

MINUTES

Pike Place Market Constituency • General Assembly Meeting • March 16, 2010

ATTENDANCE

Tom Graham, chair; Teagan McDonald, vice-chair; David Ghodoussi, and Gloria Skouge, PDA Council representatives; Jill Andrews, Liza Couchman and David Ott, members-at-large; Jacque Coss(?), Joan Paulson and Joe Read, members.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 P.M. Chair Tom Graham announced that PDA Council Representative Patrick Kerr was out of town. Chair Graham then recognized a lack of quorum, and stated that he therefore would not be able to invite motions to approve a meeting agenda or prior meeting minutes.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Chair Graham reported having heard that the PDA Operations & Communications Committee approved daystall rules changes for recommendation to the PDA Council including some flexibility for succession of permits to family partners -- such as a possible 5 percent per year vesting against senior partner permit seniority for junior partner permits. During discussion, the following points were offered:

- According to one interpretation of the Hilt Agreement, grandfathered vendors cannot be anything but grandfathered vendors.
- The PDA Operations & Communications Committee is looking into options for the specific situation of David Shively.

Vice Chair Teagan McDonald relayed disappointment in PDA Renovation staff planning that resulted in closure of North and South public restrooms at the same time, and that the staggered closure and the Royal Restrooms approach to alternative facilities during closure did not work out.

OFFICER REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS

PDA Council Rep Gloria Skouge reported that four executive recruitment/search firms made presentations to the PDA Council retreat earlier in the month. During discussion, the following points were offered:

- The anticipated cost of retaining a recruitment/search firm for the PDA executive director search process is \$30,000.
- The PDA Council's behavior through the hiring process is a separate issue from that of desirable traits and experience sought in a new PDA executive director.
- There is some prevailing skepticism regarding the PDA Council due to the fact that the last time a meeting was announced to solicit public input during a PDA executive director search process, the meeting was cancelled and the current executive director was hired.

There was consensus of opinion that further discussion on the subject of a new PDA executive director should be deferred to the next meeting.

PDA Rep Skouge reported that the other focus of the PDA Council retreat was a briefing by City of Staff staff on the Alaska Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement project. During discussion, the following questions were posed:

- Will airborne toxins be a concern to the Market community during demolition of the Viaduct?
- Is Sally Bradshaw the "go-to" person for the Market community on Seattle City Council?

Vice Chair McDonald relayed concerns "up and down the line" that elements of the Market Foundation-sponsored Pike Place Market Street Fair format conflict with provisions of the Hilt Agreement. The following points and questions were discussed:

- Although the Street Fair was not in conflict in earlier years due to the days it was held, the recent format of the beer garden displacing craft vendors from the outdoor slabs is a conflict.
- Similar concerns exist over displacement of farmers as priority spaceholders on Pike Place during the Street Fair.
- What is the entry point in the PDA Council structure to appeal the format of the Street Fair?
- How is it that a 2010 Pike Place Market Street Fair was scheduled for after Labor Day without some discussion or apparent involvement by PDA Council?

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liza Jayne Couchman
Acting Secretary