

April 16th, 2013 PIKE PLACE MARKET GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES OF THE CONSTITUENCY

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Graham, Chris Scott, Joan Paulson, Ben Kirchner, David Ott, Betty Halfon, Gloria Skouge, Sharon Mukai, Teagan McDonald, and Patrick Kerr.

OTHERS: Joe Read.

The Constituency General Assembly Annual Meet and Greet meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. The agenda was approved by acclamation. We began the first half of the meeting with New Business. We spent several minutes reading the 3rd draft of Joan's letter to City government and organizations.

A motion was made to move that the Constituency of the Pike Place Market requests that the City of Seattle extends the Urban Renewal Plan for not less than 40 years, also that Joan's letter will be attached to the motion that is sent to the City. The Board will sign the letter of transmittal at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Joan P. and Joe Read attended the Open House on the 1st Saturday in April, the 6th, at the Seattle City Council building. Joan talked to people about her letter supporting the renewal of the Urban Renewal Plan for another 40 years. She said that Council Members Rasmussen and Conlin are looking at the Plan in light of what is best for the Market. Joan also discussed the Renewal Plan with the City Attorney, Peter Holmes, and told him that he needs to look at the Plan carefully both as an attorney and as what is best for Seattle's vitality. She mentioned that the relationship between the Historical Commission and the Parks Department is troublesome because the Parks Department is like a 500 pound gorilla compared to the Historical Commission. Joan also talked to Peter Steinbrueck.

The next topic of discussion was the Public Hearing for PC1-N on April 24th in the form of an Open House from 4-7 p.m. in the same room where the PDA Council meets. Joan mentioned that the PDA Board did not review or update the scope of the design from last September, and they have not included public comments for the design considerations.

Patrick talked about SENECA, a group who does financial studies to determine shortage of funds that become apparent after construction is under way. What happens then, and how likely is it to occur. Marshal Foster, who attended the March 19th General Assembly Meeting, talked about a funding source that can be used if more money is needed once development is under way. This is called a Local Improvement District, or LID. LID is a percentage cost that attaches to property owners and tenants in the property between the Waterfront, Denny Way, SODO, and I-5. LID's last about 30 years. We then adjourned at 7:15 for refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Mukai, Secretary.