

July 25, 2019
Constituency Executive Committee draft minutes
6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jerry Baroh, Nick Setten, David Ghoddousi, Joan Paulson, Gordie McIntyre, Russell Monroe, Ali Mowry, Mark Brady, Colleen Bowman

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Jerry Baroh.

Jerry asked that each candidate for the elections accept their positions.

Nick said according to the membership base, David Ghoddousi was re-elected to his seat on the PDA Council. He asked if David was interested in continuing in the position, and David confirmed that he was. Joan was voted in as an At-Large representative, as was Shari Curiel. They both confirmed their interest in serving in the positions. Gordie McIntyre and Russell Monroe were elected as walk-in's to the third At-Large and Secretary-Treasurer positions, respectively. They both confirmed their interest in serving in those positions.

There was a discussion about the positions and when the terms would end. The terms, except for the PDA Council rep at four years, run for two years. Nick went over the terms, because some new members were filling in incomplete terms.

Nick went over the descriptions of the roles for the positions. Discussion ensued about the history and expectations for the positions.

The new members talked about their backgrounds and interests in the Market. Gordie talked about his history working for the Athenian and the Pike Place Market Bar & Grill and his academic background in librarianship. Russell said he has worked in the Market for six or seven years and feels a part of the Market community; he's been a member of the Constituency for the last year and a half. He's interested in getting the organization up and running again, since it's been sidelined in the last few years. Shari said it's her home as well, and her family members have worked here for years. She's been interested in getting more involved. She has worked in the travel industry and has a masters in teaching.

The new members were approved by acclamation.

There was a discussion about adding more of a social element, attracting new members, updating the website, elections committee and possible funding for the podcast about the Market by Jerry Antush.

Committee discussed Constituency Committee assignments for Market Outreach (Facebook page), Finance and Legal, and Elections and Membership. It was determined to discuss the elections debrief and committees at the next general assembly meeting.

Nick suggested educating the candidates for Sally Bagshaw's City Council position about the

specialness of the Market. There was a discussion about holding a candidate forum and the timing of the primary, August 6. The Committee decided to discuss it at the next general assembly meeting.

Gordie asked about the Constituency's standing with the Market newspaper.

Russell discussed the Committee assignments further.

Mark said that there have been repercussions for speaking up in the past, particularly for those that have businesses in the Market. He cited a section from PDA Council meeting minutes that concerned him. He thought that the Constituency should protect the people that come to Constituency meetings. He brought up additional concerns. Discussion ensued. Nick encouraged that the Constituency move forward in a positive direction. There was a discussion about how to handle complaints from PDA employees that come to Constituency meetings. It was agreed that they should be directed to the PDA Director. Mark said that the employee who came to the last meeting came to the Constituency as a last resort.

Colleen asked Mark to elaborate on his statement that there is fear in speaking up. Mark gave the example that there are craftspeople afraid to speak up for fear that there will be repercussions for their table assignments.

Agenda for next General Assembly meeting:

- organizing City Council candidate forum
- updates on preservation of the Showbox
- working with the Foundation and the PDA
- Orca lift
- review Bylaws and PDA Charter

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.