



The City of Seattle

Pike Place Market Historical Commission

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MINUTES

MHC 103/17

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

4:30 p.m.

PDA Meeting Room, 93 Pike Street, Room 317

COMMISSIONERS

Frank Albanese, Chair
Sam Farrazaino
Murad Habibi
Bob Hale
Michael Hammond
Rachael Kitagawa
John Ogliore
Lauren Rudeck
Jerrod Stafford
Christine Vaughan, Vice Chair

Staff

Heather McAuliffe
Melinda Bloom

Absent

Anais Winant

Chair Frank Albanese determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

071217.1 COMMISSION BRIEFING

The following items were reviewed out of agenda order.

071217.12 Center City Connector
CJ Holt and Roland Genick

Briefing on proposed improvements for streetcar on First Avenue, including station design, upgrades at Pike and Pine intersections, and loading access.

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PowerPoint and handouts in DON file. What follows are Commission and public questions and comments.

Responding to questions, Roland Genick explained that no work will be done May through September to avoid tourist impacts. He said that weekend work will be avoided as well.

Ms. Vaughan asked if this is the only place where there will be a dedicated trolley line.

C. J. Holt said yes.

Mr. Ogliore asked about left turn into the Market.

Mr. Holt said they got push back on Pike; it is an access point for businesses and is important. He said the left turns on Pine and Stewart will be eliminated. He said the only left turn into the Market will be at First and Pike.

Mr. Albanese said that now there are three.

Mr. Habibi asked if this will be the only way into the Market.

Mr. Holt said yes.

Mr. Ogliore asked about making a right-hand turn going south bound.

Mr. Holt said that will be maintained.

Ms. Vaughan asked about getting out of the Market.

Mr. Holt said that at Pine you can only go right.

Ms. Kitagawa said it looks like we can go right or left.

Mr. Holt directed Commissioners to slide 34 which showed left or right turn at Pine.

Mr. Albanese asked about Stewart.

Mr. Holt said it is the same there.

Mr. Albanese asked if there is a left turn into the Market.

Mr. Holt said there is not room for a left turn under the current plan. He said it would impact the streetcar and general traffic.

Ms. Vaughan asked if there could be a dedicated signal.

Mr. Holt said there is no room.

Mr. Albanese said even for a short time would be helpful. He said the reality is this will be a disaster for businesses; it won't benefit commerce in the Market.

Mr. Habibi asked how a truck would get into the Market.

Mr. Holt said going northbound they can make a left turn at Pike; one is guaranteed to get through and trucks like predictability.

Mr. Ogliore asked if they had done traffic studies.

Mr. Holt said yes.

Mr. Ogliore asked where deliveries could be made.

Mr. Albanese said they can't enter on the west and most come down First to Stewart or Pine and now we are losing that access.

Ms. Vaughan commented on the difficulty of delivery.

Mr. Albanese said it is tough enough as it is now and he is concerned about taking away two left turns; it will have a negative impact.

Mr. Hammond said capacity is low now and vans are lined up in the morning.

Mr. Holt said there will be loading on First at Pike and Pine. He said there are six spaces now; between 9:00 – 11:00 am they are commercial load only spots. He said they did a parking analysis and looked at use, time, types of deliveries; all day long they saw non-commercial use, Uber, and Lyft. He went over handout depicting south side of Pike by the pergola and said it is confusing now and they will improve it to maximize capacity. He said Uber, Lyft and taxis will have opportunities off First. He said there will be no room for loading on First during construction so loading will be extended on the south side of Pike. He said they will add more loading and will monitor it. He said they will put loading back on First after construction, with loading allowed from 9:00 -11:00 a.m.; traffic can use streetcar track during this time. He said the track is at grade.

Mr. Albanese said unload spaces should be designated for trucks.

Mr. Holt said they are doing one-on-one outreach; permits are only allowed for commercial vehicles but they will make exceptions for passenger vehicle loading.

Mr. Albanese said the load/unload spot in front of his store is used for general parking and trucks can't get in. He said enforcement is an issue; it should be for business owners only.

Ms. Rudeck commented that there are commercial loading issues on Western as well.

Mr. Holt said that enforcement will be key and there will be a campaign to educate people.

Ms. Vaughan said the problem with a local market is if people can't move on First, they won't come.

Mr. Albanese asked about impacts to businesses during Jackson St. work and if any businesses closed.

Mr. Holt said they will look into it.

Mr. Habibi said the sidewalks are crowded now and people go into the street to get through.

Mr. Ogliore concurred and added it is especially bad on weekends and holidays.

Ms. McAuliffe said the liquor board is testing a rail-less sidewalk café.

Mr. Turnbull said they are testing at Le Pichet.

Mr. Genick said the sidewalk is sufficient. He said they will look at relocation of bike racks, etc.

