



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Location: Join Zoom Meeting:

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DUE TO THE EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC HEALTH CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO THE ONGOING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) OUTBREAK, PARTICIPATION IN THIS MEETING WILL BE TELEPHONIC OR VIRTUAL. ALL PDA COUNCILMEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE REMOTELY.

Committee Members Present: Rico Quirindongo, David Ghoddousi, Devin McComb, Patrice Barrentine, Mark Brady

Other Council Members Present: Betty Halfon, Colleen Bowman, Ray Ishii

Staff Present: Mary Bacarella, Karin Moughamer

Others Present:

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Rico Quirindongo, Chair.

I. Administration

A. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

Approval of the July 22, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The July 22, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were approved by acclamation.

II. Announcements and/or Community Comments

Joan Paulson commented that with regards to the nomination committee that there be goals outlined at the beginning to insure there are no conflicts of interest, it is diverse, and small business owners are included. If those goals are outlined at the beginning it allows the process to proceed more smoothly. She would also like to see the top 5 candidates gathered for a meet and greet for the community, much like was done for the hiring of the Executive Director.

III. Council Chair Report

Rico Quirindongo noted that thanked Mary and Karin and the PDA staff for all their hard work in keeping the Market going during this hard time. All council members have been contacted by either himself or Mary Bacarella with regards to Matt Hanna's resignation last year and since the process has not produced a replacement Matt has agreed to rescind his resignation and will rejoin the committee as the mayoral nominee until a replacement can be found. He does not feel that it will last more than six months. Legal counsel has been consulted. He will forward the email from Matt Hanna to the Council.

Patrice Barrentine thanked Rico Quirindongo for his out-of-the-box thinking and for reaching out.

Colleen Bowman noted that this will allow the nominations committee a little more time to work through the process.

David Ghoddousi noted that Matt Hanna's institutional knowledge is huge and appreciates Rico reaching out to him. He's a great addition to the board.

IV. Committee Chair's Report

A. Market Programs

Patrice Barrentine noted that in the midst of all the things weighing down our hearts, there is nothing that is better than hearing the work of the Marketing team. There was a presentation on the commercial outdoor dining pilot program to allow for more seating and customers. There was also a presentation on the resources available to Market businesses. She has never seen so many resources available and the results are presented very clearly. The webinars continue with good feedback. She wished the Market a 113th birthday and staff are working to roll out the digital book which is just waiting on some digital upgrades. Lastly, the Buskers are being featured in a live feed each week and they can receive tips via Venmo. The Foundation presented during public comment and staff have been directed to work through that via proper channels.

Patrice Barrentine noted that Ali Mowry asked to step down from Market Programs. Patrice thanked Ali for her participation and she always had creative ways of thinking.

Mark Brady commented that Constituency Elections are this week and the person elected could take Ali Mowry's seat on Market Programs.

B. Finance & Asset Management

Devin McComb noted the bulk of the meeting was spent discussing the financial forecast for the remainder of 2020. These were materials that John, Sabina and Mary presented showing the best guess figures for the rest of the year for revenue and expenses. That led the committee into discussion of Proposed Resolution 20-20. This is additional COVID and common area credits and he encouraged committee members to review the resolution. The resolution passed with good support but was not placed on the Consent Agenda. The financial statements were reviewed. There were three more resolutions including replacement of the fire panel on the LaSalle, year 15 transition for the LaSalle, and approval of the medical and dental coverage for 2020-2021, which was reduced by 6% compared to last year. He thanked Erica Bates for her work on that resolution. All three of those resolutions are on the Consent Agenda.

David Ghoddousi asked Devin McComb to speak to the loans that will be taken on for the LaSalle exit. Devin McComb responded there is a loan from Seattle Housing Loan and from the State. They are 40 year obligations and the PDA has not been responsible for those loans. With this exit, the PDA is now liable for the payments of the loans. The PDA has always been making these payments but now the PDA has 100% ownership.

Mark Brady commented that today he read the city is forgiving \$400,000 for city owned property for small businesses and entertainment and the Port of Seattle is giving breaks at the airport. The PDA is in line with other government agencies and he feels good the PDA is helping.

