



The City of Seattle

Pike Place Market Historical Commission

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MINUTES

MHC 117/23

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

4:30 p.m.

Hybrid meeting virtual location: Virtual access on the WebEx platform as provided in the meeting agenda.

Hybrid meeting physical location: PDA Meeting Room: 93 Pike Street #317

COMMISSIONERS

In Person

Leslie Buker
Mark C. Childs
Grace Leong, Chair
Elisa Shostak
Lance Wagner

Staff

Minh Chau Le
Melinda Bloom

Virtual

Golnaz Mohammadi, Vice Chair
Stephanie Young

Absent

Jonathan Cracolici
Sam Farrazaino
Lisa Martin

Chair Grace Leong determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

She reminded Commission members to announce any conflict of interest or ex parte communication prior to review of applications.

Public Comment

Christine Vaughan welcomed the Commission back and said Commission meetings should be held in person in the market. She said that a time limit for public comment is arbitrary and speakers should be able to speak as long as they want. She said that it makes sense for people to comment after presentations, but before Commission deliberation. She said that in the seven years that she served on the Commission, time limits only happened twice, both for complicated applications. She said that guideline 1.3 talks about retaining the

historical cultural values of the market and spoke about the significance of direct connection and person to person exchanges

Mary Bacarella, PDA executive director, welcomed the Commission back to meeting in the Market. She stressed the importance of everybody being in the room together.

072623.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 14, 2022 Tabled.

January 11, 2022 Tabled.

June 28, 2023

MM/SC/MC/ES 6:0:1 Minutes approved as amended. Ms. Buker abstained.

July 12, 2023

MM/SC/LB/ES 6:0:1 Minutes approved as amended. Mr. Childs abstained.

Ms. Le stated that approved minutes that have not been posted on the website can be provided upon request.

072623.2 REPORT OF THE STAFF

Ms. Le reported that mailings were sent out to property owners about the Guideline Review process and postings had been made as required by law in preparation for a possible final action by the Commission at its next meeting.

Ms. Le said that there are about 17 applications in the queue, but they are not in a state to go before the Commission.

072623.3 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Ms. Leong said Colin Christopher and Uroosa Fatima from Enviro Issues will host a special meeting of the Commission on Thursday August 17, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

Ms. Leong noted there are two Commission meeting dates when the PDA meeting room is unavailable: August 23 and December 13, 2023. Meetings on those dates will be hybrid with in-person meeting at City Hall.

072623.4 REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Use Review Committee No report.

Design Review Committee No report.

072623.5 REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Guideline Committee

072623.6 NEW BUSINESS

MHC Guideline revision

MHC coordination with PDA and community stakeholders

Ms. Leong noted ongoing coordination for a meeting with PDA, community stakeholders and Commission. Possible agenda items are retroactive approvals and incomplete applications.

Public Comment

Bob Messina commented on the potential sale of Don and Joe's Butcher. He cited guideline 2.6.8 which says the Commission 'may' deny which gives the Commission discretion and flexibility. He asked if that has ever been invoked. He said that in the Market there are certain establishments that have received the benefit of flexibility from the Commission. He said 'may' gives the Commission flexibility to deal with complicated issues.

Adjourn 4:55 pm MM/SC/MC/ES

Minh Chau Le
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