

CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 6:15 p.m.

Attendance:

Online: Haley Land, Chris Pink, Liz Hughes, Cory Hutton, Madison Douglas, Davin Stedman, John Kelso, Kaitlyn Bell, EJ Griffin, Joan Paulson, Bob Messina, Skip Knox

In room: Zack Cook, Christine Vaughan, Nick Setten, Alex Rasmussen, Emily Pike, Gina Karaba, Jonathan Berner, Bob Braun, Rachel Ligtenberg, Chris Scott, Graham Marmion, Janis Jordan, Chris Weaver, Craig Eidsmoe, Erik Pihl, Heather Pihl, Austin Crowley, Patricia Gray, Andrew Carroll, Alana Morris

Agenda:

6:15 p.m. Call to order

6:16 p.m. Approval of agenda

6:17 p.m. Approval of minutes: January 21, 2025

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6:20

Public Comment.

Patricia Gray, Talks about Day of Remembrance cancellation

Apologizes for cancellation with Tsuru for Solidarity

Said messages and strategies around resistance, two different goals

Find ways to be strong advocates

Bob M talks about letter they sent. Supported cancellation. Strident, assertive organization. Do it outside Federal courthouse or City Hall.

Bruce, 501c3 statement and Tsuru for Solidarity

Emily, do what we can to protect our people.

Patricia, we are set up to help and protect. Go to Market Commons. At our core, our mission is to keep people safe.

Kim Ramirez and Chris Pink, owner of Can Can, motivated to do something in response. Some sort of community reaction. A thousand cranes, stories of farmers.

Andrew, Current administration has radical, sadistic agenda. If you issue a statement in solidarity, it can blow back on you. Will be seen as hypocrisy.

Rachel, PDA says on 2/19 going forward, this will be part of the PDA - embracing and honoring and remembering DoR. Been working with JA leaders in the community. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to learn, heal and repair.

Chris Pink, crafting a letter that we hope will be supported by Market vendors.

6:40 p.m. Zack Cook, PDA Director of Programs, Daystalls rules

Talks about daystall rules process, 38 proposals this year. 21 came from crafters, 2 from buskers, 1 general, 5 farmers and 9 staff.

Talks about public feedback session that was held a week and a half ago. Can still send in written responses until 2/25.

Farm rules. While our bar needs to be set higher than other locations, there should be some analysis and wiggle room. We used to say you had to grow and value add yourself. Now you can use a packer as long as it's your ingredients and recipe.

Goes over different proposals being considered such as Roll Call, Q&A

Chris Scott, rebuilding relationships with farmers. Asks Zack to speak to it.

Zack speaks about it.

Bob asks about restaurants

Zack, restaurants are struggling. Labor and goods up. Give restaurants discounts if they shop at the Market, make connections with farmers. Also do CSA, buy from farmers and deliver to Seattle preschools. Partner with Market Commons for subsidized rates for Market residents.

Austin Crowley, any efforts to help farmers relocate?

Zack, get quite a few inquiries.

Nick reiterates deadlines for public comment and written responses.

7:07 p.m. Standing Committees

Listening Committee

Alex gives update on Committee happenings. By GA next month, orientation for volunteers to interview buskers. Reach out via email. knttingman81@gmail.com

How many buskers? Over 100, Alex says. Handful of stable buskers, but want to reach out to buskers who didn't come back and ask why.

Outreach Committee— Are You Market on 3/10. Emily will be there. Might have brochure ready. Daffodil Day on 3/20, any volunteers to set up a table?

Budget, Bruce talks about online registration, emails, SEOs.

Pike Place - updates

Chris Weaver, haven't heard about safety. People committed vehicular manslaughter on several occasions recently. Don't want to be the one who says I told you so. We need to do something.

Bob M. says PDA met with SDOT about fixing street.

Zack, first of several meetings. Pointed out asphalt patches, deteriorating curbs, sloping sidewalks and other things that need fixing. Walked with SDOT street use people. A lot of issues

are on the utility side. With World Cup coming in two years, there is a lot of push to fix things up just like before MLB All Star game a couple of years ago.

Graham, So far Constituency has said PDA should have control but we haven't said what we want to do with that control. We do have opportunity and maybe obligation to make a more nuanced statement.

