# EASTERN MARKET COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING JULY 27, 2016

#### **MINUTES**

Attendance: Mike Bowers; Monte Edwards, Secretary; Diane Hoskins; Susan Oursler; Erika Rubel; and Donna Scheeder, Chair, were present. Angie Brunson arrived at 7:20 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC) was held on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., in the North Hall of Eastern Market. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

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

Ms. Rubel moved the approval of the June 22, 2016, regular meeting minutes. The minutes were approved. Mr. Edwards moved the approval of the June 29, 2016, special meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

## Report of the Chair

The Chair noted the excused absences of Chuck Burger, Vice Chair; Tom Kuchenberg, Treasurer; and Jonathan Page. The Chair reviewed the dates of the remaining 2016 meetings, noting that the September meeting, at which elections will be held, is now scheduled to occur one week earlier than usual on Wednesday, September 21. On behalf of Nominating Committee Chairman Chuck Burger, the Chair announced that there is a 30-day public notice period prior to the September 21, 2016, meeting where interest can be expressed in being nominated for the offices of EMCAC as well as the independent community representative; those interested in the independent community representative are requested to send a cover letter and resume. Joseph Snyder pointed out that the Hill Rag deadline had probably passed, which would not allow sufficient notice under the bylaws. The Chair stated she would check on the deadline, and, if the publishing deadline had passed, the elections would be postponed to the October meeting. The Chair reported that EMCAC sent to Department of General Services (DGS) Director Chris Weaver EMCAC's recommendations regarding a DGS proposal to develop a request for proposals to create a five-year plan for Eastern Market.

The Chair requested members of EMCAC who had attended a public meeting held on July 26, 2016, for comments regarding Main Street proposals, which are due on September 8, 2016. Members of EMCAC expressed concerns regarding governance, name, membership, historic preservation, and boundaries, as well as knowledge of the Eastern Market Act, history of Eastern Market, and previous studies of and recommendations for Eastern Market. The Chair moved

that EMCAC hold a special meeting regarding Main Street proposals at which the executives of the Market Row Association would be invited to make a presentation. The motion was approved.

#### **Hine Update**

Commissioner Hoskins reported that the next meeting of the Hine Community Advisory Committee is scheduled for July 29, 2016, and she will post a rendering provided by Stanton-Eastbanc of the building from the Pennsylvania Avenue perspective.

#### **Report of the Market Manager**

Barry Margeson provided a written report of the Market Manager, which is attached to these minutes. Mr. Margeson indicated that he will be speaking with the DGS Director on July 28, 2016, regarding merchant leases and street bollards. Mr. Margeson indicated that he would send information to members of EMCAC regarding a DGS app – Get It Fixed – where members of the public may submit requests for building maintenance.

### **Capital Improvements Report**

Mr. Edwards reported that in the course of utility excavation work being conducted at 7<sup>th</sup> and C Streets SE for the Hine development pavers were saw cut. Mr. Edwards is working to establish contact with the project manager to press for a quality restoration of the pavers.

## **Tenants Council Report**

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

The Secretary requested reports be sent as an attachment in PDF format.

#### **Community Comments & Concerns**

Mr. Snyder commented on the legal authority of EMCAC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Monte Edwards, Secretary



# Eastern Market Manager's Report to the EMCAC

July 27, 2016

## **Finances**

Revenues for June 2016:

	June
APPLICATION FEE	175.00
ATM	5,019.30
FLEA MARKETS	4,000.00
NORTH HALL	8,400.00
OUTDOOR VENDOR	30,895.00
SOUTH HALL	
REVENUE	14,380.87
Total	62,870.17

#### Leases

The Chief Operating Officer of DGS, Jonathan Kayne, and I have discussed the leases and their current status. The COO is very interested in finalizing the leases and providing the merchants with an executed lease. Once the lease development process has been reviewed and agreed up on internally, we will reach out to the EMCAC and the merchants.

# **Marketing**

WETA just released their neighborhood series that focuses on Capitol Hill, Adams Morgan, Georgetown, and Anacostia in just under an hour. They were interested in highlighting surprising elements that even those who live there aren't familiar with. For Capitol Hill, they focused on Peterbug Matthews, Congressional Cemetary, Rose's Luxury, the alleys of the hill. It's nice that they spend a short moment introducing the neighborhood by way of Eastern Market (26.40-27.40), especially since they give Capitol Hill a slightly larger chunk of time than the others. It's at <a href="http://watch.weta.org/video/2365804246/?start=1200">http://watch.weta.org/video/2365804246/?start=1200</a> and we will put a link on our facebook page and webpage.

