

MINUTES

Pike Place Market Constituency • Executive Committee Meeting • July 30, 2009

ATTENDANCE

Tom Graham, chair; Teagan McDonald, vice-chair; Dale Kennedy, secretary; Theresa Alexander, David Ghoddousi, Patrick Kerr and Gloria Skouge, PDA Council representatives; Jill Andrews, Ben Kirchner, David Ott, members-at-large; Liza Couchman, acting secretary; Diane Logan; Geof Logan; Stephen Sprenger; Denole Malverra (sp?), guest.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 P.M. Secretary assented to recording of minutes by acting secretary.

CONSTITUENCY 2009 ELECTION REPORT

Chair Tom Graham reported that:

- a one-ballot discrepancy was resolved as having been due to a member not on the membership roster, but with a valid membership card on file, who was permitted to vote, thereby making the number of voters equal to the number of ballots; and
- there was a procedural question as to whether the Executive Committee or the membership ratifies the election results,
- the Constituency Bylaws are silent on the issue and should be updated; and
- it would be feasible, and permit the body to continue with business at hand, if a motion were introduced to the effect that the Executive Committee ratify the election results and, if challenged, consult the Constituency's former chair and consulting parliamentarian on whether ratification should be put to the membership.

PDA Council Representative Theresa Alexander moved that the Executive Committee ratify the results of the Constituency's 2009 election. Motion was seconded. Discussion on the led with the question of just what *were* the election results, in response to which, Vice-chair Teagan McDonald reported that:

- 125 ballots were cast (one rejected as mis-marked, and one rejected as blank);
- PDA Council Representative – Patrick Kerr received 62 votes, and Stephen Sprenger received 61;
- Secretary – Dale Kennedy received 92 votes, and there were two write-in votes;
- Member-At-Large – Ben Kirchner received 64 votes, Liza Couchman received 46 votes, and Joan Paulson received 38 votes; and
- Auditor Concurrence (two-thirds majority required) – Yes received 93 votes, and No received 15 votes.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Executive Committee voted (5 for, 0 against, 3 abstentions) to ratify the results of the Constituency's 2009 election as reported by the vice-chair.

Ms. Alexander noted that, with passage of the motion to ratify the election results, she saw no need to incur the expense of consulting an outside parliamentarian unless there is indeed a challenge.

AGENDA FOR AUGUST CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Chair opened the floor to suggested items for the August General Assembly meeting, and led with the comment that it is not yet determined whether monthly PDA Public Renovation Update meetings will be regularly combined with monthly Constituency General Assembly meetings.

Suggested agenda items included:

- Parking and Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) issues including SDOT's over-zealous loading zone enforcement;
- Market Security, since it has been a while since PDA Security staff have appeared before the Constituency and there has been recent turnover among Security staff; and
- Parliamentarian's Report, since it has been a while since discussed and Constituency funds were expended for the report;
- Appointment of a subcommittee to review Constituency membership roster and related issues and practices, since the issues are in need of examination and the alternative is to hire a consultant to assess and make recommendations.

In the absence of further comment or additions, discussion was closed.

REPORTS

Vice-chair initiated a discussion of the logistical difficulties of ordering office supplies for the Constituency, which PDA Executive Director Carol Binder concluded by recommending that Vice-chair talk to PDA front desk staff to arrange issue of a purchase order for supplies needed.

PDA Council Representative Gloria Skouge reported that:

- Monday, August 17th, is the 102nd anniversary of Pike Place Market;
- volunteers are needed for cutting the traditional anniversary cake; and
- volunteer cake cutter should meet under the Market clock at 11:30 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made and seconded, the Constituency Executive Committee voted (unanimously) to adjourn at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Liza Jayne Couchman
Member-At-Large
Acting Secretary