

In attendance:

Officers: Bob Braun, Bruce Rutledge, Alex Rasmussen, Nick Setten; (Online) Gina Karaba, Jonathan Berner, Gordie McIntyre

Members: Chris Scott, Jack Whisner, Heather Pihl, Mary Baccarella, Chris (Lamplight), Christine Vaughan, Howard ????, Gabe ????; (Online) Emily Pike, Zek Gebrekiden, Charlotte Starck, Bob Messina, Karen, HaleyLand, Annie?, Karen Berner, Joan Paulson, Erik Pihl, Alex Apostolopoulos

Guests: Bob Kettle

Agenda:

6:15 p.m. Call to order & approval of agenda

6:20 p.m. Guest speaker: District 7 Councilmember Bob Kettle

Comments

I believe in the PPM, Fisherman's Terminal, it's real, a fishing fleet, unlike other cities with rented fishing vessel. That's how I look at the Market. That's its charm – not a Disney type of thing.

Unique circumstances in terms of location. We have our geography and topography. Need to be mindful of.

Alleys, it's about logistics. Did walkabouts during candidacy. Good and bad. Comes down to two words: loading dock. I keep pushing this. Applies to Market - goes to age, topography, policy decisions that ignore logistics, that's a false start. Real Market. Guiding principle. How I make my decisions.

More broadly, ran on safety, health, homelessness. Champion libraries.

Talked about Port and its role.

Public safety is job 1 of this Council.

Human Services got paired with Housing, not Public Safety. I bring it back to the permissive environment we have allowed to flourish. What allows criminals to act. First of six pillars, SPD staffing. Vacant lot ordinance talked about by Burgess.

Cascade from vacancies to drug market to stolen goods market. Need to crack down on graffiti. Fifth pillar is public health. When people are bent over at the same angle in alleys, something has to give. Last piece, committee and council need to work together. Council needs to work with Executive.

Safety: Metro, jail. Need county, and also state on mental health. What if we were No. 2 like the Dawgs football team.

Public safety will help the Market. Need to look at whole ecosystem of the business community. The Market is a business ecosystem.

Haley, tough love

Bob M. what do you think about a mental health levy.

Bob K. Possible but just passed a levy. Get five care centers and hold Gov's feet to fire. If those fail, yes, we may have to look to ourselves. Regional approach is important.

Jack, vacant lot just west of City Hall.

Bob K, don't have an answer on that one.

Alex, SPD recruitment, what troubles?

Bob K, recruitment and retention. Should partner with Promise Program, get associates, (one more step?) and then to Academy. Doesn't help morale if officer arrests someone, puts them in jail and they walk.

Gina, trolley car?

Bob K., My introduction answers that question. Pay attention to logistics, loading docks, topography, next thing you know we are heading to the waterfront. I don't see a path forward. We can't create another 3rd Avenue. 1st Ave

Howard, 1st Ave is an important asset, two way, local service and access, those businesses, make it corridor. Local businesses will not survive.

Bob K. we will keep advocating.

Nick, talks about importance of Constituency. How has your perspective changed on the Market. How do we connect with you or your office?

Bob, Lillian is best friends with my sister-in-law. I am connected, coming Friday with staff to get good insight. Believe in Market. Partner with city but can be self-governing. How do we help but with Market leading because you know your circumstances.

Bob B, Something to be learned by PPM security.

Bob K. Security ecosystem.

6:50 p.m. Approval of minutes: January 16, 2024

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Approved.

6:50 p.m. Interim Chair - nominations from the floor and elections
Jonathan

Bob

Christine

Nick Chris

Haley seconds

Chris,

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Chris Scott is elected Interim Chair.

7:05 p.m. PDA Master Plan update

Gina makes her report, says crafters are getting short shrift on master plan.

Nick makes his report. Last Master Plan meeting was 1/25. PDA Council meeting on 2/29 will touch on it. Mentions Ex Director Hiring Committee, getting RFPs from 7 search firms, but got only 2 responses.

Heather, FAM? Scattering seating all over the Market. Concern about turning Pike Place into a Food Court. Greek Yogurt is petitioning for it in front of its store.

Bob M. asks clarification on some of the meetings

Haley, talked about Ex Director, short turn-around to find new director.

Bob M mentions they may ask Mary to extend for a bit.

Gordie talks about the Finance Committee report. \$4mill ahead of schedule. SAYS next Ex Dir should be Lisa Herbold, worked for Nick Licata

7:30 p.m. Inviting guests to speak at future meetings.

Mary or Amy Wallsmith

Chris, could have two speakers back to back.

7:35 p.m. Listening Committee

Jonathan, everyone was very busy during the last month.

7:35 p.m. 2024 Constituency elections

Membership updates

7:39 p.m. Old business

-Repair bricks on Pike Place and side streets

Charlotte Starck, president of Alki Community Council, pavers have worn to illegibility, quite poignant to those who purchased, landmark Lady Liberty statue.

In chat:

Heather, pavers in PPM in city-owned streets. Sidestreets are all hills. Sandstone bricks wear out and don't hold up to heavy traffic. Put in the 70s, perhaps. Have to get the city to replace them.

Charlotte, no one stepping up to lead and if we renewed the bricks, same result 15 years from now?

Nick speaks of Foundation fundraiser to pay for the tiles.

7:48 p.m. New business

Heather, give us feedback on the website.

Jonathan thanks people for making efforts to bring in speakers.

Karen, could we check if we are still active.

Jonathan, If you want to know your membership status, email us here.

7:52 Public comment

Haley, knows Lisa Herbold well. Quick study. Active in the Market. Would be exciting if she is interested.

Chris asks for copies of Hilt-Licata to be distributed to officers.

7:55 p.m. Adjourn meeting