

Pike Place Public Market Constituency

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

March 15, 2022, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Held via phone and Zoom (See Appendix Item #1)

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Pike Place Public Market Constituency for January 15, 2022, was called to order by Vice Chair Jerry Baroh at 6:13 pm.

Roll Call

Those attending included:

Constituency Board Members Jerry Baroh (Vice Chair), Bruce Rutledge (Secretary/Treasurer), PDA Reps Nick Setten, Gordie McIntyre, David Ghoddousi, and Russell Monroe (joining ~6:44), At-Large Constituency representatives Joan Paulson

Constituency Non-board Members Ruth Danner, Liz Hughes, Skip Knox, Haley Land, Bob Messina, Rachel Powell, Joe Read, Christine Vaughan (MHC)

25:08

Total members present: 11. A quorum of ten (10) Constituency members has been established as required per Constituency Bylaws Article 10, Section 4.

The Constituency is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. This meeting will be held via Zoom (and phone). The agenda is as follows.

6:13 p.m. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

6:14 p.m. Approval of minutes

No minutes were approved.

6:15 p.m. Public comment

Ruth mentioned that the Constituency's website is not showing up in search engines, and that the Pike Place Market website didn't have a link to our site.

Nick pointed out that there is a link to our site on the Pike Place Market website.

Joan mentions that Gordie McIntyre is still not a full participant in PDA meetings, and it has been six months since his suspension. She asks what the process is for reinstating him.

Ruth wonders about the propriety of the suspension. Nick says we should be careful talking about this issue in open session.

6:25 p.m. Election update

Bruce says he put out feelers for volunteers to the Election Committee. Asks for suggestions.

Skip volunteers. Haley volunteers.

Ruth offers to volunteer but must do it remotely since she is in Juneau.

Bob Messina asks if we should vote on whether we will have another hybrid election in May?

Jerry mentioned that we have discussed doing the hybrid election this year.

Bob says there should be a vote.

Motion 031522 — Christine moves that the Constituency hold its 2022 election in the same format that the 2021 election was held, with an online component and an in-person component.

Skip moves to table.

Nick seconds.

The motion to table fails 1-10-1.

Russell moves to call to question.

Ruth seconds.

There are no objections.

After discussion about whether to include Election Runner in the motion, the decision is made to keep the motion as is and a vote is taken.

Motion 031522 passes 9 to 3.

New membership cards are discussed.

Nick and Haley offer to help Jerry redesign the membership cards. Because the audit committee recommended that the membership cards be redesigned before the next election, the group will try to finalize a new card in the near future.

Ruth, concerned about online cards.

Jerry, do paper first.

6:50 p.m. Old business

Christine says the 30-day notice for the bylaws vote in April has been met with a mailing of the new bylaws draft to the membership earlier this month. She advocates for passage of the new bylaws at the April General Membership Meeting to correct grammatical mistakes and clarify several points that have been rendered vague by the current bylaws. She reiterates that members have the right to change any part of the bylaws after they are approved

Ruth asks why there were no definitions of terms.

Christine says the committee decided not to include definitions after a lot of thought. Bob says the language in the bylaws is self-defining.

Nick thanks the bylaws team and asks for a recap of the special session held on March 3.

Christine recaps the March 3 meeting. Says Ruth provided an itemized list of recommendations before the meeting. Joan provided four areas of concern. The Bylaws Committee decided to include some of that information in an appendix rather than in the bylaws themselves. Ernie Dornfeld is putting together a procedures document, connected to the bylaws as an appendix.

Ruth reads Article 1, Section 2. "The Constituency is an organ of the PDA established pursuant to the PDA Charter and Ch. 3.110 of the Municipal Code of the City of Seattle (SMC)." She says the word "organ" isn't in the Municipal Code and needs to be defined.

Discussion about the word "organ" continues for a while, with comments about its various meanings, where it does or does not appear in public documents, how it has been used by the PDA, and whether it is appropriate to include in the Constituency's bylaws.

