

November 17, 2011 Pike Place Market Executive Committee Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Graham, Jill Andrews, Joan Paulson, Chris Scott, Sharon Mukai, Teagan McDonald, David Ghoddousi, Gloria Skouge, Patrick Kerr.

OTHERS: Mike Smith, Tobin Vaughan.

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The Constituency contact list was passed around in order to update Board member's contact information. Mike Smith began discussion of a letter to Seattle Steam by going over his handout which was passed out to the Board. Tom asked for 10 minutes to read the information. Next was a discussion of how to word the PPM Constituency letter of support, and also of where to send it. Tom suggested that a motion be made to approve the letter. Joan Paulson made the motion to approve the attached letter to Seattle Steam in regards to the burning of industrial waste wood. Sharon seconded the motion and motion #1 passes with 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

Next was a discussion of important actions to take as follow up to sending the letter. Mike suggested following up on monitoring fuel stocks as to what is actually being burned, and on ways to find health data for the area. It was brought up that monitoring of emissions is very expensive and difficult. Joan said it is still important to do this by checking hospitals and considering military actions that affect the environment.

Discussion of a second letter written at a later date may be aimed at the Congressional level. This may become a long term effort. Air quality is not monitored well. There is a government failure in this area. Chris said the Puget Sound clean air agency has had a funding cut back for this type of research. Mike said that less construction means less wood to burn. Also a way to stop the wood burning may be to make it more expensive to do by making it more expensive to clean and monitor it. Biomass really is untenable.

David asked if Seattle Steam has a board and Mike replied that is a private corporation. No one can find what group really owns and runs it. They try to claim they are "green". The discussion then moved to the making of motion #2.

Teagan proposed a motion to change the requirement that two members of the Executive Committee be present in purchasing office supplies to only one member being necessary. Sharon seconded the motion and it passes with 8 in favor and 1 abstention. Jill then reminded us to make sure cards for membership are legible and right, and to include who collected the money.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Mukai

Secretary

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2/25/12 at Exec.

Joan - seconded  
Jill - 2nd