

PIKE PLACE MARKET CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING June 19, 2012

BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT: Tom Graham, Chris Scott, David Ott, Sharon Mukai, Ben Kirchner, Jill Andrews, David Ghoddousi, Gloria Shouge, Patrick Kerr, and Teagan McDonald.

OTHERS: Mike Shouge, Joe Read, Pearl Varon, Betty Halfon, Robert Alexander, Kathleen Devon, Andrew Kerr, Howard Allen, Ben Franz-Knight, Joan Paulson, Lillian Hochstein, and Christine Vaughan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Tom Graham.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for April 26, 2012. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Officer's Reports: Teagan spoke of the new location of the Rummage Hall across from the Smoke Shop as the possible cause of the users having trouble staying in business. Was it over-all slow business as the cause? Howard Allen felt that the fact that it was a hard location to get to was a problem when compared to the old location that had constant shoppers.

Jill Andrews was concerned about the proposed new Commercial Kitchen as taking staff time and Council time. Also, the full Council meeting this month is a very important one to attend. There are many important issues being discussed such as the future of the PC1North site. This meeting will run a half hour longer. Christine asked Jill if the Market was going to replace the Market logo on a paper bag since after July 1 no more plastic bags may be used, and Jill said a paper bag was proposed by the PDA. Jill mentioned that Sue Gilbert was the one to talk to about this.

Joan Paulson was concerned about the loss of the "Free Ride Zone" in the downtown areas proposed by Metro Transit as to the impact it would have. Teagan felt that low-income people will hit hardest by this loss. Joan felt this loss of a free ride area might result in "poor buses", which would amount to segregation of the poor. She felt that bus service for everyone should be the policy. The Seattle mayor is on the County Council and the Seattle City Council and should be made aware of the concerns. Joe Read noted that people with disabilities have to deal with hills and distances. This is an unnecessary hard ship.

The next order of business was a discussion of the upcoming election in July. Sharon Mukai, the Chair of the Election Committee was asked what positions were available and who was running. The Election Committee is comprised of Sharon Mukai, Joan Paulson and Gloria Shouge. There are two member-at-large-positions open for this election. Running are Chris Scott, an incumbent, David Ott, an incumbent, and Joe Read, running for the first time.

There is one PDA Council Representative Position up for election, with Jill Andrews running as the incumbent. Betty Halfon is also running. Tom Graham, the Chair, and Teagan McDonald the vice chair are both running again, unopposed. Flower Row needs to be reserved for Friday, July 20th, from 9-5 for the Election Day. The meeting on the 17th is the first time to vote, from 6-8 p.m.

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The next item on the Agenda began at 6:50 p.m. Ben Franz-Knight gave a presentation on the PC1North development project and the connection to the Waterfront. The most salient feature of the project is that the Viaduct will be coming down, and a new Waterfront will be established. Ben states that we can now be connected to the Waterfront, but what is the best way to do this in order to benefit the Market in the best way and avoid negative impact? There are twelve converging Alaskan Way Viaduct (AMV) replacement projects. In 2016 the Viaduct comes down, which will result in much loss of parking. The Hill Climb connection is an important connection with the Market. Main concerns are porosity-multiple routes to Market and covered walkways. Views are to be maintained and enhanced. The Waterfront should complement the Market, not compete with it, so we need to activate Western Avenue. Key views that need to be maintained are of the clock and sign, the view down Pine Street, Stewart Street and Steinbrueck Park, and a major view to be preserved is the one from the north slabs out to the water. There may be "new views" from the end of Desimone Bridge.

Members present at this discussion expressed concerns at loss of views for the Vendors that work in the Market, and that original views may be seriously changed. Ben said that PDA negotiations with the City are underway for ownership of the PC1 North site being transferred to the Market. This has not happened yet. Mike Shouge mentioned that the City owns Steinbrueck Park and will keep it.

Next was an overview look at several of the design options and general discussion. These pictures are not included in the minutes but were available on the Market website and have been circulated among many Market vendors by Halely Land. Chris Scott was concerned that views from the Bridge did seem to be blocked by all the plans shown.

June 28th, 2012 at the Full PDA Council meeting, the plans will be discussed and refined, and is open to public comments. There was a feeling at this meeting of the Constituency that the criticism was not balanced and that more time is needed to consider different options. There was a general feeling of being rushed into a decision, backing people into a corner. David Ghouddousi felt that slides didn't give enough of a feel for what was really being shown, the views were clearly blocked, and that what was represented did not feel or look like the Market. Patrick stated that it was a failed design plan and David agreed. Teagan said it looked like a choice between a canyon and a tunnel. Christine said that change is coming anyway you look at it when the Viaduct comes down.

The next item on the agenda was an introduction to Lillian Hockstein, the new director of the Market Foundation. Lillian has been at the Market for three months now, and was here in the late 90's as a development advisor. She came from Fare Start Well Spring Family Services where she helped build the building on Rainier Ave. This organization does human services work, teaches job skills, and works with the homeless population. Fundraising was all-important with this job. Her goals at the Market are to raise more money than ever, and promote Rachel the Pig and by doing so, give the Foundation more name recognition. Lillian then took questions from the audience.

Joan asked her about what she feels will be the effect of the loss of the free bus zone in Downtown Seattle. Lillian felt that this loss of service will be evaluated soon because it will result in a huge loss of

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city income to transport people other ways. She than invited us to attend Foundation Board Meeti
although the date of these is the same day as the Constituency Board meeting.

We adjourned at 8:07p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Mukai,

Secretary