7:30 p.m. New Business

PDA Council Retreat - report from February 5 small group discussions

Nick: Snowed out. Pushed back to March 5 and 19th. March 5 is by invitation. PDA Council Retreat still on track for 2/27 Council Retreat. March 19 should be in Folio but not sure.

Constituency role in PDA Master Plan

Nick: Send this to next month. On Feb 27 1-5 at Perkins Coie Council Retreat. Then Ex Com meeting.

Chris, I brought it up because as pillars of the community, we have a responsibility to be involved in the process.

Bob B, how to do that?

Chris, officers need to do homework. Need to think about what different phases (Food Life for example) mean.

Nick, Master Plan is online. Discuss monthly different strategies. Different strategies likely to be on monthly or bimonthly cadence.

Bob, suggest links etc for each time and we will put it in newsletter and give people opportunity to read and respond.

Chris, Central items of Master Plan is DEI, which is under attack. PDA gets HUD federal funding. More than \$2 million.

Alex, like idea of coming back to this after Retreat.

Nick, Ag community facing challenges. Late 70s Komo released documentary called Last Farmer in the Market. It's a 30-40 minute documentary. We can watch together.

7:42 Constituency brochure

Nick, put on agenda for next week. Trifold, double-sided, multicolor.

Jonathan

Motion to authorize Ex Com to vote at next week's meeting to approve or deny printing 500 copies of the brochure.

Chris Weaver second

Jonathan, don't need micro-managing now.

Bob, Expect committee gets approval from any other organization mentioned in the brochure.

Chris, waiting 7 years for this brochure to come out. We were all thoughtful, creative suggestions, altered it multiple times. Took suggestions from Foundation, FoM, PDA.

Call for question

Anyone object?

Adopted by acclamation.

7:50 Letter to DON - MHC hybrid meeting technology issues

Heather, use of Webex and how it interferes. Pitch to Ex Com? Causing delays of 30-40 minutes for applicants. Private conversation heard because muting doesn't work.

Jonathan, if putting weight of organization behind a comment, we need the facts.

Heather, do you want to write a letter.

Jonathan, yes.

Bob, MHC meetings do not work, but PDA meetings work fine.

7:55 Resolution: in-person voting - Skip Knox

Skip not here.

7:56 p.m. PDA Council Committee reports

Gina, Don & Joe's is selling.

Nick & Gina, communal breakroom space. Discussed Suite F. Design looks good, but most didn't agree with usage.

Bob M, FAM gave it a cool reception. Duplicative. Need a wow factor.

Gina talked about tenant in extension with Old Stove, Honest Biscuits, chocolate.

8:05 p.m. Public comment

Joan, 100th birthday of Wing Luke today. Died in an airplane accident in 1965 at age 40.

Andrew, got lost about breakroom space and restaurant. Where can we make comment about the breakroom.

Gina, Nick just made a short comment about the breakroom.

Emily, a lot of employees want a breakroom.

Austin, a place where Constituency can talk to workers.

Emily, breakroom that is indoors and a little more private than the Atrium.

Andrew, staff eats lunch in the stairwell or out by the dumpster.

Austin, people wish they had a lunch exchange program. Voucher for other restaurants?

Heather, Has authority been given to Ex Com to approve Jonathan's letter.

Motion passes by acclamation. Motion, Gina? Second, Emily?

Chris speaks about Day of Remembrance controversy. We will find ourselves more and more in a political situation. We need to be prepared. Go up the line with the legislature. Need to discuss what our values are and how to present those to those who want to ruin our community.

Bob, we will deal with this legally as we need to.

Chris, we need a Market roundtable. Three bodies here (PDA, Foundation, us) were here today.

Emily, Add discussion bylaws about limits of advocacy work.

Gina, noise ordinance, writing letter to make noise amplification illegal throughout downtown. Constituency might want to take up this cause.

Mentions rummage hall situation, says it's very strange. New space is hard to find and very small. Make them load up every night.

Chris, rummage hall is a requirement in the Charter. It's in old Market News office, which is too small.

Austin, new newspaper for the Market. Says thank you for it. Good contribution.

8:20 p.m. Adjourn meeting