

## July 17, 2012 Pike Place Market Constituency General Assembly Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Teagan McDonald, Joan Paulson, David Ghoddousi, Gloria Skouge, Jill Andrews, Patrick Kerr, Ben Kirchner, David Ott, Chris Scott, Sharon Mukai, Joe Read, Beth Quintana, Andrew Scharhon, Betty Halfon, Kevin Smith, Glenda Rios, and Christine Vaughn.

The meeting was called to order by Teagan at 6:12 p.m.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for April 17, 2012. The minutes were approved by acclamation. Next, the agenda was approved by acclamation. The main item on the July 2012 agenda was the annual election, held at this meeting, and also on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-5 on Flower Row.

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There were no new nominations made. Next item was the introductions of those running for the offices. The PDA Council position was a contested race between Jill Andrews and Betty Halfon. Jill Andrews, the incumbent, introduced herself as a Marketing expert and feels this skill is vital to the Council. Betty Halfon introduced herself as a business owner in the Market of seventeen years, and stated that the PC1North plan and direction was important to her, and following historical guidelines was of great importance. Also, Betty feels marketing issues are a major concern as well. She wants to see a Roundtable of all the interest groups in the Market communicating together.

Next, the candidates for two member-at-large positions were introduced. There are three members running for two positions. David Ott, an incumbent, introduced himself as being very familiar with the Market workings inside and out. Chris Scott, up for election for his first full term, sees the social services mandated by the Charter as an important issue, and has small business experience himself. Joe Read, running for his first term, passed out a hand out about himself to the members present. Joe has managed the Stewart House and has lived in the Market many years. He is retired and an energetic activist in a job at St. James working with homeless people. The chair, Tom Graham, and Vice Chair, Teagan McDonald are running unopposed.

Joan Paulson asked of all the candidates to state what they thought were the two most important things to be accomplished at the Market. Teagan felt that the relationship between the City and the Market in the development of PC1N was very important, and the PDA staying on track with necessary repairs was important. Jill said that the vitality of the Market is most important and the welfare of the people who live and work here is related to this vitality. Betty stated that PC1N is a huge issue as is better communication with the people who live and work here. David Ott also felt that the development of the PC1N lot is very important, and wants to

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see an increase of the capacity of the heating system in the Market and community with offices. Chris, who is also a resident at the Market House, has a concern for the configuration of the PC1N lot, and would like to see the social services more involved in the experiences of the general community. Joe Read also saw PC1N as an important issue. He was concerned about the Market connection to the Waterfront now that the viaduct will come down.

The meeting recessed for the voting to begin. The voting ended at 6:49, and the meeting resumed. Officers concerns: Joan wants to address the Finance Committee with concerns about the windows on the West side. She thought it should be done by September 2012. Also the roof needs to be fixed. Joan will clean the office of the Constituency when it is dry and no new mold has appeared. We need to get papers into files. Discussion of a work party should take place at the next Executive Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. until 9a.m. on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, for voting on Flower Row.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Mukai,

Secretary.