August 16, 2011 MINUTES PIKE PLACE MARKET CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING DRAFT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Graham, chair, Jill Andrews, Gloria Skouge, and David Ghouddousion, PDA Council representatives, Sharon Mukai, secretary.

OTHERS: Mike Skouge, and Joan Paulson.

Approval of minutes: none

Due to a lack of members present, a quorum was not reached, so the meeting was not officially called to order and no resolutions could be reached, but Tom and members present agreed to a discussion meeting of topics of interest to those present.

Topics Discussed: The Constituency Executive Committee meeting may be changed from September 29<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> to match PDA Council meeting for the convenience or our PDA Council reps.

The next topic discussed was the election of members-at-large. Liza Couchman is closing her business and leaving the Market and Jill Andrews' member-at-large position is available as she is now a PDA Council representative. Tom will confirm with Liza about her resignation and Liza will train Jill on membership list procedures. So we are looking for two members-at-large. Joan Paulson said she wishes to be nominated for one of them.

The next topic was the meeting between the PDA Council and Seattle Steam. David was present at this meeting so he answered questions from the members present. The issue is that Seattle Steam has been using recycled wood product in place of natural gas. Many residences of the Market were opposed to wood power, owing to concerns about pollution from particle board chemicals and air quality. Seattle Steam representative said they were in compliance with existing regulations and guidelines. They also said that no varnish is present the wood they burn and that particle board is very small part of the burning. Joan Paulson discussed air quality history. An example of this is Montana coal being passed through Seattle on the way to China.

The next topic was on the need to have a discussion of the job description of the PR position to replace James Haydu. After this the meeting ended informally.

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Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Mukai, secretary