

## September 15, 2015 Pike Place Market CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Board Members Present: Sharon Mukai, Joan Paulson, David Ghoddousi, Chris Scott, Joe Read, Gloria Skouge, and Nancy Sherman.

Others: David Graves

The Meeting was called to order@6:01 p.m. by Chris Scott, acting Chair. The following minutes were passed out for the first time: June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 PPM Constituency General Assembly Meeting, July 21, 2015 PPM Constituency General Assembly Meeting, and August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 PPM Constituency Executive Committee Meeting.

Sharon Mukai, Secretary, mentioned that we need to give a copy of the Final Vote tally for the election of PDA Council Representative David Ghoddousi to the Board/Commission of the PDA to Dianna for the City of Seattle Boards and Commissions Notice of Appointment.

The Agenda item concerning writing a position letter on Steinbrueck Park use and design was passed on at this time for the lack of a quorum. Joan said the interfacing of PC1-N and Steinbrueck Park is not resolved. The Historical Commission needs to weight in.

David Graves from the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department of Seattle spoke next about plans for U.S. Parks and the Greenspace levy. 1.6 Million has been designated for Steinbrueck Park and is waiting for the Market Front to be settled. He said the Design Team and negotiations for the contract will occur in the next few weeks. Rumors? No to leveling the Park. The westerly half leaks into the Garage. The question is how to fix the membrane under the Park? He said they will go out to the Stakeholders for input and that there are lots of eyes and focus on this park.

David Graves next addressed the issue of what needs to be done. Time needs to be spent with the Historical Commission (H.C.) first before going public. This fall is when this is happening.

Questions were asked about the Burms (hills in the Park). Mr. Graves said that in 2008 there was discussion about cutting the Burms down because they are too high. Chris attended a security meeting with Randy Stegmeir and said the police have an Archie Bunker attitude mentality of solving the drug problems by leveling the burms for security reasons. Graves said the city is getting away from that and having the City Police get out of their patrol cars. Mr. Graves wants to chat with our security department. He also said that the play area needs to be creative, i.e. no swing sets.

Joan brought back the question of how the PC1-N site interfaces with Steinbrueck Park with regard to the wall that will be between the Park and the viaduct. Graves said when the viaduct comes down the PC1-N site will be built and connected to the Park. Joe Read said that the Park

has no crowd control issues now, but may have with the remodel. Joan brought up the fact that the Park is not now a thoroughfare, but that may change with the remodel. In regards to this issue, Nancy asked about the advantages and disadvantages in making it another route to the Waterfront. Do we need this access? Funneling everyone through Victor Steinbrueck Park to the Waterfront will change the traditional feel of the Park.

Chris asked if there are any legal constraints on using levee dollars, and Mr. Graves replied No, but we are waiting to see how Market Front and Waterfront designs go. Mr. Graves is the Project Manager and could come back later with a design team. The design proposal will go before the Historical Commission in October.

Sharon asked about the traditional historical Native American links to the Park. Mr. Graves said it is important how we communicate to the Native population as well as maintaining the Park from becoming "sterile." Joan said the Parks Dept. has a tradition of not dealing with the H.C. Also, the Seattle City Council is now changing how the H.C. is supplied.

Officer's Reports: It has been reported that the Friends of the Market and Allied Arts are about to be blocked from making nominations to the Historical Commission. This impacts the Friends of the Market as Christine Vaughan is an appointee. This should be discussed at a meeting.

We adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Mukai, Secretary.

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