

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Graham, Chris Scott, Sharon Mukai, Gloria Skouge, Jill Andrews, Ben Kirchner, Joan Paulson.

OTHERS: Mike Skouge, Joe Read.

Tom called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The Agenda was approved. The minutes for the October 15, 2013 General Assembly were approved by acclamation. The first item on the Agenda was discussion of the Constituency plans for 2014. Tom began with suggesting the topic of PC1-N and what will happen next. We need to get a primary planner of the Waterfront to one of our meetings and discuss how the wall coming down will affect the Market.

The next topic for discussion in 2014 was the state of the streets on Pike Place. There are no remaining lines to mark parking spaces and there is much confusion because of this. Joan mentioned that the PDA used the wrong kind of paint when they did the lines themselves, because the City is not marking the lines anymore. The paint did not adhere, and so we are back to no visible lines for parking spaces. Joan said that traffic paint is readily available, so the PDA could do the lines. They were also put down in November, which is the wrong time of the year.

Gloria suggested that another idea for the 2014 Agenda would be to invite Rico Quirindongo, our new PDA Council rep. to attend a meeting and introduce himself to the Constituency. Chris was still interested in pursuing the topic of roof top gardens within the Market district, as well as the idea of having solar panels or a "green roof" to help clean the air and generate power. Chris and Joan are also going to speak to Kshama Sawant about our high electricity rates and about a new language for the sun setting Urban Renewal agreement and HUD. We should also talk to Nick Licata and Pete Steinbrueck about changing the wording for the Urban Renewal plan expiration date to 40 years instead of whatever.

Joe Read told us that the Mayor is putting together a committee to discuss the \$15 minimum wage. Joan said that the Mayor has committed a subcommittee to discuss the \$15 minimum wage. Joan also stated that the Constituency has not taken a position on PC1-N expansion with the purchase of the Heritage House. This purchase may place profit higher than need.

Another goal for 2014 is to meet Councilmember Sawant at City Hall to update her knowledge of Market History. We should meet her at City Hall before we have her to a Constituency meeting. Joan said we need to stress that the Urban Renewal Plan is now without "teeth", The Seawall is over cost now, and the tunnel boring is stopped. This will delay the removal of the viaduct, so the PDA is trying to approve PC1-N to the Waterfront with no access to it. The

projects are in “hot water”, with no money for renewal of the Viaduct and the Tunnel is stuck. Joan said that the Constituency needs to have a position on the Waterfront mess.

Officer’s Concerns:

Chris then asked Tom is the annual budget rolls over if we do not use it all. Tom said no it does not. Jill suggested that we have an annual Budget discussion, perhaps in September? Tom mentioned that Terry was thinking about using the kitchen for meetings. Maybe the Constituency can use it for the April Open House and Elections? Also, Ben Franz-Knight was on Channel 21, “City Stream”, and gave an interesting interview. Jill mentioned concern over the traffic situation on Western Ave. and Virginia. Perhaps we need a traffic light? Chris Scott mentioned that Ben Franz-Knight is going before the Historical Commission on January 22 at 5.p.m. to discuss the Pike Place Market Waterfront Entrance Building.

We adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Mukai, Secretary