



The City of Seattle

## Pike Place Market Historical Commission

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### **MINUTES**

MHC 109/22

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

4:30 p.m.

Hybrid meeting virtual location: See WebEx meeting link below

Hybrid meeting physical location: Seattle City Hall, 600 4th Avenue, Boards & Commissions Room L2-80

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Chris Bown  
Sam Farrazaino  
Grace Leong  
Golnaz Mohammadi  
Lauren Rudeck, Vice Chair  
Stephanie Young

### **Staff**

Minh Chau Le  
Melinda Bloom

### **Absent**

Lisa Martin, Chair

Vice Chair Lauren Rudeck 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.

### **082422.1      INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING**

082422.11      Public Right of Way  
Pike Pl and Stewart St, NE and SE corners of intersection  
Christina Kapoi, Seattle Department of Transportation

Preliminary briefing on potential replacement of curbs and ramps.

Christina Kapoi, SDOT provided an overview of the project and noted repairs to sewer mainline are complete and they are now planning permanent restoration. She said the corner is heavily used and new ramps are needed. She said the existing ramps don't point pedestrians across Stewart, there is no detectable warning, and the ramp slopes and landings are non-compliant. She proposed curb bulb, two standard double ramps

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or a bisector ramp for better facilitation of pedestrian traffic. Conceptual ADA ramp improvements direct pedestrian flow across intersection, meets code requirements to the maximum extents feasible, prevent vehicle loads on the areaway, prevent parking at the intersection, and accommodates future construction at the market.

Ms. Young asked if the proposed work would impact cobblestones.

Ms. Kapoi said curb bulbs would remove existing cobblestones.

Ms. Young cited 3.8.2 which says the cobblestone should be restored.

Ms. Kapoi said temporary asphalt patches in road will replace brick or cobblestone; if they do new, they need to put in concrete sidewalk.

Ms. Young asked about loading impacts for delivery trucks.

Ms. Kapoi said most businesses receive deliveries on Pike Place, so it won't impact them.

Ms. Young said there could be competition for parking.

Ms. Rudeck cited 2.3.1 about maintaining and enhancing the pedestrian experience; this would enhance accessibility of market

Ms. Kapoi concurred.

Ms. Mohammadi said it enhances access and she had no problem with it.

Ms. Young said if Option 2 is preferred to reduce bulb size.

Matt Fewins, SDOT said they could do that.

Ms. Mohammadi preferred the bisector option.

Ms. Buker cited 2.3.2 and said there is preference for pedestrian access over parking and she preferred Option 1.

Mr. Fewins said there is a bike corral so no loss of parking.

Ms. Young said the ramps create uneven pavement. She preferred Option 2 and noted there are fewer uneven places.

Mr. Fewins said the ramps shown are the bare minimum; the size can be tweaked.

Mr. Bown said it is tough to use a wheelchair on cobblestone.

Ms. Rudeck conducted a straw poll for commissioner opinion about project.

Mr. Bown supported the project; preferred to see three options.

Ms. Mohammadi supported the project; preferred Option 2.

Ms. Young supported the project; preferred to leave the way it is and enhance it.

Mr. Leong supported the project and wanted more information.

Ms. Buker supported the project; leaned toward Option 1.

Ms. Rudeck supported the project; preferred Option 2 and wants to see more on both options.

Ms. Le asked if the commissioners wanted another briefing or Certificate of Approval.

Ms. Rudeck said another briefing presenting all three options would be better.

Ms. Le said they could present multiple options with commission deciding on one. She asked applicants if it would be worthwhile to do final designs for two options and present or would they prefer to come back with a more detailed than today, still conceptual level with multiple options.

Ms. Kapoi said it would be better for them to advance to a 30% or 60% design level with more information that they could present at a briefing with one selected to advance to final design.

Mr. Fewins said they would want to go in with initial approval and then come back with both options that would at that point, select 1 to advance to a final design.

Ms. Le said the applicants have the commissions feedback for the next step which will be an informational briefing with additional levels of detail .

**082422.2 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL – USE & DESIGN**

Willie's Shoe Shine

93 Pike St, Atrium common area

Willie Williams, Business Operator

Application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

**082422.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

May 11, 2022

Tabled.

May 25, 2022

Tabled.

**082422.4 REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

No report.

**082422.6      REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

DRC: no report.  
URC: no report.

**082422.7      STAFF REPORT**

Administrative approvals to date 2022

Ms. Le: Administrative approvals to date - none made since the last report out 14 days ago. I will have the report that you all have been requesting after this meeting's over.

Transition to hybrid public meetings updates

Ms. Le: we are looking at an approximate fall date.

Commissioner recruitment updates

Ms. Le: the four positions have not been reposted yet. When they are, it'll be two residents, one merchant and one architect.

Vaccination attestation information for Commissioners

Ms. Le: the form that will be required of all commissioners who plan to attend in person.

Rules & Procedures revision: check-in

Ms. Le requested to know the commission's preferred next steps.

Ms. Rudeck requested it for the next agenda, hopefully with all commissioners present.

Mr. Bown expressed concern that the process could take years.

Ms. Le said the legal review had been concluded, meaning the process is nearing completion.

Ms. Rudeck said a discussion with the city legal representative would be helpful to discuss the comments and suggestions.

Ms. Buker said regarding the selection of positions 12, we don't want Department of Neighborhoods in the interview; it should be up to the commission and these legal questions get at: why isn't the Department of Neighborhoods there? We don't want them there. She wanted to discuss that with the group.

Ms. Buker commented on the MHC recruitment process. She noted the frustration with the lengthy process and lack of control the commission has in that and other processes. She said the commission should be the driver.

Mr. Bown expressed frustration at the slow pace of progress.

Ms. Buker agreed and further expressed frustration.

Ms. Mohammad expressed frustration with the city.

Ms. Rudeck felt ignored by the city and constantly brushed off with like, stating since 2019, it's a very frustrating process.

Ms. Le clarified that the copy that was sent to law was what the commission created. and what we're looking at now is the result of the law review of that document. She corrected the commissioner's comments that the document had been otherwise altered. She recommended the questions currently posed by the commission be directed to the legal representative.

Ms. Le: provided an overview of the iterations of the draft rules and procedures documents and the process in response to commissioners saying they were confused.

#### **082422.8**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Continued discussion regarding proposed legislation related to land use:

Public Comment:

Ruth Danner spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to administrative review.

Skip Knox expressed frustration with lack of support for commissioners by DON, he thought the agenda didn't provide for public comment, the dial in public comment process is frustrating, and the meeting minutes are useless.

MCL: The access code does change with every meeting. And so it looked as if he had printed out the agenda from a meeting that was not today.

Bob Messina: spoke against Department of Neighborhoods intrusion into rules and procedures, administrative approval, and selection of candidates for commission positions.

Heather Pihl was concerned about the language in the rules and procedures that was added for special meetings – that it would hamper ability of public to find out about meetings. She said in addition to the electronic application process the commission should also accept paper copies to make it easier for applicants.

Ms Rudeck expressed disapproval of the new online application system and cited equity concerns.

Ms. Buker asked who has the authority to decide if we allow paper applications.

Ms. Le said it's a city management decision.

Ms. Rudeck expressed further frustration with the online application system.

Discussion ensued on the merits and disadvantages of paper-based versus electronic applications.

Ms. Leong made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Young seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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