

May 21st, 2013 PIKE PLACE MARKET CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Graham, Joan Paulson, Gloria Skouge, David Ghoddousi, Sharon Mukai, Chris Scott, Teagan McDonald, and Patrick Kerr.

OTHERS: Joe Read, Issie Sime.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15p.m. The agenda was approved. The minutes for March 19th, 2013, March 28th, 2013 and April 16th, 2013 were approved by acclamation. The minutes for April 25th, 2013 were passed out for the first time.

The first item of business was a discussion of the Urban Renewal Committee and Tom's letter to the City Attorney, Pete Holmes, about extending the Urban Renewal Plan for 40 years. There was discussion of calling a special meeting to write this letter and get it approved by the Constituency. It was decided to plan for the best time for this special meeting to occur before June 12th was at the May Executive Committee Meeting. Patrick suggested that the alternate proposals were just suggestions and that we have time to wait and see what Miller-Hull has to say. David feels we need to act now.

We had a discussion of what we would like to see being developed during the PC1-N construction in the Market. Teagan suggested that live-in studios for resident-artists at the Market would be a good use of space, and there is hardly any artist live-in space left in Seattle. The PDA could apply for a grant from the National Endowments for Artists for example. Chris mentioned that funding for the Arts is being cut back on all levels. David felt that maybe the PDA staff could look at this idea of art funding, research the issue. Tom felt this idea would have a hard time to pencil out. Joe mentioned that the old Stewart House had 6-7 artists in 10 by 10 ft. rooms

Discussion of the last Miller-Hull cost meeting came up. David said all social services stay where they are. Patrick said we have time to gather new information. Teagan suggested that we need a staff member who only looks for money and grants, etc. Joan mentioned that the PDA is gearing up to go to the City Council in August for the final approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Tom then said that a special meeting of the Constituency can be called by the Chair, or with the signatures of 10 members. Tom will contact Miller-Hull about the June 12th Charrette about the PC1-N design. Next was a discussion about the election committee for the July 2013 annual elections of the Constituency.

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Who will Chair the Elections Committee? It will be the Vice-Chair, Teagan. This year Patrick Kerr is running for the PDA Council Constituency Representative, and Joan Paulson and Ben Kirshner's member-at-large positions are up for election and the secretary position is up for election. Teagan, Chris and Tom will comprise the election committee.

Tom mentioned that the membership is down, and maybe we should send a letter to current and old members to remind them to sign up. Also, Patrick mentioned that Bruce Lorig has resigned and the head of the security staff has resigned.

The next item was a motion proposed by Joan to have the email written response from Martha Lester, City Council staff, sent to the City Attorney for a review of its legality. The question that needs to be answered is does a specific date need to be added to the extension of the land use zoning for the Urban Renewal Plan in order to make it legal. What is the jeopardy of not having a date certain for the zoning? The motion was seconded by Chris. It passed with 9 yes, and 1 abstaining. This was Motion #1 on 5/21/13.

OFFICERS REPORTS: Teagan mentioned that the crack in the tiles on the side of the Bridge is widening and she has seen children picking up the tile pieces. Joan said that the windows in the Constituency office have replaced and the work is done.

We adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Mukai, Secretary.