

March 19, 2013 Pike Place Market Constituency General Assembly Meeting

Board Members Present: Tom Graham, Chris Scott, Sharon Mukai, David Ott, Teagan McDonald, Patrick Kerr, Gloria Skouge, Joan Paulson, David Ghoddousi, and Betty Halfon.

Others: Dana Olson, Joe Read, Christine Vaughan, Ben Franz-Knight, Marshall Foster, and A.D. Knox.

The Pike Place Market Constituency General Assembly Meeting with the "Waterfront Seattle" presentation was called to order at 6:15 p.m. The agenda was approved by acclamation.

Ben began by saying that the MOU has now been approved by the Mayor and the Seattle City Council. Seattle Dept. of Transportation now needs to sign off. The SENECA group is working on project sensitivity to any change of the financial model (checking the worst case scenario under different financial conditions.) Miller Hull says the design phase needs to keep pace with the city.

Marshall Foster, city planning director, was introduced next. He gave us an update on the Waterfront planning in respect to relevant work around the Market and the future of the Urban Renewal era. The Viaduct Removal project is scheduled for completion in 2016. Replacement 99 will be the deep bore tunnel. The tunneller will arrive on March 29th, 2013. He said the removal of the viaduct opens 20 acres of public space. Reconnecting the City back to Elliot Bay is the main goal of the Waterfront Development.

Phase 2 is the Seawall replacement, scheduled for the fall in 2013-2015. Partner projects are replacement of Coleman Dock and the Aquarium expansion. The whole Waterfront Project should be completed in 2019. City to Waterfront connections are envisioned as the stadiums to the Port to Pioneer Square, to Coleman Dock and to Downtown, to the Aquarium and the Public Market, then Bell Harbor to the North End.

The PC1-N site is being planned for Market related uses, parking and public access. There may be an overlook wall (trail) from the Market to the Waterfront which would be an overlook path. Alaskan way may become a four lane highway. A web of connections is the goal, with a web of ways to get to and from the Market.

A discussion of Urban Renewal areas was next. Urban Renewal Plan expires in 2014. Marshall stated that he felt a 40 year renewal (as was the original renewal length) was a good idea. Joan said the City has a bad track record for zoning. A 40 year renewal length was necessary to give it time to develop. Joan also felt that the City needs to fix the relationship between the Historical Commission and the Parks Dept., which had become a 400 pound gorilla.

Ben acknowledged that the drive to raise the awareness of the Urban Renewal sunset date began with this Constituency group. Ben said that the Constituency needs to make a motion in support of extending the Urban Renewal Plan.

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Skip Knox asked about water conservation methods, such as using rain water for gardens that may be located in the Market after the renovation. Marshall asked for a "read" from the Constituency about support for the Urban Renewal Plan, such as a motion.

Next was a discussion of a question raised about how to find the missing funding for the Waterfront Development. One suggestion was to involve other property owners in the city for improvements to neighborhoods, (condo owners, and apartment owners) who would see the value in increasing property value. Skip Knox asked what would not get done if we can't find the missing 1/3 of the funding? That led the discussion to LID's (Local Improvement Districts) which is public investments for private increase in value, in other words, an assessment. David was worried about too much gentrification because of LID's. We need small as well as large businesses.

Next item was the approval of the January 15, 2013 PPM Constituency General Assembly meeting. They were approved by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Mukai,

Secretary