Board Members Present: Tom Graham, Chris Scott, Joan Paulson, David Ghoddousi, Gloria Skouge, Patrick Kerr, Teagan McDonald, Sharon Mukal and Ben Kirchner.

Others: Carol Wolf, Ben Franz-Knight, Kelly Lindsay, Mike Skouge, Jill Andrews, Claudia Kelly, Haley Land, C. Vaughan, Joseph Eisenschmidt, Bruce Lorig, Joe Read, Tish Whitson, Paul Dunn, Karen Kane, and Sally Clark.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Tom Graham. The first item of business was a revision of the order of the agenda to place Sally Clark’s presentation at 6:15 as she was delayed until then. Next item was the approval of the minutes from July 17, 2012. They were approved by acclamation.

Officers Reports: Under a discussion of the Constituency Office, Tom mentioned that the stairs need to be replaced as they are rotting. Joan mentioned that mini-blinds can be purchased any time. Teagan asked about the progress on getting new locks and keys for the office. Tom then addressed this issue to Ben in the audience. Ben suggested the Emergency Preparedness discussion occur first, before Sally Clark arrived. Joan made a motion to approve $30 for the purchase of mini-blinds. The motion was seconded by Chris. The motion passes with 8 votes, unanimously.

Ben now begins to speak of the Emergency Preparedness Plan. He said that we need to refresh the overall communication throughout the Market, by having floor captains for all levels of the Market. He has had experience in Santa Monica with this type of planning. The first part of the new year we should have a plan and communicate events for the entire Market. Tom asks who will be the floor captains and Ben said he would like a tenant to be the person. Ben also wants to create a form for each business to fill out. Chris felt that having two people in the residences, one on the north end and one on the south was important. Christine asked if there was already a plan for the most vulnerable residents. Joseph E. pointed out that the emergency exit chart was not done on every floor in the building. (Sally Clark arrives at 6:15 p.m.)

Continuing the discussion of preparedness, it was suggested that the fire department engage in test runs and help with the plan. Ben will have, by the first of the year, a draft for community meetings on the topic of Emergency Preparedness. Joseph E. mentioned that the elevator in the Soames-Dunn Building has no visible certificate of inspection. Teagan said that the elevator by the bakery has a hole in the floor.

The discussion of the PC1-N and waterfront development with Sally Clark and Ben Franz-knight was the next topic discussed. Ben presented the guiding principles: 1. Vehicle access, 2. Pedestrian access,
3. Priority uses, which are parking, storage, community residences, social services, and programs. The next steps are to identify the preferred development option, finalize negotiation of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the City in regards to the timeline and phasing, as well as ownership over the long term. Key dates are the September 2012 PDA Full Council meeting to approve the final concept design for the development, and begin the process for hiring a general contractor. Nov/Dec. is the time for approval of the MOU with the city, and the next major step with Miller-Hull. In 2013 everything will be finalized, and by 2014 the work will start. In 2016, the Viaduct will come down.

The potholing work done by the PDA showed that the Burlington-Northern tunnel ends in the middle of the site, so there may be more parking available than originally thought. The structural concept is to span over the tunnel without leaking into the tunnel. The tunnel cannot be touched or stopped. The concept provides for connections through all parts of the Market and Waterfront. A slide show presentation showed representations of views with the new construction. Joan asked Ben if the proposed residential building is higher than is currently allowed under the Urban Development Plane and Ben said no. Joan than mentioned that the intersection outside Steinbrueck Park (Virginia Ave. and Western Ave.) currently has very heavy traffic and that SDoT (Seattle Dept. of Transportation) is not looking at the Western Ave. mess at this intersection. Ben said that the entire transportation flow will change entirely with the Development. Christine said that parking is important to the Market, and David Ott agreed saying parking for farmers and large delivery trucks is necessary. Teagan suggested that the old recycling area can be converted back to parking. Joseph E. asked for a commitment by the PDA to put the final copies of the Design on the Bridge for people to see. Ben stated that views from the Bridge are not blocked.

Tom addressed a question to Sally about rumors that the City will help replace parking lost to the Market due to the expansion of the Aquarium, and what is the City thinking about this. Sally said that they are seeing models for the first time, but are aware of the parking problem. Sally said it is the State that has money for parking not the City, but that the State and the City are both looking at the parking issues resulting from the loss of the Viaduct. Sally said that the mix of uses in the Plan, with parking, storage, open space and commercial use, seems like a good proposal. However, the Aquarium wants to expand, and wants City money.

Christine says it has been twenty years since the Market has tried for an MOU with the City to control PC1N. She feels the Market knows how to make the best use of the space. Sally commented that the Market Development just finished is a great spur for an MOU with the City. Haley asked what will happen if the Sea Wall vote fails? Sally said that is the first piece of the puzzle. Haley than asked that if the Sea Wall vote passes, what about the MOU. There was
no definitive response, but Sally did say the MOU has to go through the full City Council to be final.

Joan felt that the City and PDA Council should say that if parking cannot be provided growth should be limited. Sally said other locations for parking during the growth of the waterfront will be provided.

Next on the agenda were Sally Clark's comments on the problems that may occur with the sunset of the Urban Renewal Plan. Sally said the City Council is looking at this issue. (The meeting recessed briefly as Sally Clark leaves). The meeting resumed at 7:13 p.m. Joan said there is a conflict of the Urban Renewal plan and the PDA development plans. She said we have just witnessed it in this meeting as the emphasis is all about Development and not about Preservation, the "P" in the PDA. The Historic Commission is losing power to the Parks Dept. and seems to have little say about proposed plans by the City to change the preserved nature of Steinbrueck Park. The Dept. of Neighborhoods needs intervention from Seattle Council and the Mayor to back off. Sally Bagshaw is now in charge of the Parks Dept. Sally Clark, the Mayor and Sally Bagshaw need to correct the conflict of the unequal playing field of the Parks Dept. versus the Urban Renewal Plan. Joan said that the PDA has to go before the Historical Commission with their plans for the Park, and that the Waterfront Development Plan lacks 40% of the money needed for their plans. Joan will draft a letter for the Constituency Executive Committee to approve to send to the Sally Clark, Sally Bagshaw, and the Mayor about this issue. The Executive Committee Meeting is September 27th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Mukai

Secretary