

In attendance

Officers: Bob Braun, Bruce Rutledge, Jonathan Berner, Alex Rasmussen, Adora Lopez, Nick Setten (online) Gordie McIntyre, Jerry Baroh

Members: Chris Scott, Johnny Hanh, Craig Eidsmoe, Karen Berner, The Berner dog, Jacob, Emily Pike, John Nado, Lily M?, Heather Pihl, Chris, John Cacarucci, Ash, Erik Pihl, Rosie, Amy, Haley Land, Rachel Powell, Jason, Maggie Haines, John Meyer, Clara Meyer, Max Urban, Megan Lee

6:05 p.m. Approval of agenda

6:10 p.m. Approval of minutes:

August 15, 2023, January 16, 2018, and February 14, 2018 minutes approved by acclamation.

6:15 p.m. PDA Master Plan update

Heather explains the schedule for the next meetings.

Emily Pike mentions the survey and how it could be distributed better in the future.

6:30 p.m. Inviting guests to speak at future meetings

General discussion but no decisions made on next guests.

6:40 p.m. Old business

- *Crafter proposal from Jonathan Berner to form a subcommittee to raise awareness of the Constituency and explore issues facing crafters and other segments of the market.*

Rachel asks to what end are we looking for this committee to handle?

Jonathan says to educate people about the Constituency and what it can do.

Alex asks how long the subcommittee would be working and would it be going business to business to discuss issues of concern?

Jonathan suggests doing it for 6 months and then evaluating effectiveness.

Friendly amendment from Bob Braun would make Jonathan the chair of the subcommittee.

Alex seconds.

The motion passes by acclamation.

7:00 p.m. New business

- *GUEST SPEAKER: Jack Whisner, active Seattle citizen and Pike Place Market Constituent: The Center City Connector Streetcar is a very weak, disruptive, and costly project. What is a more reasonable transit network for 1st Avenue?*

Jack makes his presentation and discussion ensues.

Jack says 5 votes on City Council are needed to kill the central streetcar project. Lisa Herbold, Alex Pederson, Sara Nelson are against it – need two more. Juarez and Morales are concerned about pedestrian issues. Mayor will put a line in the budget to study the streetcar.

More discussion ensues, with questions and statements by Jacob, John Cacrucco and others.

Chris Scott says the streetcar can't happen on 1st. Need deliveries.

Jacob counters that we can find a way to have business deliveries and streetcar

Heather explains that all left turns between Stewart and University would be eliminated except for a turn pocket. She says the previous director of the PDA was pro-streetcar and went on to work at the company that would build it. Politics in the Market were different from what they are now. The streetcar will affect the Showbox. Band buses park in front. Inn at the Market needs valet parking. She says the city did not do proper outreach.

Bob M says the proposal to have 1am to 5am deliveries is a nonstarter.

7:40 p.m. PDA Council Committee reports

Nick, Programs on 12th, PDA FAM meeting, couldn't attend. Mostly Q2 recap, pedestrian traffic 7.3% up. 50th anniversary of PDA. Arts Program team – two working groups, secondary items on craft, seniority clause on craftline. 1 meeting so far. Another meeting this month, next month, second Tuesday of month. Daystall rules coming up in January. Claim your directory pages on ppm.com. 30% update regularly, 65% have logged in at least once. Q2 saw 32 videos for social media. Events, Flower Festival, record high farmer participation. Co-op advertising.

Also did 50-year plan update.

7:50 p.m. Public comment

Haley, flower/farmer waitlist? Really?

Bob, Folio with Lewis & Kettle, d7 candidate forum. Nick attended, Not terribly swayed either way by the candidates.

Jonathan, PDA Reps, daystall tenants pay rent online. 5% charge to pay online. That's not a processing fee. Could use electronic checks. PDA should have made that available by now.

8:00 p.m. Adjourn meeting