

December 27, 2018
Constituency Executive Committee draft minutes
6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jerry Baroh, Nick Setten, Katya Landau, Mark Brady, Joan Paulson, Lori Johnson, Joe Read

Jerry called the meeting to order at 6:04.

Agenda for next General Assembly meeting

Nick suggested holding the next meeting at the new Constituency office, to address documents and filing; archiving. There was a discussion about furniture for the meeting, and providing directions. Ali asked if Jerry could reach out to the PDA about a sign. It was decided to hold the meeting January 15. Nick said they need to develop a plan before they touch the documents. It's possible to straighten up the office, however, he said.

Nick said Joan reminded him that keys to the old office need to be returned. Katya asked how it will be decided who gets a key to the new office. Nick said according to the rules established for the new office, the PDA shall provide the Executive Committee with three keys. There was a discussion about providing additional keys to officers.

Long-term projects for 2019

Nick reported on his discussion with Katya about some long-term projects to consider - what is our role, if we are not a non-profit, what are we, what are our duties, who would cover us in the event of a lawsuit. Nick thought it would be good to have Gerry Johnson come to give a presentation on the Open Public Meetings Act. Joan suggested Toby from the Public Information Act non-profit instead. She talked about the history of the Act, established by initiative in 1971 to make sure that the agendas are issued ahead, and that the meetings are open to the public. Katya said she would also look into a speaker that can cover the Act.

Nick reviewed Ali's survey on priorities. Nick and Katya discussed it and came up with an idea to create a vision board. How much time we want to devote outside of meetings, for example. There was discussion of putting down ideas on paper collectively.

Joan said that the City Council will be picking up the Hildt-Licata Amendment in January. Only one Council member has been on since ten years ago. The City Council isn't asking for information and the PDA isn't providing it, so we need to provide the history.

Nick said that the bylaws need to be reviewed, the office is important, and end of the year there will be city council elections. Also: digitization of records. Maybe the UW can help. Joan suggested contacting the history, public affairs, library science programs

there.

PDA holiday marketing

Ali said that there were bells distributed to businesses and asked that they ring them at 11 and 3 to the tune of Jingle Bells. There was negative feedback from the businesses. Ali said she'd like to do a survey of Market businesses in the DownUnder with regard to the holiday marketing program. Nick made a motion to create a committee, led by Ali, to inquire among Market vendors in the DownUnder and crafts people about the success and efficacy of the PDA's holiday marketing program. Katya seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Cancellation of PDA meetings

There was a discussion about the cancellation of PDA Council meetings in December. Mark explained that it was due to a quorum issue. Ali said she understood it differently. She said that there are items that have been backburnered and that she thinks it's important for the PDA Council to build community, not just make decisions. Katya said she could bring it up at the next full Council meeting as a constituent. It was decided that Jerry would send a letter to the PDA Council. Joan said that they need to live up to the Charter, be transparent, and there needs to be clear communication. Ali said that she was concerned about the poor communication.

Social media

Katya said her next project is to put together a mockup of what the Constituency Facebook page will look like. She met with Russell and they discussed events and working with Nick on the elections. It will be like a town hall, and creating staff hours at the office to take public comments. They will meet again on January 2. Jerry asked if she could have it ready by January 15 so that the General Assembly could vote on it. Katya confirmed that she could.

Newsletter

Mark suggested including the demolition of the Viaduct and the impacts to traffic. Nick asked Mark to write up a blurb about it, and suggested including information from the city's transportation department (SDOT). Joan talked about how SDOT does not have authority or responsibility over this state (WSDOT) project. Nick talked about combining the newsletter and the agenda to be sent out at the same time. Joan will write about the Hildt-Licata Agreement. Additionally, there will be a calendar of events. Two officers will be profiled each month, including their pictures and bios. Deadline will be January 9. Lori discussed mailing charges. There was further discussion of content and outreach.,

Insurance

Joan said she provided that information to Nick and Jerry. She said there are still questions, such as are we registered as a non-profit. Katya asked that it be discussed at

the Executive Committee meeting for January. Mark said that the PDA is not willing to provide additional funding until after March.

Potential charter violation

Joan expressed a concern that the PDA is discussing operating outside the district, i.e. the Overlook Walk.

Letter to PDA - cancellation of PDA Council meetings

There was a discussion about sending a letter. Ali made a motion to bring the issue of a possible violation of the Charter to the PDA, entailing a letter by the Chair of the Constituency to the PDA, regarding the cancellation of upcoming PDA Council meetings, requiring that a legal reason be cited. Mark seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.