



Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority (PDA)

DRAFT SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 1ST 2010

**Wednesday, December 1st, 2010
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Goodwin Library**

Council Members Present: James Savitt, John Finke, Gloria Skouge, Patrick Kerr, Jackson Schmidt, David Ghoddousi, Matt Hanna, Gerry Kumata

Staff Present: Ben Franz- Knight, Anita Neill

Others Present: Paul Dunn, Hailey Land, Liza Couchman, Ronald Paananen and two other presenters from WADOT

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by James Savitt, Chair.

Jim noted that the goal of the meeting was for Council to discuss and conclude if the Council should submit comment regarding the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project and the 2010 Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), and if so, what would it say. Guest speakers were present and introductions were made around the room. Ben circulated a memo which summarized the SDEIS report and his recommendations.

Matt Hanna joined at 4:08 p.m.

Ben noted in detail the specific areas of the SDEIS report that would relate and impact the Market the most.

Jim thanked Ben for his report and turned over the meeting to Ron Paananen, Administrator for the Washington State Department of Transportation. Ron gave a power point presentation which outlined the Viaduct Replacement Project. He noted the timeline and specific location of the work to be completed which included, beginning from the South end at Holgate and S King to the North end in South Lake Union around Republic street. Impacts to the project area included significant loss of downtown parking, Western Avenue access to Alaska and several other major road routes would be closed for approximately two years during the construction. Upon review of the Western avenue intersection to Alaska, Jackson raised concern of how it would adversely affect the Market parking garage and access to the Market in general and should be included in Council comments. Patrick noted his desire for Council to have the opportunity to be involved in the conceptual design of the intersection and other factors that may directly affect access to the Market. Ron noted that he would relay that message to the Project Manager, Steve Pierce. There was some discussion on the North end access, before and after the construction, to the waterfront and the Market including when the Denny Street tunnel access would be closed.

There was some discussion regarding various waterfront stakeholders and their concern regarding parking and access to their businesses. Ben noted that he has been in contact with several businesses, including the Aquarium and Argosy and they were extremely concerned regarding the parking situation.

Ron continued with the PowerPoint presentation; it was unclear if tolling would be necessary and would be dependant upon if there was sufficient funding, potential staging areas during construction would be at various locations along the worksite, the design of the tunnel and its integrity to withstanding earthquakes was also discussed. At the end of the presentation, Ron noted that comments for this portion of the environmental study would be accepted until December 13th. Information would then be gathered, consolidated and considered for the final environmental process.

Jim noted that the SDEIS letter would be reviewed and finalized at the December 8th Executive Committee meeting. He further directed Ben to keep apprised of the situation and various groups involved and report back to full Council in December. Matt noted his points of concern of possible point of impacts to the Market including; the flow of pedestrian traffic, the effects of the "Cut and Cover" concepts on parks and open recreations spaces including Steinbrueck Park, access to the Market and the effects to social service providers.

Jackson Schmidt moved and Patrick Kerr seconded that the Executive Director, Ben Franz-Knight, was to prepare a draft letter in response to the SDEIS and circulate to Council for review by December 6th.

For: James Savitt, John Finke, Gloria Skouge, Patrick Kerr, Jackson Schmidt, David Ghoddousi, Matt Hanna, Gerry Kumata

Against:

Abstain:

The motion passed unanimously, 8 to 0.

Hailey Land requested that the letter be available to the Market community. Jim requested that the draft letter be posted to the Market website for the public.

Liza Couchman requested that air quality and locations of the staging areas be considered in relation to the Market. The noise and pollution could create significant impacts to the daily operations of the Market.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. by James Savitt, Chair.