

MINUTES: PIKE PLACE MARKET GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING ON APRIL 17, 2012.

Board Members Present: Tom Graham, Gloria Skouge, Chris Scott, Joan Paulson, Teagan McDonald, Jill Andrews and Sharon Mukai.

Others: Mike skouge, Mike Smith, Ship Knox, Kelly Lindsay, Ben Franz-Knight, Vicole Vernon, Jim Savitt, and Joe Read.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Tom Graham. The approval of the minutes was moved to the beginning of the meeting. The minutes from the March 20, 2012 meeting were approved by acclamation.

The April General Assembly meeting of the Constituency is devoted to the annual Meet and Greet, and the meeting began with introductions of those present. The Board members introduced themselves to the audience, and then a brief meeting of board member concerns was held. Jill discussed the election committee. The positions up for election this year are the Chair, the Vice chair, one PDA council rep., (Jill), and a member –at-large position, (David Ott's). Chris Scott brought up the agenda for the meeting of the General Assembly in May. Tom suggested several issues, including how the development of PC1 North will affect the Market, and the need to follow up on this. Teagan mentioned the elevator in the Soames Dunn and wondered when it would be replaced, as it is in bad shape. She mentioned the windows on Western as needing to be replaced and when this might happen. Teagan also stressed the need for more public seating in the Market. Elderly people and families need to sit down. Jill replied that much new seating is on the way. After the Board members concerns were heard, the meeting turned to the introduction of the audience of those who attended the Meet and Greet.

Mike Smith introduced himself and agrees that we need more calm places in the Market to relax and enjoy. Mike Skouge introduced himself as a life-long visitor and lover of the Pike Place market. Vicole Vernon was present and introduced herself as the manager of Chukar Cherries. Kelly Lindsay, the new Director of the Market Foundation, and Ben Franz-Knight, Executive Director of the Market, were both present. Joe Read introduced himself and is concerned with the future impact of the PC1North development on the Market. Joan Paulson, a Board member, discussed the health of the Market as it is reflected in available land that can be used for Farmers. Land needs to be preserved for farming. Ship Knox introduced himself as a long time visitor to the Market. He was impressed with the changes in the cleanliness of the Daystalls. The flower stalls, which used to be very littered, were much cleaner, and overall, the Market looks much improved. Ben Franz-Knight was mentioned to have credit for this.

The meeting was then adjourned to refreshments @6:24, and the Meet and Mingle time began.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Mukai

Secretary.