Mr. Holt said this will be the busiest station on the stop and noted the platform will act as another sidewalk.

Public Comment:

Bob Messina appreciated the well-done presentation. He said the left-hand turn northbound onto Pike is a necessity for cars, truck and commercial deliveries. He said that people walk through the crosswalk against the light all the time. He said not to wrap/paint windows of streetcars.

John Turnbull appreciated the good presentation and materials. He said that left turn on First is essential, critical. He said when the tunnel is open that will be the only way to get people into the Market. He said that dozens of buses, vans use loading zone; before 5:00 am use is not useful. He said that when traffic is diverted for construction it will all end up down Pike Place; it will be a big increase. He said they will work on parking for businesses but there are not much more effective spaces there for trucks. He said it is abhorrent that they are converting 60% of public right of way to something that will be used ten minutes per hour; it is a waste of public resources. He said he was concerned about how much island there is between Pike and Pine. He expressed concern about the long

ramps that will be needed to get up a nine inch platform. He said this is the busiest intersection for pedestrian activity downtown and questioned why the platform wasn't moved to First and Pine where there is more room. He said First Avenue should be as accessible as possible.

Joan Paulson provided a handout which she read from (in DON file). She said an electric trolley is better. She said the tunnel will force traffic onto the streets where there will be more congestion and less capacity. She said the merchants have to be accommodated.

Molly Deloren, Carrot Flower, said side effects will be felt. She said the left turn onto Pike Place is essential. She said that during Western Ave. construction there was no warning to business owners and signs were stacked in front of businesses. She said notification is important.

Commission Discussion:

Mr. Ogliore cited 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 and said the shelter design does not relate in form to the Market.

Ms. Rudeck said only one shelter, at the parking garage, has a butterfly roof.

Mr. Albanese noted the new MarketFront Building and said you can't build new to look old; he wondered if that applied here.

Ms. McAuliffe said to look at what is compatible – roofline, materials, etc.

Mr. Ogliore said the shelter does not relate in form to the Market.

Mr. Hale said that the awnings on the adjacent historic buildings are horizontal and they could bring that in to new shelter. He said there should be no false historicism but this design could bring in the horizontal lines.

Mr. Genick said they have done a sympathetic abstraction, using some materials and colors and vernacular vocabulary.

Ms. Kitagawa said the station is more like an awning and suggested doing more of a canopy than a butterfly style. She said that all the other stations have extruded tube steel so its use here is not for the Market. She suggested a pared down version with awning that feels more open and won't obscure the Market. She discouraged two tone paint and suggested use of Market Green or a dark bronze that would blend in more.

Mr. Hale said a darker color is preferable.

Mr. Habibi noted the impacts to businesses and asked why this location. He noted the ripple affect into the Market.

Mr. Holt said they will schedule application review within the next two to three months.

Mr. Albanese said to address Commissioner concerns one more time before application review; if they don't do that there will be a problem.

Ms. McAuliffe said another briefing could be scheduled either the 4th Wednesday in August or the 2nd one in September.

Mr. Albanese and Ms. Rudeck left at 6:30 pm.

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Pike Pine Renaissance

Steve Pearce & Jacqueline Gruber

Briefing on design ideas for streetscape improvements on Pike and Pine, between First and Melrose Avenues, and the design of the Overlook Walk between the MarketFront Building and the Seattle waterfront.

Steve Pearce, Office of the Waterfront, said they are at 5% design. He presented via PowerPoint (PowerPoint in DON file). He explained that pedestrian and streetscape improvements, from curb to building, will connect Capital Hill to the Waterfront.

Ms. Vaughan asked how many lanes of traffic will be lost.

Mr. Pearce said one; he said intersections are important for vehicles. He said funding for Second to Third Avenues will come from Convention Center expansion project in exchange for street vacation. He said that there will be continuity in elements – Chief Seattle globes, trees, ground landscape, crossing treatments. He said they don't come into the district but up to it.

Mr. Habibi appreciated the presentation at 5%. He said it looks great and enhances pedestrian access.

Mr. Ogliore asked why there isn't a dedicated bike lane from First to Second.

Mr. Pearce said it is part of a system; there is one on Second now and they are connecting between those points. He said there are slow moving cars in that space today.

Mr. Habibi asked about impacts to Stewart, Virginia, and Union.

Mr. Pearce said they will continue to accommodate vehicle numbers that we see today. He said by the freeway, around Eighth; there will be a different traffic pattern. He said these streets will work fine for that.

071217.2 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 28, 2017

MM/SC/MUH/BH 6:0:1 Minutes approved. Ms. Vaughan abstained.

071217.3 **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

071217.4 **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

071217.5 **STAFF REPORT**

071217.6 **NEW BUSINESS**

7:10 pm Mr. Farrazaino made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hale seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McAuliffe
Commission Coordinator