

# **Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 **Time:** 4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Location: Goodwin Library (Economy Building)

Committee Members: Matt Hanna (Chair), Ray Ishii, Rico Quirindongo, Betty Halfon, Gloria Skouge,

and David Ghoddousi

4:30pm	I.	Administrative:	Chair
		A. Approval of Agenda	
		B. Approval of the May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 Executive Committee Meeting	
		Minutes	
4:35pm	II.	Announcements and/or Community Comments	
4:40pm	III.	Council Chair Report	Chair
5:05pm	IV.	Committee Chair's Report	
•		A. MarketFront	Rico Quirindongo
		B. Market Programs	Betty Halfon
		C. Finance & Asset Management	Gloria Skouge
5:20pm	V.	Executive Director's Report	Ben Franz-Knight
5:30pm	V.	Tour Group Oversight	Chair
5:35pm	VI.	Public Comment	
5:40pm	VII.	Concerns of Committee Members	
5:45pm	VIII	. Adjournment	Chair



# **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Goodwin Library

Committee Members Present: Matt Hanna, Betty Halfon, Gloria Skouge, Rico Quirindongo, David Ghoddousi, Ray Ishii

#### **Other Council Members Present:**

**Staff Present:** Ben Franz-Knight, Aliya Lewis

#### **Others Present:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Matt Hanna, Chair.

#### I. Administration

A. Approval of the Agenda *The agenda was approved by Acclamation.* 

B. Approval of the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes *The April 19<sup>th</sup>*, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were approved by Accilamation.

#### II. Announcements and Community Comments

None.

#### III. Council Chair's Report

Matt Hanna gave the council chair report noting a comment from the last Executive committee about updates and focus on the farm program. Hanna stated that the new garage is open and the Foundation is holding an event for donor recognition tomorrow evening. The MarketFront will have staggered opening of sections, the plaza should be open next Wednesday ahead of Memorial Day weekend. Conversations will continue with Office of the Waterfront, Friends of the Waterfront, and other stakeholders and he anticipates they will become more open ended. The lease for the Market Commons with the Foundation has been signed, the services agreement is still in process, and that the buildout for the space has not yet started.

Hanna noted that he was aware of a discussion at the Finance and Asset Management meeting about the Chief Seattle Club. He stated that it is not infrequent that a policy issues arises, as has with the Chief Seattle Club, and that discussion can lead to an upheaval in the council's decision making process. He noted the distinction between the

substantive policy based issues the council encounters and the decision making, level and degree of participation, scrutiny, and influence on decision making. He asked the committee to consider that distinction in discussion that become lively in committee meetings.

There was a discussion about the details of the Finance and Asset Management community meeting.

## IV. Committee Chair's Report

#### A. Finance and Asset Management

Gloria Skouge reported on the details of the Finance and Asset Management committee meeting. Proposed resolution 17-21 was tabled because of the total price of the project. Proposed resolution 17-22 was approved and added to the consent agenda. John Turnbull presented an update on residential property and events. Proposed resolution 17-23 was approved and added to the consent agenda. There will be an update on the MWBE (Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises) in the next couple of months.

Ben Franz-Knight noted that the Chief Seattle Club license will be on the agenda for full council in closed session.

#### B. Market Programs

Betty Halfon reported on the details of the Market Programs meeting. Halfon noted Evening Market mailers, a successful Daffodil Day, Flower Festival/Mother's Day, and Sunset Supper. A number of ideas were discussed for the grand opening ceremony for the MarketFront as well as naming ideas for locations in the MarketFront. During Market Programs the names Northwest Passage and Southwest Passage were suggested names for the breezeway by Gloria Skouge. It was made aware to the committee that there is a desire to not have flowers or farmers on the project due uncertainty of the flow of water drainage. There will be a passport activity during the MarketFront grand opening that will be a sort of walking tour of the project. Legacy farmers will be honored at the opening day and an activity called a cabbage smash will also be happening that day.

Farm season will start at the end of May and the express markets will be starting at the end of May. John Turnbull, Zack Cook, and David Dickinson are working out the details of what farm will look like on the pavilion. Proposed resolution 17-15 was approved and added to the consent agenda. Halfon pointed out an educational piece that was worked on by Scott Davies and a flyer that Justin Huguet worked on that will be distributed to Market residents.

#### C. MarketFront

Rico Quirindongo reported on the details of the MarketFront meeting. Quirindongo stated that after the meeting some committee members had the opportunity to tour the site. There was a discussion on the reconciliation of the final budget for the project at the MarketFront meeting.

There was a discussion on timeline of final budget, final cost, and allocation for the project.

Rico Quirindongo stated that there were no resolutions at the meeting and that there was presentation from One Center City. Quirindongo noted that he sits on a committee for One Center City and the discussion that will be had on transportation changes to the downtown area. The purpose of the presentation to the MarketFront committee was to highlight how changes will affect the Market and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

### V. Executive Director's Report

Ben Franz-Knight noted that the Pine Street entrance could use improvement and several ideas are in discussion and that the Finance and Asset Management committee will hear the details on that project later in the summer. Next month there will be an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for demolition of the sky bridge and to make improvements to the crosswalk underneath. There will be draft MOU for the council to look at before agreeing to the demolition of the sky bridge. He noted difficulty on making progress on streetcar issues with SDOT (Seattle Department of Transportation), and that he will continue to push for preservation of deliveries on 1st Avenue and preservation of access in and out of the Market. Franz-Knight noted that he will be participating in a trip to Portland and the he intends to point out unique conditions block to block in Portland that are similar to Market needs.

There was a discussion on SDOT communications and plans.

Ben Franz-Knight noted MarketFront operator meetings that have been occurring for the past month and half and that the garage opened without any major issues and that the opening of the rest of the project should be similar.

#### VI. Public Comment

None.

#### VII. Concerns of Committee Members

Rico Quirindongo noted that he has represented Pike Place Market in conversations about street usage and delivery access, that there is more work to do, SDOT is slow to respond, and concerns can be funneled to him so that he can express them at meetings.

Betty Halfon stated that one of the biggest concerns expressed at the Constituency meeting when SDOT stated that Market merchants can use the proposed streetcar tracks between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

There was a discussion on the streetcar plans and SDOT that followed.

Gloria Skouge noted a concern about the sidewalks on Western Avenue and that the addition of crosswalk lights would be more helpful than just a sign.

Ben Franz-Knight noted that there are several changes that need to be made to the street improvement plan and that it took SDOT over a year to approve the plan. He noted that the Historic Commission will need to approve changes to Western Avenue and that

David Ghoddousi noted that he wanted to commend Ben Franz-Knight, David Dickinson, and James Cornell and the daystall team for the work on table layouts on the plaza. Ghoddousi stated that he heard great feedback from the daystall community.

# IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m. by Matt Hanna, Chair.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Aliya Lewis, Executive Administrator