Gordie says he was present for almost every meeting of the Bylaws Committee. He says he has a problem with the word "organ" but commends the work the Committee did and says inclusion of the would not change his positive vote.

Discussion ensues on whether the bylaws should be voted on as a whole or article by article and how Roberts will be used during the voting process next month. Gordie points out that Roberts is inferior to the Pike Place Market Charter and the Constituency Bylaws in this context.

Eventually the discussion winds down.

7:20 p.m. New business

Christine mentions a survey being run by the Dept of Neighborhoods. Reads first paragraph into the record:

From: **Bloom, Melinda**<Melinda.Bloom@seattle.gov>

Date: Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 8:51 AM

Subject: Historic Preservation Program: Survey regarding administrative Certificate of Approval review and virtual meetings

To: Bloom, Melinda <Melinda.Bloom@seattle.gov>

Hello,

As you may know, the Historic Preservation Program has had an administrative Certificate of Approval review process in place throughout the pandemic. Based on the success of the program, the Department of Neighborhoods would like to permanently implement an administrative Certificate of Approval review process and will be proposing legislation to City Council.

As part of the outreach process for this legislation, we're conducting a brief survey to understand people's experience with the administrative Certificate of Approval review process and identify opportunities for improvement. Survey

link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SeattleHistoricPreservation>

The survey should take no more than five minutes of your time and will help shape our legislation. We appreciate your input.

Thank you,

Historic Preservation Program Staff

Sarah Sodt

Erin Doherty

Rebecca Frestedt

Minh Chau Le

Genna Nashem

Christine says that anything that has to do with the Market is of interest to the Constituency. We don't know who received the survey. She got it secondhand. She says that in her capacity as a Commissioner, the administrative review process was not a success. Committees for the Commission were eliminated. The platform chosen for the meetings was WebX, which is much more difficult to use than Zoom. She said that which applications came before them was based on arbitrary and somewhat capricious decisions of the Department of Neighborhoods. The Historic Districts somehow got folded into an emergency ordinance that was ostensibly about the construction of low-income housing. She cites some examples of projects that were decided administratively or sent to the Commission with no apparent rhyme or reason from the Commission's point of view.

Christine says she understands the current regime expires 60 days after the mayor declares the end of the emergency. She suspects the department will submit legislation before that.

Ruth urges everyone to take the survey, share it with everyone you know.

Nick suggests a letter-writing campaign.

Rachel suggests making a QR code to the survey and posting notices around the Market.

7:57 p.m. PDA committee reports

David and Nick give reports about the latest FAM meeting.

January and February were very solid for the Market. It's been a reassuring start to 2022.

Capital projects include a March start date for work on Flower Row. Work on the windows on the North Arcade is in the final stages.

Residential vacancies are slowly decreasing, with the biggest challenge being the Stewart House SROs because its shared bathroom space during a pandemic.

Nick reports on Programs.

Expanding TV coverage, continuing radio, looking into new ways of doing digital advertising. Cruise ships set to bring 1.26 million passengers.

Ninety-one businesses attended a recent small business workshop.

A Bloodworks blood drive is coming.

Daystall rules were accepted as outlined. They will go before the Council.

Another round of Pike Boxes is being prepared.

On April 1, attendance requirements will be reinstated on the daystalls. About 19% have decided not to return.

Community meetings to get feedback from the craft community.

In April, there will be a new busker permit cycle, a busker workshop over Zoom, and artisanal food pop-ups

There will be a social media panel over Zoom for Market businesses.

In June, we'll have Summertime Night Market.

Gordie says that in Feb/March, the Market will be having a vote for the king and queen of the Market.

8:09 p.m. Public comment

Joe Read said that was a wonderful rundown. And it sounds like the Market is lifting its head out of Covid.

Jerry thanks everyone and adjourns the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Presented by Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Rutledge on May 16, 2022.

Posted in draft to website _____. Adopted with/without edits _____.

Appendix

Appendix Item #1

PPPM Constituency General Membership meetings are routinely scheduled with the same Zoom meeting link and meeting ID, plus direct dial-in option. Please feel free to add this information to your Contacts.

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