

**Pike Place Market PDA Constituency  
General Assembly Meeting Minutes  
Feb. 16, 2010**

**Council Members Present: Tom Graham, Jill Andrews, Gloria Skouge, Teagan McDonald, David Ghoddousi, Patrick Kerr, David Ott, Ben Kirchner**

**Other Constituents: Joan Paulson, Haley Land**

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm by Tom Graham

1. The agenda was approved by acclamation.
2. The absence of the Secretary precluded approval of previous meetings' minutes. Ben volunteered as minute taker for this meeting.
3. Community Reports:
  - A. Teagan McDonald expressed concerns of commercial restroom cleanliness due to the combined closure of both north and south publics for remodeling. Patrick urged everyone to be patient as the remodeling work was actually making very good progress, and David reported that the PDA was considering adding more temporary units due to more than expected traffic use.
  - B. David also reported that the PDA and the Teamsters have come to an agreement thus avoiding a threaten strike, after eight<sup>een</sup> months of nonnegotiation.
4. Review of proposed Daystall Rules Changes:
  - A. No action was taken by the body, but discussion regarding the proposals of permit holder's vacation policies, grandfathered vendors' permit rights and buskers "noise" issues on the Desimone Bridge spot. Most discussion revolved around bad behavior lack of talent.
5. Tom proposed Motion #1. read as follows:

...that the Constituency support the creation of an advertising matching 80% fundf to be available to those who have been relocated or closed for a period of time(within a 12 month period. amended) due to renovation.

The motion passed 6 for 1 against.
6. Teagan proposed Motion # 2. read as follows:

That the constituency charge Liza Couchman (as acting secretary) to chair the nominating committee, in the absence of Dale Kennedy, and the fact that the chair and vice-chair cannot assume the position.

The motion carried 10 for 0 against.

  - A. Ben and Patrick volunteered to serve on the committee with Liza.
  - B. General agreement was favorable to move the election to Friday from the traditional Wednesday. Further debate is expected.
7. The agenda item concerning how to increase Constituency membership and participation was tabled until the next general meeting.

## 8. Officers Reports

Patrick reported that he is concerned with the way some merchants are being treated with regard to lease negotiations and the current renovation process. Specifically the Pasta shop in the Sanitary Market was the issue.

Discussion revolved around whether the PDA was playing favorites or just making tough decisions. Since Pike Place Chowder's lease is a long one and still in effect and that the pasta shop's is very short and due to expire the PDA has seen fit to allow the demise of said pasta shop and facilitate the expansion of the chowder shop. It was duly noted that the the pasta shop refused alternative locations proposed by the PDA.

Patrick suggested hiring an attorney. Joan Paulson suggested that the commercial leases are the real culprit that tenants have no real security in the existing system and need review.

9. meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm