

## 11/19/20 ExCom

- Call to Order 6:07pm
- Attendance – Nick Setten, David Ghoddousi, Jerry Baroh, Mark Brady, Lisa Connolley, Gordie McIntyre, Joan Paulson, Laurie Johnson
  - Devin McComb, Colleen Bowman
- Approval of Minutes-
  - Minutes from 11/17 GA – hold for now
  - Minutes from 10/29 ExCom – passed by acclimation
- Public Comment
- Committee Reports
  - Bylaws - Nick sent a copy of suggestions for possible updates on 11/19. Gordie suggests that if anybody has any input send it to Gordie & Nick or drop in the office. David and Gordie suggest that we defer on taking any action on the proposed bylaw edits tonight. Nick suggests putting the bylaw suggestions in the December newsletter and to bring it up for discussion in January.
  - Elections Review Committee – Joan states that she plans to have this ready to be published in January newsletter, and will present it in December for discussion
- Old Business
- New Business
  - Hahn Building – Landmarks Board meets Dec 2. Joan plans to prepare an individual statement as a member, and thinks that individual comments are more useful than a statement made by our organization. Jerry concurs. Nick disagrees and believes that this is an opportunity for the Constituency to take a leadership role. Lisa offers to take the charge on this, and Nick agrees to connect her with Naomi West at Historic Seattle
  - Figgy Pudding – Nick suggests adding this to December newsletter, Laurie Agrees
  - Laurie suggests inviting Andrew Lewis to one of our meetings next year.
  - Laurie expresses gratitude to Devin, FAM, Mary, etc for passing the 2021 budget including our budget. She acknowledges the difficult decisions that were made in regards to the Foundation, and asks if there were other cuts in the same magnitude that were explored, and why these cuts to the Foundation were made when they support the social services.
    - Devin explains that he saw the earliest initial draft budget, and spent many hours exploring it with Mary to determine whether the cuts were made to a proper magnitude. He explains that initial allocations for almost everything else was reduced before the budget was circulated. He explains that they worried that the initial budget allocation was high, but they tried to tie it to what they expected the budgeting shortfall would be. He acknowledges that other PDA councilors are exploring better ways to more effectively fund the Foundation, and part of the goal in restricting the budget was making sure that the money to the five families would be unrestricted. Foundation staff did not deal with cuts in 2020.

- Colleen, as Foundation liaison, explains that it is an \$87k difference, but in the grand scheme of things given how resourceful the Foundation has been they haven't been affected as much as the PDA.
    - Lisa asks – she understands making an even cut, but that the PDA should know that most Foundation fundraising is for specific items which means that this affects how they can do hiring, and makes sure that Foundation will take pay cuts. She says that the PDA effectively cut the Foundation off at the knees at a staff level.
  - Discussion
    - Overlook Walk – David believes this is a great opportunity, but has questions regarding maintenance, operations, what events would look like. Gordie refers any who missed this meeting to PDA council packet p. 29 to see a photo. David suggests adding to the newsletter an attachment to show our members the website where the packet can be found. Joan expresses concerns around security, hours of operation & access, cost. She states that while the PDA is concerned about a shortfall of \$1mil, it is time to question the PDA's role in oversight of the overlook walk. She points out that busses will be shifted to Alaskan Way which introduces challenges for public access to the waterfront. Devin comments that a year ago the PDA asked who would handle activation, security, etc of the Overlook Walk and that question has continued to come up. He says that while it has been a discussion topic, there has been no delineation of responsibility.
      - Lisa points out that design of the buildings should be in historical reference to the market if they happen with the Market. Points out that the MarketFront goes with the new waterfront designs, not the Old Market. Also points out that the new design obscures the view of the Market from the water, leaving only a neon beer sign. She points out that this project is not reflective of the Market and design-wise looks more like Scheme 23 and ought to look more like the Market.
      - Gordie comments in agreement with Lisa, and suggests creating another iconic market sign that can be seen from the waterfront. He also agrees with David, having seen no restrooms in the design images.
      - Nick asks at what point we invite a representative from the Waterfront to come present to us. David seconds this.
      - Colleen points out that the PDA was working on an iconic signage package that would highlight entry points to the Market but that has been halted due to Covid. PDA will resume this when able, but it is shelved now.
      - Lisa asks that given the financial state of Seattle, why the project is moving forward. The Aquarium has furloughed their staff, so how do they have the money? Colleen points out that Rico and PDA continue to ask where funding is coming from.
      - David suggests inviting a rep from the overlook/waterfront project in Feb/March.
      - Joan points out that the overlook folks got out of the PDA meeting quickly without much questioning from the community. She suggests having them come in from of the Constituency in Jan 2021.

- David suggests moving review of bylaws to ExCom, and invite Overlook Walk people to GA. Laurie agrees.
    - Jerry will connect with PDA to invite Waterfront person for January GA (1/19).
  - Mark expresses concern upon walking through the Market that people are feeling let down and don't know what to do next. He says that most restaurants have used the PPP and don't know what their next recourse is. He says that the Constituency should step up and start looking for ways to help businesses by finding grants or other revenue sources. Laurie seconds this and points out that every month she tries to include information about alternate revenue sources and funding in the newsletter.
    - David points out that any time the PDA finds out about funding opportunities, they forward the information and voices agreement to us including this kind of stuff in our newsletter.
    - Laurie asks who the point person at the PDA is who is tracking down grant opportunities. Colleen replies that it is Amy Wallsmith.
- Public Comment
- Adjourn – 7:05pm