

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

Attendance: Jerry Baroh, David \_\_\_\_\_, Mark Brady, Ali Mowry, Russell Monroe, Nick Setten, Patricia Gray, Joan Paulson, Bob Messina

#### PDA Council Committee reports

David reported on the Market Connections Committee. He said that David Graves from the Parks Department presented an overview of the renovations at Victor Steinbrueck Park. They will rebuild the pergola. The large London Plane tree will be removed because they think it would not survive being moved and replanted. There was a discussion about a coffee counter to be installed along the west railing and the safety of that. Joan brought up at the meeting that the map submitted to the City Council with the Hildt-Licata Agreement incorrectly showed the boundaries for the Historical District. Some PDA Council members toured the State Hotel.

Ali reported on the Market Programs Committee. She said that the PDA will try to extend the Mother's Day festival into the DownUnder. Mark added that they will concentrate on four or five main events each year: Magic in the Market, Mother's Day in the Market, Love in the Market, and Harvest Festival. Ali said that the PDA is trying out telling stories on Instagram.

Mark reported on the FAM. He said five new leases were signed. He reported on income and insurance increases.

Joan said she has copies of an article on the First Ave Streetcar that says it should not go forward.

#### Elections Committee

Nick said that he'll be submitting an announcement to Market News and others in the next few days.

#### Budget Committee

Ali reported on her meeting with Joan and Jerry. Currently the budget is \$7,000 a year and they are asking for \$9,500. It includes a social budget, to include hosting more events. She requested any suggestions for additional inclusions.

#### Social Media

Russell reported that he has only been posting the notices of meetings. There haven't been a lot of comments.

#### Heritage Display - Patricia Gray, Pike Place Market Foundation

Patricia gave an update on the Heritage Display, which is a collaboration between the Market Foundation, the PDA and Friends of the Market. They are coming up with a plan to replace the old displays with new writing and displays. The existing displays are not in good shape, and they are not accessible to the public because of the length of the text, the size of the text and the crowded locations where some signs have been installed. The current signs were not made for the locations; they were relocated from the Heritage Center. They have to secure funding during Phase II of the project, 2020-2022.

Joan asked to have historical information included in the signs that had been left out in the previous group of signs. She spoke to the uniqueness of the Market having been a location where urban renewal and historic preservation were combined successfully, which should be repeated elsewhere.

Ali asked about including information about the buskers. Patricia explained that everything on the existing signs has been documented, so it can be replicated if desired. The signage will just be different.

Patricia explained that it's the tail of planning these new signs, and that they will be applying for 4Culture funding again, to move forward with Phase I. It's also possible to apply for state funding.

Discussion ensued about the history of the Market.

Patricia said she will be back once they have concept designs for review.

#### Bylaws

Review and voting on the bylaws was postponed until June. Jerry will type them up and distribute them to the Constituency before there's a vote.

#### Elections - membership renewal

Ali and Nick attended bell ringing to remind about the need to renew memberships and reported back after talking to some people in the crafts line. There was a discussion of collection of membership forms and dues by officers.

#### New Business

Ali suggested that there be a labor organization in the Market to keep pace with the minimum wage law, since people are paid under the table. She thinks that the PDA should make sure that tenants are paying fair wages. Mark said it's different in the Market and that it's not possible to dictate how much people are paid. Ali said people can't survive on \$10/hour and are having to live farther away. Joan spoke about the need for affordable housing and the city's goals for it. Discussion ensued. Russell suggested focusing on people that are underpaid.

Ali said she heard that the cherry trees by the Hahn Building will be removed, on Pike Street, and suggested that keeping an eye on that.

Ali brought up an issue with noise from the Kress Building.

Joan suggested sending letters to the Seattle Times about the streetcar and bringing back the free ride zone, and bringing back buses to First Avenue. She also supported watching that the cherry trees are preserved.