V. Executive Director's Report

Mary Bacarella provided the following updates:

- An update on the garage modifications was provided. The PDA and the City have an agreement for construction to not take place during busy times. The City has reached out to change the schedule and spread it out between two years: January – May 2021 and January 2022.
- Victor Steinbrueck Park is at 100% design and it has not gone out to bid. They do not have a schedule for construction.
- Staff received the elevator design report from Ron Wright on the four options. The PDA has \$1.59M to put towards this project that is left over from MarketFront construction. PDA staff and Rico will be meeting with Ron next week. Except for the modernization option, all are estimated to be over \$1.59M.
- The outdoor dining program currently features: Matt's, Radiator, and Il Bistro on Pike Place; Place Pigale is waiting on their permit to open near the hand washing station; Market Grill is operating in front of second section; Pizza and Pasta Bar is serving in the pergola behind Mr. D.'s; Alibi Room is looking to open in Post Alley; Jarr Bar and Barque Brontes have tables on the sidewalk on Western Avenue Wednesday – Sunday; Pasta Casalinga and Crepe de Paris are in the LaSalle garden; and Old Stove has expanded on the MarketFront per an easement from the City.
- Daystall is open Thursday – Monday.
- Parking tickets pulled is consistent. A lot of advertising by the PDA on Waze and the waterfront is also promoting the Market garage and the majority of revenue is coming from monthly parkers.
 - Monday – Wednesday: 350-370 cars
 - Thursday: 400-425
 - Friday: 500-525
 - Saturday: 700-850
 - Sunday: 500-600.
- The Mayor, Carmen Best, King 5, and KOMO, to name a few, wished the Market a happy 113th birthday.

Mark Brady asked if street parking is still \$0.50. Mary Bacarella responded she believes so.

Mary Bacarella added that parking is being enforced again at the Market and issuing tickets.

David Ghoddousi noted there are two patio spaces on the DownUnder that could be used for outdoor dining. Mary Bacarella noted that state liquor is issuing the permits and they are requiring businesses set up as close as possible to their business. David Ghoddousi also suggested the Post Alley entrance to the Economy.

Colleen Bowman asked how funding is for Victor Steinbrueck Park. Mary Bacarella responded she will ask her contact. Rico Quirindongo added that he is working with Seattle Parks on two high propriety projects and Parks is reallocating funds from other projects to fund these two. He would not be surprised if Victor Steinbrueck Park goes on extended delay.

Mark Brady asked if the two totem poles are in the Victor Steinbrueck 100% design. Mary Bacarella responded she believes they were approved to replace the membrane but the totem poles are a separate project. Rico Quirindongo added that the totem poles are a difficult topic that the city is still dealing with.

VI. Discussion Topics

A. Nomination Committee Update

Rico Quirindongo noted the nomination committee will need to be restarted. He has talked with council members and it's desired that as many new people as possible sit on the committee. As chair he appoints the members and he will share that list at council next week. The committee will be comprised of six people but all council members are invited to give input. The committee will include Colleen Bowman, JJ McKay, Paul Neal, Patrice Barrentine, David Ghoddousi, and Mark Brady. Colleen Bowman will chair the meeting and work with Karin Moughamer to schedule the first meeting.

VII. Public Comment

None.

VII. Concerns of Committee Members

Mark Brady would like to have a report from the Foundation that specifies the amounts of the grants being handed out. He noted that one business reported receiving \$2,000 which they thought was a waste of time. He also noted the Foundation has raised \$500,000 but only \$30,000 was placed for merchants but they've heard nothing about the remaining \$470,000. He's asked Mary to look into it and wonders if the conversation needs to be handled in closed session.

Rico Quirindongo does not believe that can be a conversation in closed session. Mary Bacarella responded she will ask Gerry but she thinks an update from the Foundation should be provided at council.

Colleen Bowman noted that the council president and Lillian will be at the Council meeting and per the Services Agreement their annual report on their impact and funding is due in September.

David Ghoddousi would like to have a progress report presented from the Foundation at the council meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m. by Rico Quirindongo, Chair.

Meeting minutes submitted by:
Karin Moughamer, Executive Administrator