

Attending Officers: Chris Scott, Bob Braun, Nick Setten, Bruce Rutledge, (6:46) Gina Karaba, (6:52) Jonathan Berner (online) Alex Rasmussen, Gordie McIntyre

Attending Members: Heather Pihl, Erik Pihl, Emily Pike, Annie LAST NAME, Christine Vaughan, Johnny Hanh (online) Kaaren Berner, Liz Hughes, Babak, Bob Messina, Joan Paulson

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6:20 p.m. Approval of agenda

- Nick proposes moving old and new business to happen prior to the remarks of the chair

6:25 p.m. Approval of minutes: January 25, 2024 [Minutes | constituency \(pikeplacemarketconstituency.org\)](#)

- Nick moves to approve, bob seconds. Passes by acclamation

6:30 p.m. Public comment

- Jonny Hahn – re PDA seating proposals on the street. He’s previously perceived it through the lens of impact on buskers. Public seating near Mr D’s is very close to a busker place. Chowder line totally dominates the busker space. people who are seating and uninterested – as a busker you want interest of people walking by. It’s hard enough to attract people’s attention – Chris suggests PDA reps speak to staff. He says that the FOM are seeing the MP as turning the street into a food court. He also says there’s an issue with the evangelical Christians – they’ve been showing up at his corner. He asks if anybody has any highminded ways to cope with it.
- Heather – says that she understands that the free speech area is further north and asks what’s up
- Joan – agrees with Haley’s perspective about the 50yr master plan turning the market into a food court. Says the plan, on paper, says as much about the lower level. Feels that the pda isn’t living up to its charter and is trying to circumvent the ability of the MHC to take a position. She says that this plan smacks of ‘highest and best use’.
- Bob proposes a motion that ‘food courting’ the market as described in the FOM letter be a topic at the next GA meeting, and if the membership sees fit it should write a letter expressing its concern.

- Alex seconds
- Discussion
 - I ask that people come on Monday
 - Christine says that it's worth discussing even if that discussion is had after the vote on the MP.
- Passes by acclamation.

6:50 p.m. Old Business

6:55 p.m. New Business

6:40 p.m. Opening remarks from the Chair

- It's been 6 years since Chris sat in this chair. A lot has happened. We've experienced covid and what happens when there's so much bitterness that this org cannot function viably. He is hopeful – new group of people on the board, the toxic individuals are gone now. Thinks that a lot can be accomplished very quickly that the previous board didn't accomplish. There's a lot that can be done even before the coming election. Thinks it would be a psychological boost to see things happening. Recalls Jonathan's statement that he doesn't know what the Constituency does beyond having elections. With a new group of folks who really care about the market, he's excited to move forward. And lists things we can do:
 - We have an office that's basically just a storeroom. He wants to clean it up and make it look nice. He says that it makes it look like we didn't care. He's asked me to propose a resolution to spend up to \$500 on office supplies, get rid of some of the junk – extra chairs/tables, hopes the PDA will give us storage.
 - Wants to create a committee to get a sign for the office stating who we are (no hours posted) with three catch words: Voice, watchdog, advocate. Thinks it should take 1 – 2 sessions, and then go thru MHC, then get it done.
 - Create a brochure – there's a draft now, we could adopt it or create a committee to create a membership brochure.
 - Wants to partner with FOM on cobblestones events and other events. And have outreach opportunities.
- Other things as well that would take longer
 - Help revive a merchant's association – he's hoping to speak with Ben Kirchner about what's going on. He thinks it best to start from scratch. We can't create but we can facilitate and encourage and help find someone who wants to take a leadership role – he spoke with Conrad at Raven's Nest about this. Chris thinks that not only should we connect with Conrad but also his sister and fiancé (other partners in this) and also Olga Sagan. Bob says he knows Olga well – Chris asks that he invite her to join us for a meeting
 - There's other folks who he wants to connect with about taking a leadership role. Chris knows he would need authorization from the membership to go and talk about this stuff.
 - Crafter's Guild/Daystall Tenants Association – Christine hasn't heard anything about this in a long time. Suggests connecting with Haley about this.
- Wants to develop a mentorship program for the PPMC – wants to partner with FOM for this.
- Wants to develop our own Master Plan. Not a 50yr plan, but maybe a 10-yr plan or something similar.

- How do we bring more DEI into what we do? – thinks mentorship would be helpful in this.
- Wants to get community response to 50yr Plan. Suggested to PDA that before it be adopted, that the community get 6mo to review and make suggestions for change – as long as it is productive – not a death by 1000 cuts. Says that certain elements of the PDA think the Constituency is hardly productive/a joke and now we need to convince them otherwise by our actions and behavior.
- He's speaking with Mary on Monday, and will be promoting the Listening Committee to her – saying they're doing it from a good place, not trying to stick it to the Market and that this could be healing.
- Discussion
 - Erik Pihl – has worked in community engagement for 25yrs. Also in the fields of DEAI. Thanks Chris for coming up with a list of active things. Says the most important and powerful are demonstrated by the actions it takes in addressing critical issues in the Market. What are the most critical issues facing the Market today and what will the Constituency do about them? Brings up street cafes and the slippery slope. Also CC Streetcar. Suggests we think action-oriented. Shorten the list and be thoughtful. RE Merchants Assoc – suggests we identify merchants who can take it and own it. regarding things critical to the Market – suggests doing research and having data that would enable the Const to have data-driven decisions in prioritizing what we need to do. In regards to DEAI – need to identify the barriers of participation, listening to community – it's a long process. Thinks that all this stuff needs to be thought of in terms of short, medium and long. Suggests a 1yr planning doc with a commitment to developing a 3yr plan and doing things in a bite-sized way.
 - Alex Rasmussen – agrees with a lot of what Erik says. In regards to the listening committee – want to use this to get some actual things on the radar for what the Const can handle. In regards to Chris connecting with Mary – says that the PDA is already aware of what the listening committee is working on doing, and hoping to connect with Paul to learn about what the best kind of feedback would be. Thinks that the committee is good to go on building relationship with PDA.
 - Bob says the Merchants Assoc hasn't been filed with the Secretary of State
 - Heather says – take a look at the transportation plan – the streetcar is still there, as is turning PP into a café street. There's a transpo committee meeting next Tuesday at 9am.

7:00 p.m. Discussion on the future direction of the Constituency

Old Business

New Business

- March 18 event – Are You Market?
- Creating Agenda for March GA
 - Chris will speak with Mary about inviting her to speak.
 - Reports of PDA Reps
 - Chris says that this doesn't need to happen in both the GA and ExCom
 - Clarify that Chris should work with Bruce to affix the agenda.
 - Food Court issues and the letter from the FOM

7:50 p.m. Public comment

8:00 p.m. Adjourn meeting