

PIKE PLACE MARKET CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, January 30, 2014.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Graham, Christopher Scott, Patrick Kerr, Joan Paulson, Jill Andrews, Sharon Mukai, Gloria Skouge, David Ghoddousi, and Betty Halfon.

Others: Geov Parrish, Edward J. Mathews, Mike Smith, and Ben Franz-Knight.

The meeting was called to order by Tom at 6:16 p.m. The first item on the Agenda was an update on the petition filed for the acquisition of a LPFM (low power FM) station broadcasting out of the Market. Ben F.K. presented the information that the Hubbard Broadcasting Company filed a petition to deny our petition. Ben said that we would need to hire an attorney to redo the whole process, and that Hubbard's fundamental concern was interference with their station. Ben further said that we lack the resources for an extensive battle with Hubbard Broadcasting, and also we only had until Monday, February 3, 2014, to engage an Attorney to file a petition to bar Hubbard's petition from taking place. Ben said our model was more open, and a denser model may be required. Another station has offered us some radio time, KIXI.

Geov Parish spoke of ways to salvage the FM station. He said that Hubbard has filed to deny for every LPFM in every opportunity. Hubbard's main argument is secondary channel interference, but FCC says these low power applications ARE acceptable. Geof says Hubbard is too late to pull this off, and a communications attorney, can, for several thousand dollars help us, but this would have to be done by Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, because of a 15 day deadline. Joan brought Geov to the meeting. Geov says that this issue needs to be explored in the next 24 hours. Patrick said that it is ridiculous to try this in so short a time. Also, it is the PDA that must file the application to challenge Hubbard's challenge. Will Ben sign off on this? Joan asks Ben what he wants to do. Ben replied that Hubbard Communication's petition to deny the Market's request for the LPFM station has real substance and that it would take a significant amount of money to challenge Hubbard. And that the Market is not in the position to engage in a nationwide battle against LPFM stations. Joan said a lawyer would have to handle this. Geov said that the PDA would have to file, and there is no point discussing if they are not willing.

Ben stated that THERE WAS A REAL TIMING ISSUE, since they have to close on the Heritage House on Monday, and that the PDA would be spending funds with no guarantee of success. Geov said that an online station is still an option in the form of Pod casting. Jill calls for a motion to hire an attorney and use Constituency funds, as we are at an impasse since Ben has said the PDA will not. No motion is made, so we move. The next item is ideas for the February Constituency General Assembly agenda. 1) Invite new Council member Rico Quirindongo to attend. 2) Invite Kelly Lindsay to discuss the new Market plan for way finding. 3) Discuss the idea for Podcasting to replace LPFM as mentioned by Betty. 4) Invite David D. to discuss the Daystall rules review for 2014.

Joan then suggested that the Constituency needs to form a written position for the Constituency in regards concerning the traffic on Western Ave. and send it to the PC1-N committee on the Council. How will we get to the Market from the Waterfront with all the construction going on? Joan is also concerned that the Viaduct removal is not fully funded, LID is not moving forward, and the Seawall is behind and over cost.

We adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Mukai, Secretary.