PPMC General Assembly Meeting: Jan 20th, 2009

Attendees: Tom Graham  Teresa Alexander
Teagan McDonald  David Ghoddousi
Patrick Kerr  Anita Hall
Jill Andrews  Carol Binder
Gloria Skouge  John Turnbull
David Ott  S. Pruto
Ben Kirchner

Call order @ 6:27 pm

Approval of agenda 5 yea 1 nay
Discussion was held regarding Constituency’s concurrence on the PDA’s choice of auditor and whether or not it was legal to take the vote now rather than in July at the regular annual election. The prevailing explanation was to avoid any conflict the election might create and give them time to get an early start on their new job.

David G. moved to concur with the nomination of Francis & Co.
Seconded by Patrick Kerr
Discussion continued. The Executive Director explained the selection process used by the PDA. Eleven firms were invited to bid for the contract and the offer was advertised for in the Daily Journal of Business. Francis & Co. is supposed to be very familiar with organizations like the PDA. It was also the lowest bidder.

Discussion ended. Motion passed: 12 yea 1 nay.

2. Capital Renovation Plans.
The Chairman asked The Executive Director to explain a tax credit scheme which involves lending money to the bank short term so it can get its hands on however much tax credits you get for $2.8 mil in equity. In turn letting the Market use said tax credits. We were assured this was a perfectly legal thing to do.

John Turnbull introduced himself and his new position, something about coordinating communication between the PDA. and other stakeholders in the upcoming construction projects of 2009. He invited all to attend the first public meeting (post election) to take place in the Market Senior Center on Feb. 11, 2009. Sometime around 6pm, but no one knew for sure.

3. Daystall Rules: After only a few minutes discussion it was moved and seconded to table the issue until the Feb. General meeting. Passed 5 yea 0 nays.

3. Officer’s report: The Vice Chairman expressed dismay with the PDA’s lack of real information (actionable intelligence) on the plans to dislocate the entire second floor of the Leland build of residents and merchants so the Childcare Center can increase it’s rolls by 20% or about 10, children including infant care. The PDA’s attitude was spoken of as “cavalier”.

4. Meeting Adjourned: 7:27 pm