Thursday June 10th, 2010
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
PDA Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Ann Magnano, David Ghoddousi, Gerry Kumata

Other Council Members Present: Gloria Skouge, Bruce Lorig

Staff Present: Anita Neill, James Haydu, Matt Holland, Kateesha Atterberry, John Turnbull, Scott Davies, Ryan Hostetler

Others Present: Paul Dunn, Shirley Linteau, Marlys Erickson, Michelle Peterson

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Ann Magnano on behalf of John Finke, Chair.

I. Administration
   A. Approval of Agenda
      The agenda was moved by acclamation.
   B. Approval of May 13th, 2010 Minutes
      The minutes were moved by acclamation.
   C. Announcements and Community Comments
      Paul Dunn noted that he and the Friends of the Market were against the Hearing Examiners decision to allow the “Tree of Life” sculpture to be place in Victor Steinbrueck Park. The sculpture was to represent the dead homeless. He felt that the park was an inappropriate location for the sculpture. The historic committee was also against this decision. There was some discussion on what the sculpture looked like and who built it. Paul additionally noted that he would leave a copy of the examiners decision at the PDA front desk for anyone who wished to read it.

      Pearl noted her support for the son of the owner of Fero’s Meats to take over the business while the owner was out of the country.

II. Street Festival Update – Marlys Erickson
   Marlys gave a brief history of the Festival noting that it originated as a crafts festival but this year the theme had changed to more of an artists and food fair. Additionally, the usual date was changed to accommodate the harvest season and was moved to a week before its usual date. The beer garden and main stage was planned to be placed by the crafter slabs on the north end of the arcade. However, this location was reserved for the crafters as outlined by the Hilt agreement. To accommodate the crafters, and agreement was reached to save 3 spaces on the slabs and provide 24 additional spaces under tents to make up for the lost 24 slab spaces.
III. Marketing
A. Staff Reports
The new PDA website was launched yesterday. So far the feedback has been positive but it was still being debugged and content was still being added. It had been decided at last month’s OPSCOM meeting that if Top of the Market were to end their lease with the Market the PDA would not renew their trademark agreement with Microsoft. They have been told this and were not surprised by the news and still plan to end their lease in mid January. The State Health Department has been cracking down on farmer’s violation health codes in relation to sampling. According to the code, if farmers sample more than 3 days a week they are no longer considered farmers under that code. Several farmers within the Market sell and sample more than 3 days a week and are in violation. The Health Department has asked that sinks with hot water be installed within 25 feet of a farmer that samples. The sinks would be installed as part of the renovation plan; meanwhile, farmers who sampled their product would be clustered close together and near a sink. James was working with Sally Clark’s office for their support in getting a historical exemption from the State Legislation. Earlier in the week, the STRAP committee met to discuss market research. The phone questionnaire was in its final stages of development and interviews were expected to begin by next week. The first round of phone interviews would be with 600 Seattle residents. EMC would give a report on their findings in the next meeting or two.

IV. Farm Program
A. Staff Reports
James reported that the Farm season officially began on Sunday June 6th. The first coupon mailer has been sent to downtown residents and includes a $5 off coupon at the Farm tables. The remote markets open on Tuesday June 22nd at City Plaza and Thursday June 24th at Cascade in South Lake Union. Bruce L noted that he enjoyed the article on sustainability that was included in the packet and felt that the PDA should publicly support him and sustainability. James noted that he would be meeting with the fish guy next week and would discuss how to work with him in his sustainability efforts.

V. Property Management
A. Residential Property Management Report
John handed out the residential vacancy report. He noted that the Sanitary had been completely evacuated for Phase II of the renovations and were omitted from the report. The 1st and Pine had the largest vacancy problems which was due to the lengthy waiting period for the approval of section 8 applicants. Eight more units were found by the bed bug dog team to be infected and would need to be treated. The team would then return for a re-inspection.

The Hillclimb and Leland elevator would be opened on June 18th. July 12th the roof top deck of the Leland would be closed for demolition and replacement. The residents would not be able to use the space during this time and rent would be abated accordingly.

Efforts continued to be made to coordinate commercial residents with relocating and moving out of their spaces.

The week of June 20th would be the start of the Phase II renovation construction and scaffolding would be put on the East side of Pike on the Corner and Sanitary Market buildings.

The first of the new billing with the new metering was sent out to tenants this week.

B. Closed Session Closed Session (RCW 41.30.110 [c])
The meeting went into closed session at 4:34 p.m.

i. Review of Lease Proposals
ii. Review of Delinquency Report
iii. Vacancy Report
iv. Current Lease Negotiations
Closed session ended at 5:16 p.m.

David Ghoddousi left at 5:16 p.m.

C. Staff Reports
   None

VI. Items for Consent Agenda
   Ann recommended, and it was agreed by all, that the lease proposals be moved to the consent agenda.

VII. Public Comments
     None

VIII. Concerns of Committee Members
      None

IX. Adjournment
    The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m. by Ann Magnano on behalf of John Finke, Chair.

Meeting minutes submitted by:
Anita Neill, Executive Assistant