Dominiqua restarted our Instagram account. We now have 641 followers, more than double last meeting in June (302 back then)

Website is at 90%. We will talk with the developer tomorrow about what we need to do to get it to 100%. The website is: <a href="http://new.easternmarket-dc.org/">http://new.easternmarket-dc.org/</a>. The issues are less content and more links. We will not swap it out until it is 99-100%.

**Eastern Market History Book!** Eastern Market is lucky enough to have three fantastic interns from the Marion Barry Summer Youth Program: Chase Hinnant, Terita Butler, and Chanel Coleman. We are lucky enough to have Maya Kearney, who is beginning her PHD program at GW this Fall, advising them. Under the direction of neighbors Michelle Carrol and Nina Tristani from N&M House Detectives, they are putting together a small table top history book of Eastern Market. I will let Maya and Chase, who are here, talk more.

# **Fresh Tuesdays**

New Farmer: Breadmaker named Rebecca Lazar with SecondRising Bakery just started up two weeks ago.

**Produce Plus**: Continues to go well though many people now know about the program and there is a supply/demand issue that can be difficult to manage.

## **Merchants and Vendors**

**Crime** has increased as it does each summer. We will be putting up new cameras to monitor activity. 1 in the basement, 2 in the back, 1 on the N side, 1 on the S side and 3 on the front.

# **Operations**

**LED lights:** Everything has been replaced but the uplights in the North Hall. That will happen in another couple of months. We are waiting for another project to complete.

**ATMs:** We were experiencing increased outage because there was only one ATM and it was a few years old. Two new ATMs functioning well.

**HVAC:** All of the chillers are now operating well. There was a brief issue over the last couple of days that will be resolved tomorrow morning.

## **North Hall**

**Finances:** We are offering a slightly discounted rate for bookings made up until September 5. We have a lot of visits that seem to be attributable to that. The corresponding bookings are coming in as well.

# Community hours in the North Hall:

Steady community use of 250 - 270 hrs/month. In April, there will have been 38 hrs of public events.

# July Events:

July 2 – Tango

July 7 – Boogie Babes and Tango

July 13 – NDSS Caring with Congress

July 14 - Boogie Babes and Tango

July 21 - Boogie Babes and Tango

July 27 – EMCAC

July 28 - Boogie Babes and Tango

July 29 – Wedding

July 30 – COWPIE

Eastern Market Tenant's Council Meeting Notes July 14, 2016

Attending:

Chuck Brome - Co Chair Mike Bowers - Co Chair Chubb Houston Anita Jefferson Joe Snyder

Barry Margeson Katrina Cuffey

The Tenant Council passed the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 7-14-16-01 Letter to DDOT (passed 5 to 0)

Tenant's Council will send the following email to DDOT:

To:Faye Dastgheib, Policy Analyst Benito Perez, Policy Planner Office of Policy and Governmental Affairs District Department of Transportation 55 M Street SE, Suite 700 Washington DC

From: Eastern Market Tenant's Council Eastern Market Washington DC

July 18, 2016

Faye and Benito

Eastern Market Tenant's Council lauds DDOT's effort in the DRAFT of Eastern Market Curbside Management Study of June 15, 2016. In consultation with Market Management, we generally support all the recommendations made in DRAFT Eastern Market Neighborhood Parking Tool Kit with a single reservation. In section Market/Visitor Parking we find the recommendation — 'for dedicated remote parking location for vendors and employees' — to be overly prescriptive. The recommendation just below that one — 'vendors parking a certain distance from the market' — is more general and allows Market Management required flexibility in the complex task of weekend market load-in and load-out.

We appreciate your consideration of our comment and please contact the Tenants Council and Eastern Market Management should you have any questions.

RESOLUTION 7-14-16-02 Crime Incidents (passed 5 to 0)

The Tenant's Council recommends that management communicate market crime incidents in a more timely fashion to market participants, and in consultation with Metropolitan Police 1st District Commander, issue informed safety recommendations.

RESOLUTION 7-14-16-03 Hine Project Construction Schedule (passed 5 to 0)

The Tenant's Council requests that management obtain construction schedule for Hine project construction activities that might affect Market operations.

#### General Notes:

- 1. Barry Margeson handed out proposed revisions to Attachment A Rules and Regulations for the outside market, for review and comment in special meeting to be called in the near future.
- 2. Persons involved in the Eastern Market Main Street Program have reached out the Tenant's Council Chairs, Chuck Brome and Mike Bowers to schedule an introductory meeting in the near future.

All the best,

#### Eastern Market Tenants' Council

- Chuck Brome, Co-Chair (South Hall)
- Mike Bowers, Chair (South Hall)
- Angie Brunson (Farmers' Line)
- Nicole Dean (Arts and Crafts/Flea Market)
- Chubb Houston (Arts and Crafts/Flea Market)
- Anita Jefferson (Arts and Crafts/Flea Market)
- Joseph Snyder (Arts and Craft/Flea Market)