

July 16, 2019
Constituency General Assembly draft minutes
6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jerry Baroh, Nick Setten, David Ghoddousi, Russell Monroe, Joan Paulson, Shari Curiel, Ali Mowry, Mark Brady, Murad Habibi

Jerry called the meeting to order and reminded everyone about the elections.

Candidate forum:

Nick said candidates would be introduced, soliciting any new nominations from the floor, followed by a candidate forum, and then a recess for voting. He reminded the attendees that they would have to show a valid ID in order to vote, compared against the membership list.

Nick introduced the candidates for each position:

PDA Council Representative - David Ghoddousi and Russell Monroe
At-Large Officer (three positions) - Joan Paulson and Shari Curiel.
Secretary-Treasurer - no candidates.

Nick encouraged nominations from the floor for the Secretary-Treasurer and third Officer At-Large positions.

Nominations from the floor: none.

Candidate forum:

David Ghoddousi said that he has served on the PDA Council for 14 years. He talked about his experience and said he has been glad to see the work by the PDA and the Foundation. He expressed appreciation for individuals that have supported the Market.

Russell Monroe expressed appreciation for being involved in the Constituency's democratic process. He has been involved in the Market community for ten years. He believes he has the experience to serve on the PDA Council. He is concerned about inclusiveness and fairness. He is dedicated to service to others.

Joan Paulson said that she has been a Market Constituency member since 2008. Prior to that she worked on the implementation of projects at the Market once the initiative passed. She worked on bringing the buildings up to code, for example. She worked with the PDA on these projects. She is attached to the Market's history and asks the hard questions. She stressed growing the Constituency membership to build a more informed community.

Shari Curiel said she has been looking for ways to get involved and give back to the Market. She has worked in downtown Seattle for the past 20 years. She has worked at a hotel and in the

travel industry, working with tourism and airlines, visitors. They bring a different perspective. Her husband and kids have worked at the Market for years.

Nick said there were latecomers to the meeting, so he would reopen more nominations from the floor. There were none.

Nick opened the floor for questions and answers with the candidates.

Elections:

Nick explained the voting procedures and voting commenced.

Mark had concerns about how voters' current memberships were to be verified. Nick and Ali explained that the voters' memberships would be double checked to be sure they are current.

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