

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 PIKE PLACE MARKET CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Graham, Chris Scott, Joan Paulson, Sharon Mukai, David Ott, Ben Kirchner, and Gloria Skouge.

OTHERS: Ben Franz-Knight, Via, Howard Aller, and Joe Read.

The meeting was called to order by Tom at 6:02 p.m. The agenda was approved by acclamation. The minutes for the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 General Assembly, the October 21<sup>th</sup>, 2014 General Assembly, and the October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Executive Committee were passed out for the first time.

The meeting began with Ben Franz-Knight's update on the renewal of the Hildt Agreement and the top level of PC1-N. He began talking about the potential uses of the top level as being used for Craft daystalls, Farmers, and Buskers. Tom asked about the current thinking on providing weather protection on the plaza, and Ben FK said full coverage is in the making, but needs funding. He said that the first 6 months of the project has the highest level of risk due to the location of the Burlington Northern Tunnel. Until you dig all the dirt out there is some risk. He said there is lots of potholing and soil samples being taken.

Chris asked what material the tunnel is made of, and Ben FK said it was brick, concrete, and rebar steel reinforcement for structural strength. Joan moved the discussion to the Hildt-Licata agreement by asking if the definition of the growing season was defined within it, and noted that it was defined in the Daystall Rules and Regulations, but not in the Hildt. Joan also questioned the traditional name of Market Master as defined in the Hildt as meaning the Executive Director of the Authority or his or her designee. It was mentioned that Arthur Goodwin invented the name of Market Master. Tom said that changing this title to another name could be a very contentious issue.

Joan mentioned another addition to the Hildt should be defining what uses are permitted on the street and sidewalks. The Hildt Agreement comes up for renewal in 2019, but the process for renewal with the Seattle City Council begins in 2018. Tom referred Via to the Pike Place Market website for a link to the development project. Chris brought up the topic of a roof top garden again, and Ben FK said we cannot afford it right now, and David Ott said there has to be two exits by law for safety and there are not two exits. We then take a break until seven o'clock when Brian Anderson, Director of the PPM food bank, is scheduled to meet with us. Brian Anderson does not show up, so we move to Officers Reports and New Business.

#### OFFICERS REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS

There is a Face Book post that fees for certain Farmers Markets are going up. Joan said there is a proper inspection fee of \$120 annually to provide proper inspection for food safety by the

King County Health Department, that farmers must pay for each Farmers Market attended and that this is a big hit to small family farms. Tom said that he got an e-mail from someone concerned about the legality of the Merchants Association, as it is now being run with no elections, no Board Members, and no meetings. Should this be put on the Agenda for January?

Joan talked about the issue of a rent increase of 7% to Merchants. Joan mentioned that Ben FK said Sally Clark is in charge of Market Electrical rates, not Kshama Sawant. Joan said that we will know more about the electrical issue with City Light in December. The Mayor can veto line items.

Howard moves to adjourn. Chris seconds this, and there are 6 yeas and 2 abstentions. We adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Mukai, Secretary.