, “The Executive Committee or the Membership shall each have the authority to create committees as needed”.

Discussion continues with Ruth Danner, Russell Monroe, Bob Messina, Haley Land, Christine Vaughan, Skip Knox, Adora Lopez,

Skip Knox, the maker of the motion can speak to the motion. He explains the reasoning for 10 committee members is so that one person at least is at each meeting, every other week, for the next 6-8 weeks. If the committee is composed, they can modify whatever action is needed and set their own schedule. He just wants to see the committee formed. He clarifies that MHC meetings are every other Wednesday and are publicly noticed. He wants to give some regimentation and consistency. He says that no one is required to sign into a public meeting, and he suggests people that go simply take notes and report back. Skip adds that “the Market Historical Commission has special authority, not like any other commission or board in town. They have legislative authority which causes the Market to stay the Market. We want to preserve that unique, fragile, but important piece of the Market Historical Commission.” Skip simplifies the motion, “that the chair and the committee, once appointed, (audio is poor), can get together to figure out their own time timetable”.

Bob Braun believes he heard Skip and restates his motion that “once the committee is empaneled it shall determine its own rules and mission consistent with the observation of the

Market Historical Commission”. He adds “the Chair will appoint the committee and the committee members.”

Discussion ensues with Colleen Bowman, Ruth Danner, Adora Lopez and Skip Knox (audio issues continue), Russell Monroe, and Nick Setten.

Bob Braun calls to Question.

Bruce states that there is not a second.

Haley Land seconds the initial motion.

Bruce Rutledge conducts the roll call vote.

For: Nick Setten, Bob Braun, Jerry Baroh, Haley Land, Bruce Rutledge, Skip Knox

Against: Ruth Danner, Joan Paulson, Gordie McIntyre, Bob Messina

Abstain: Russell Monroe, Zack Gebrkidan, Liz, Colleen Bowman

Motion #062122 passes 6:4:6.

Discussion about how to form the committee ensues with Adora Lopez, Skip Knox, Colleen Bowman, Bob Braun, and Nick Setten.

Bruce Rutledge states he will put an ask for volunteers in the newsletter and will repurpose some language already written.

Old Business

None.

PDA Committee Reports

Market Programs Committee Report

Russell Monroe reports on some highlights. Resolutions 2022-17 and 2022-18 were passed, which are trademark authorizations, one with “Bewliderness”, a puzzle of an artist representation of the Market, and one with Pike Place Chowder, regarding their Pacific Place location. Night Market happens tomorrow night. Russell highly encourages people to attend. It will be Pride themed. There is a new google map of Pike Place on the website. He notes the concern around finding businesses in the Down Under and says this will be a great tool to help people find their way all around the Market.

Finance and Asset Management Committee Report

Nick Setten comments that the map looks beautiful. He reports from FAM, that the big topic was reviewing the audit. The only observation was about the Project Manager closing out capital projects in a timely fashion. Nick asked about our role in selecting an independent

auditor. There was a review of the financial statements for the month of May. The expenses are under budget by 6%, the year-to-date parking revenue is better than 2019. Parking is one of the main metrics to track success and is about 28% above budget. Daystall revenue is “doing good”, farm revenue is over budget, miscellaneous revenue is over budget. Expenses are under budget. The clock repair is finished. There were some issues with the gear box. The clock is not working currently. There was an electric charging stations update. The plan for now is to repair the ones that are broken. The stations, installed in 2016, run off of 2G and will be obsolete by the end of the summer. They will revisit this in 2023. A resolution was passed regarding the PDA voicemail systems and phones. Nick recently accepted a position with the Market Foundation and abstained from the vote that passed. There was a resolution to restore windows on Western Avenue in the Leland and Farley buildings. Residential property management report shows the vacancy rate down to 6%. A lease proposal for Jarr Bar passed.

Adora Lopez asks if there are any more comments.

Adora Lopez adjourns the meeting at 8:01.

Bruce Rutledge, Secretary/Treasurer