

**EASTERN MARKET COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

MINUTES

Attendance: Angela Brunson; Chuck Burger, Vice-Chair; Tom Kuchenberg, Treasurer; Jonathan Page; Erika Rubel; and Donna Scheeder, Chair, were present. Mike Bowers arrived at 7:16 PM; Monte Edwards, Secretary, and Diane Hoskins arrived at 7:25 P.M. Angela Brunson departed at 7:16 PM.

The regular meeting of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC) was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., in the North Hall of Eastern Market. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M.

Mr. Kuchenberg moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Kuchenberg moved the approval of the November 18, 2015, minutes. The minutes were approved, as distributed.

Report of the Chair

The Chair highlighted the EMCAC regular meeting dates for the balance of 2016. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

Report of the Treasurer

Mr. Kuchenberg presented the report of the Treasurer and the Finance Subcommittee, which is attached. The subcommittee recommended that preliminary steps be taken to examine the following options regarding funds for the preservation and enhancement of Eastern Market:

- a. When the market operates at a surplus, the surplus has been placed in the Enterprise Fund. It is important that funds generated by annual surpluses or funds raised via DC Code § 37-111(k) be kept separate from other District revenues. Some sort of firewall would have to be made so that the Enterprise Fund monies would rollover from year to year and remain as part of the fund until they were used for an approved Market expenditure, perhaps as recommended by the Market Manager in conjunction with EMCAC. Additional or clarifying legislation would be needed to pursue this option.
- b. An independent community foundation completely outside of the current legislation (Friends of Eastern Market, for example) could be established that would raise money and grant such funds to Market expenses or Market initiatives or projects deemed necessary or useful.

Mr. Edwards moved the recommendation of the subcommittee. The motion was adopted.

Update on Hine Construction Plans

Mr. Page reported that concrete construction of the North Building is almost complete, which should reduce some of the concrete truck traffic. Miller Long, the concrete subcontractor, is providing a shuttle bus from RFK for the increased number of contractors working on the site, which has eased parking complaints. It was noted that this might be a solution to parking problems that will arise with the arrival of other trades working on the project. Concrete work is ongoing in the South building, with current work on the footings and the support structure. Some security concerns, such as gates left open at night, will be addressed at the next meeting with the developers. Commissioner Hoskins added that the D Street SE between 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue SE will be closed for a few more weeks.

Report of the Market Manager

Barry Margeson presented the report of the Market Manager, which is attached to these minutes. The Chair offered that she would like to have the first expense report from the Market Manager by the next EMCAC meeting, and Mr. Margeson stated that he hoped to have all the information he has requested by that time. The Vice-Chair requested an early review of the draft expense report so that input could be provided. On behalf of EMCAC, the Chair thanked Mr. Page for his work on the Eastern Market website, and the Treasurer thanked Susan Oursler for her assistance with Eastern Market's finance report.

Tenants Council Report

Chuck Brome, Co-Chair of the Tenants Council, presented a report, which is attached to these minutes.

Community Comments and Concerns

Joe Snyder commented on revenue figures for the privately-run weekend markets cited in a January 2016 *Hill Rag* article.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Monte Edwards, Secretary