



Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority (PDA)

WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (WRC)

Meeting Minutes – March 22nd 2012

Tuesday March 22nd, 2012

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Atrium Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Jackson Schmidt, Gloria Skouge, Bruce Lorig

Other Council Members Present: Ann Magano, Jim Savitt

Staff Present: Ben Franz-Knight, Ryan Yale, Jennifer Maietta, Dianna Goodsell

Others Present: Peter Steinbrueck, Bob Messina

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 by Jackson Schmidt, Chair.

I. Administrative

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

B. Approval of March 6th, 2012 Minutes

The minutes were approved by acclamation.

C. Announcements and Community Comments

Bob Messina commented on the PC-I design drawings, expressing that many of the drawings illustrated a finished product with several layers of the design left to be envisioned. He suggested he would like to have SDOT return to WRC to present alternative views of the Alaskan roadway structure that have not been showed before including: detailed topography, elevation and shadowing of the design.

II. Presentations and Discussion

A. Update on Design Collaboration Efforts

Ben updated the committee on the progress of the PC-I design collaboration efforts. He stated that the last few weeks have been very busy in the involvement of PC-I plans. He noted there have been positive discussions with the City regarding the overall design roles for PC-I and moving forward. He added that there was a presentation given to the Design Oversight Committee for the central waterfront. They discussed with the Design Oversight Committee the site analysis for PC-I, their rational related to the importance of PC-I, the building program and Hillclimb. Ben noted that at the presentation, there was pretty clear direction for WRC and the Aquarium to really collaborate with the design teams to further the vision of the various spaces with the Aquarium. He added that the WRC is now in the position to go back to the design team and start working on moving from the site analysis to more formal design, which will be a whole community process. By next week at the Full Council meeting, Ben noted that WRC can provide a more comprehensive update about PC-I and the next steps in going forward.

There was a significant update regarding the GCCM Certification. Ben and several members were joined together with the State Review Board for utilizing the GCCM procurement process and moving forward with the design and development process of PC-I. Ben added the importance of the GCCM Certification,

which will allow more flexibility regarding approvals for the future. He noted that the State has an allotment of funds available to address parking mitigation in relation to the demolition of the Viaduct. There has been approximately 10 million dollars of funds identified directly for the construction of a new parking facility by the City. Ben commented that we are in a great position to realize the goal of seeing early replacement parking on the PC-I site, which would offset the impacts of construction and the loss of the Aurora and Blanchard lots.

Jackson commented on the presentation given by Ben, Ken Johnson and Joe Parr for the State Review Board, stating it was elegant, simple and straight forward. He added he couldn't have been more pleased with the job they did.

Peter added that he thought the meeting with the Co-Chairs of the Waterfront Stakeholders Committee was probably the first time there was opportunity to directly discuss the Market's perspective on goals for PC-I and to an extent issues revolving around the size, scale, and character of the fold. He added that the Market's interest was certainly conveyed at the meeting including responsibility of control, design and development of the site. Peter also updated the committee on development from the Aquarium. He said the Aquarium has been moving forward with their conceptual plans and have been placing substantial effort with the fold design concept.

Ben added that he wanted to make sure the committee was aware about a letter the Historical Commission sent out, which would be circulated to all members of the Council. He lastly updated the committee about the shift in language by the City in reference to the fold, now referring to the space between the Aquarium and the Market as a "Connector".

III. Next Steps

Jackson discussed the next steps for WRC including crafting the MOU and diligently working on additional design work with the architects to be on pace by June. He added funds would need to be authorized to complete the design work. Ben added that the committee should provide a thorough overview to Council of all the work they have completed these last couple of months.

IV. Other Reports and Action Items

Closed session began at 5:19 p.m.

Draft MOU between the City and PDA (*Closed Session Per (RCW 42.30.110(1)(B))*)

Closed session ended at 5:53 p.m.

V. Concerns of Committee Members

None

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. by Jackson Schmidt

Meeting minutes submitted by:

Dianna Goodsell, Administrative Services Coordinator