

## **Pike Place Market Constituency Minutes - DRAFT**

Meeting Type: Executive Committee, Regular Meeting

Date: May 26, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm PST.

Place: Meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

### Constituency Officers:

Adora Lopez, Chair

Jerry Baroh, Vice Chair

Bruce Rutledge, Secretary-Treasurer

Ali Mowry, At-Large

Joan Paulson, At-Large

David Ott, At-Large

### Constituency PDA Representatives:

David Ghoddousi, Russell Monroe, Gordon McIntyre, Nick Setten

Attendance: Bruce Rutledge, Gordie McIntyre, Joan Paulson, Jerry Baroh, Bob Messina, Colleen Bowman, Ruth Danner, Haley Land, Vice Chair, David Ghoddousi, Nick Setten, Zek Gebrekidan, David Ott, Russell Monroe, Christine Vaughan, Skip Knox, Ali Mowry

Jerry Baroh called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Agenda approved by acclamation.

### Minutes

April 28, 2022 Executive Committee meeting minutes - motion by Nick, seconded by Russell. Approved by acclamation.

### Public comment

Bob said at the PDA meeting tonight that as of June 1, the state will require the PDA to meet in person again. The PDA will do hybrid meetings, but not for all their meetings. Bob asked if this will mean the Constituency will also meet in the Classroom.

Christine clarified that the Open Public Meetings Act requires that there is a place for everyone to go for the meeting, not that they are required to be there in person. She said that the first Market Historical Commission meetings will be held at City Hall, which she thinks is inappropriate, because it should be easy for people to get to the meetings.

Joan said that a lot of the discussions are if they benefit the community or do not

benefit the community. She agreed that they should not be at City Hall.

Skip said he's concerned about the quiet diplomacy taking place around the idea of closing Pike Place. He urged people that are concerned to pay attention to the media. He is also concerned about the land grab by the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods over the Market Historical Commission's authority. He asked that the Constituency take note of what was happening.

### Election Committee update

Bruce said that the Election Committee would be having its first meeting tomorrow night. They will be meeting by Zoom. Haley, Ruth, Skip and Joan have offered to help. They will need to do phone banking right away. Bruce and Gordie will be updating the membership list. Members must renew by June 19 to be able to vote in the election. The Election Committee will be meeting weekly.

Colleen asked if the Nominations Committee and Election Committee are being used interchangeably, since they are described separately in the bylaws. She asked if the meetings will be open to the public. Bruce confirmed that the terms are being used interchangeably and the meetings will be open to the public.

Christine said that the bylaws create two entities, with two different roles - one for nominations and the other for elections. The nominations committee finds candidates, whereas the election committee runs the elections. The Elections Officer can choose people from the election committee to serve on the nominations committee, but the committees have two separate functions.

Ruth said the highest priority should be to get members renewed before the deadline. She didn't think it was wise to have Bruce create two groups.

Haley said that one committee can do both. He emphasized that, while it is a priority to get members renewed, it's important to also give priority to tasks related to the election as well, such as getting questionnaires out to candidates.

Nick asked if there was a standard operating procedure for updating the membership list. Bruce said the procedure will be formalized this weekend with Gordie.

Jerry asked if there was an update on a person for administrative help. Bruce said not yet, and noted that a number of people have offered to help.

### Old Business

Nick asked if the bylaws were updated and filed with the City Clerk. Bruce said

that he contacted the City Clerk, and they are not accepting them in person, so he mailed them a copy of the minutes and signed bylaws. Nick asked if they had been delivered to Karin Moughamer. Bruce said he will deliver them to her as well.

### New Business

Jerry said he would still like to do an ice cream social they had been wanting to do, with the Market community - craftspeople, the Market Historical Commission, etc. so that they can get to know each other.

David said he thought it was a great idea. Jerry asked about using the Desimone Bridge. David thought the Desimone Bridge or the MarketFront plaza would work. He suggested that people could bring old pictures of themselves at the Market.

