

MINUTES

Pike Place Market Constituency • General Assembly Meeting • July 21, 2009

ATTENDANCE

Tom Graham, chair; Teagan McDonald, vice-chair; Theresa Alexander, Patrick Kerr and Gloria Skouge, PDA Council representatives; Jill Andrews, Ben Kirchner, David Ott, members-at-large; Liza Couchman, acting secretary; Allison Binder, Carol Binder, James Haydu, Ann Huston, Geof Logan; Sharon Mukai, Joan Paulson, Mike Skouge; Stephen Sprenger, members.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

In the absence of changes or additions, the agenda was approved by acclamation.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

None.

RENOVATION UPDATE

Chair Tom Graham noted that the PDA's Public Renovation Update meeting was being held simultaneous to this meeting, but not jointly because he and PDA staffmembers John Turnbull and James Haydu has not yet been able to meet to pursue the notion of joint Constituency and PDA renovation update meetings. As Constituency PDA Council Representative sitting on the PDA Council Capital Renovation Committee, Patrick Kerr updated the General Assembly on renovation progress, including:

- Phase I proceeds on schedule and on budget, despite inevitable setbacks;
- preliminary Phase II drawings were shared with the Capital Renovation Committee, and highlights included canopies, potential loss of some on-street parking, Economy Building elevator possibilities, and a Corner Market elevator possibility that seems to be in a good location with low tenant impact. During discussion, the following comments were offered:
- long-term accessibility issues are perceived to be the need driving more elevators, although historic district status does confer some ADA exemptions;
- elevators have been a contentious element of renovation planning to date in part because of the perceived continued investment in planning elevators in specific locations despite vocal opposition from within the Market community;
- including planning for upcoming phases, along with progress on current construction phase, might result in greater participation in Renovation Update meetings; and
- non-levy project ideas might be a suitable discussion topic for a future meeting.

PDA Executive Director Carol Binder recommended attending meetings of the PDA Council Capital Renovation Committee as the best way to learn of long-range renovation planning ideas.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA REDUX

Upon motion made and seconded, in the interest of allocating time for Constituency 2009 Election voting at the end of the evening, the General Assembly voted (15 for, 0 against, 1 abstention) to reconsider the agenda.

Upon motion made and seconded, the General Assembly voted (15 for, 0 against, 1 abstention) to receive officer reports and new business at 6:40 P.M. instead of after a recess for Constituency 2009 Election voting.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice-chair Teagan McDonald reported that Seattle Police Department parking enforcement officer have displayed over-zealousness recently in enforcement of loading zones—to the point of ticketing a U.S.Postal Service van, UPS van, and even the Fire Department. During discussion, the following comments were made:

- the best course for relief (other than appealing specific citations) may be to contact City Councilmember Tim Burgess, chair of the City Council's Public Safety Committee;

- since the enforcement crackdown began last year, general appeal was made to SPD of the uniquely problematic parking situation at the Market, with no result;
- parking enforcement is a Market issue because with too little, or too much, business can't get done, and so the appropriate PDA staff should meet with appropriate City Council members; and
- there may be potential for some relief if extended loading zone hang tag permits could be negotiated with SPD.

Chair reported that, with regard to the upcoming Constituency 2009 Election voting, should a membership card be missing from the card file, historically the practice was to check the printed membership roster to confirm membership, request I.D., and issue a ballot; however, two years ago, the practice was changed to consult the printed membership roster first, check the card file to confirm membership in the event of a missing name on the roster, check I.D., and issue a ballot. During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- if voting requires membership, then record of membership is required; and
- the membership roster and maintenance practices need to be reviewed.

Upon call to order of the day, discussion was suspended.

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES AND CANDIDATE Q&A

The ballot for the Constituency 2009 Election currently includes:

- Secretary (2-year term)
Candidate: Dale Kennedy (incumbent)
- PDA Council Representative (4-year term, 1 position open)
Candidates: Patrick Kerr (incumbent) and Stephen Sprenger
- Member-At-Large (2-year term, 2 positions open, top 2 vote-getters in the event of more than 2 candidates)
Candidates: Ben Kirchner (incumbent)
- PDA Auditor Concurrence (2/3 vote required)
PDA Selection: Franks & Co., LLC

Upon call for nominations from the floor, Liza Couchman was nominated for Member-At-Large, and Joan Paulson nominated herself for Member-At-Large.

Patrick Kerr introduced himself.

Stephen Sprenger introduced himself, described his background and prior board service, and responded to questions regarding his qualifications and level of commitment to the Constituency beyond his interest in serving on the PDA Council.

Upon motion made and seconded, the General Assembly voted to extend candidate discussion 10 minutes.

Ben Kirchner introduced himself and briefly described his more than six years of history with the Constituency.

Liza Couchman introduced herself and described her background of volunteer service and how she came to be involved in the Constituency.

Joan Paulson introduced herself and described her history of employment with the City of Seattle and the PDA and her interest in the prospective political and zoning landscape when the renewal legislation sunsets in 2014, and responded to questions about her willingness to commit to the Constituency process.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair closed candidate discussion and the meeting, and opened voting at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Liza Jayne Couchman
Acting Secretary