

**EASTERN MARKET COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 27, 2015**

MINUTES

Attendance: Chuck Burger, Vice-Chair, acting as chair for the meeting; Monte Edwards, Secretary; Mike Bowers, alternate for William Glasgow; Diane Hoskins; Tom Kuchenberg; Erika Rubel; and Maurice Walters were present. Angela Brunson and Richard Layman arrived at 7:16 P.M. and 7:24 P.M., respectively.

The regular meeting of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC) was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2015, at 7:09 P.M., in the North Hall of Eastern Market. The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

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

Mr. Kuchenberg moved that the minutes of the April 29, 2015, meeting be approved. The motion was adopted.

Report of the Chair

The Vice-Chair highlighted the EMCAC regular meeting dates for the balance of 2015.

Report of the Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair presented the report of the ad hoc group on Eastern Market marketing and promotion, which is attached to these minutes. The Vice-Chair noted that the group has been meeting approximately every three weeks and making progress within a well-defined and agreed-upon process.

At the request of the Vice-Chair, Ms. Rubel commented on the development of the Eastern Market brochure, a unified piece about the whole Eastern Market experience, and Mr. Layman commented on outreach efforts to local universities for planning assistance, including a "Capitol Hill Destination Development and Management Plan." The Vice-Chair encouraged those with ideas to contact Ms. Rubel and Mr. Layman on these projects. The Vice-Chair also noted an upcoming webinar on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, regarding the "shop local" movement and urged business people to participate and share information. Finally, the Vice-Chair urged individuals on EMCAC with grants experience and knowledge to offer their assistance.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. in the Manager's Office.

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Update on flea market layout/Letter from ANC 6B

Commissioner Hoskins reported on the letter from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B to the Department of General Services (DGS) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requesting that the authorization to permit vendor parking in public space on 7th Street SE on the weekend be rescinded to maximize space for vending.

Barry Margeson commented on the flea market layout on 7th Street SE, including the necessity of a 20 foot emergency access lane.

The Secretary volunteered to draft and circulate a letter to members of EMCAC reminding DGS and DDOT of EMCAC's statutory role in commenting on activities adjacent to Eastern Market that affect the character of the market.

On this matter, the Vice-Chair sought the sense of EMCAC, which was in support of (1) preserving the attractiveness of 7th Street SE and (2) ANC 6B's letter to rescind authorization for vendor parking in public space on 7th Street SE on weekends.

Parking and traffic update

The Vice-Chair raised the issue of assisting the cleaners on C Street SE, and the Market Manager stated that he is addressing the problem of access for the business.

Report of the Market Manager

Barry Margeson, Market Manager, presented the report of the Market Manager, which is attached to these minutes. Under the financial portion of the report, Mr. Margeson stated that it may be possible to show the exhibitors' and the farmer's line's revenues separately. He also indicated that it may be possible to make the three parking spaces south of dumpsters available temporarily to merchants displaced from their parking spaces when there is an event in the North Hall. Regarding a swipe card access system, he confirmed that the goal is to obtain a system as soon as there is funding to do so.

Report of the Application Advisory Review Committee

Ms. Rubel, Chair of the Application Advisory Review Committee, reported that the committee spent the month catching up on evaluating applications online, and she reviewed summary spreadsheet of applicants' ratings, which is attached to these minutes. Ms. Rubel stated that for applicants with an undecided status, the committee would meet with management and advise EMCAC on how the decision was made.

Report of the Tenants Council

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

Regarding the passing of Maria Calomiris, of Calomiris Fruits & Vegetables, the Vice-Chair stated that he will request that the Executive Committee consider having the Chair send a letter of condolence to the Calomiris family. The Vice-Chair also said that he will ask the Executive Committee to review the status of Eastern Market parking.

Community Comments and Announcements

Anita Jefferson reported that confused drivers of cars are following vendors into the closed roadway and turning around, which is disruptive. The Market Manager agreed that "Vendors Only" could be added to a sandwich board sign to help alleviate this problem. Ms. Jefferson also noted that the orange cones do not prevent all cars from using the alley and suggested adding signs. Nicole Dean commented on the use of the alley and noted a scheduling conflict between the Tenants Council and the ad hoc group on Eastern

Market marketing and promotion meetings on June 11, 2015. Joe Snyder commented on EMCAC's statutory authority, including the Executive Committee's authority. For attachment to the minutes, the Secretary requested that all reports, including any attachments, be sent to him electronically.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Monte Edwards, Secretary