Nick suggested reaching out to members first. He reviewed three places where it could be held - the Atrium, the Desimone Bridge, the MarketFront, and then suggested determining date and time, and sponsors.

Bob thought it would be harder, with the pandemic, to get sponsors to give ice cream. He suggested local vendors - Shy Giant, Ice Cream Delight, and Bottega Italiana, and that the Constituency sponsor the event.

Skip spoke in favor of the ice cream social, with perhaps a brief meeting before, so that the momentum is continued.

Joan made a motion to have the revised revisions of the bylaws sent out to the membership so that they are more informed. David seconded it.

The motion was discussed. It was decided that the issue should be brought up at the June General Assembly meeting instead, because it was not an administrative issue that could not be decided by the Executive Committee because it. Jerry said the bylaws have been filed, but amendments can be made. There was a discussion about independent legal opinions.

Motion to stop the debate: 8-0 motion passed

At-Large Officer Ali Mowry joined the meeting.

Motion 052622 by Joan to send revised legal opinion concerning the bylaws to general membership of the Constituency.

Ruth said there was an amendment to bring this request to the general

membership meeting. It was clarified that Joan had not agreed to this amendment.

Vote: 5-4 motion failed. Nick, David G., Russell, Ali, and Gordie voted no; Zak, Joan, David O., and Bruce voted yes.

Skip said people refer to the Executive Committee as a board. He clarified that it's not a board. He noted that it's a committee and should be referred to as such.

Gordie clarified in response to Skip's comments that the Committee is given certain duties in the bylaws to make decisions.

Gordie said Bob Trembley is open to restarting up the Pike Place Market podcast and that there may be a request for funding again from the Constituency.

Bob Messina spoke in support of restarting the podcast.

Gordie said there is another person who may be able to take it forward in Jerry's place, from South Seattle.

Skip said the Constituency's web presence needs updating. Some information should be consolidated and other information is missing.

Jerry said that the Constituency is working on adding an administrative position to assist Bruce.

Joan volunteered to help with the podcast.

#### PDA Council Committee reports

Nick said he reported on the Financial & Asset Management Committee and the Programs Committee last week at the General Assembly meeting, so he would focus this report on the full PDA Council meeting this evening.

Resolution passed on MarketFront closeout agreement. Resolution passed to restore the Corner Market windows. Resolution passed to establish a bank account for the funds of deceased community members. The PDA is looking into hybrid style meetings, as of June 1. PDA Council nominations coming up. There are currently no representatives of the Constituency on the PDA Council's Executive Committee; that may change soon.

Discussion of closing Pike Place: slow it down, focus on cruise ship season. Mary will be meeting with Mayor Harrell next week to deliver the same message. The PDA is actively working to get Uber and Lyft off the street. Upcoming closures on Stewart Street due to leaking pipes and Pike Place due to cruise

ship foot traffic management.

RFQ for the Master Plan closed at 3 p.m. today. Ten proposals came in.

Construction has closed the parking garage exit to Alaskan Way. City is stepping to help by having off-duty uniformed officers guide traffic at the Western exit, to keep traffic moving.

Clock is being fixed and painted. Flower Row work should be done by June 3. Outdoor dining restarting. Nick expressed appreciation for Russell's first Market Foundation report at the PDA Council meeting.

There was public comment about hybrid meetings and the Market Historical Commission meetings temporarily taken out of the historic district.

#### Public Comment

Haley said if the podcast starts before June 19, it could include a reminder to renew with/join the Constituency. He also suggested that it might make sense to remind members to renew not just from the 2021 list, but also the 2020 list.

Skip suggested that the Constituency consider how to make the meetings appealing to attend.

Bob said he thought it was a good meeting tonight.

Nick added to his comments earlier about elections that Colleen had volunteered to help. Jerry asked if the Election Committee is reaching out to all populations in the Market. Bruce confirmed that it will be.

7:33 p.m. Meeting adjourned.