

**EASTERN MARKET COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 29, 2015**

MINUTES

Attendance: Chuck Burger, Vice-Chair; Monte Edwards, Secretary, William Glasgow; Diane Hoskins; Susan Oursler; and Donna Scheeder, Chair, were present. Nicole Dean, alternate for Erika Rubel, and Angela Brunson arrived at 7:16 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC) was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at 7:00 P.M., in the North Hall of Eastern Market. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

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

Mr. Edwards moved the approval of the May 27, 2015, minutes. The motion was adopted. Mr. Edwards moved the approval of the June 24, 2015, minutes. The motion was adopted.

Report of the Chair

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

Report of the Market Manager

Barry Margeson, Market Manager, presented the report of the Market Manager, which is attached to these minutes. Regarding promotional materials, Mr. Margeson announced that he would accept suggestions for edits to the Fresh Tuesdays flyer and mailer as well as the Eastern Market brochure and insert. He reported that the exact area of distribution for the Fresh Tuesdays materials had not yet been determined, but he expected that the distribution area to be a three to four blocks radius from the market. He also indicated that the Fresh Tuesdays flyer would be distributed at the Eastern Market Metro station.

Leases

The members of EMCAC discussed the status of establishing leases with merchants with Mr. Margeson. Both the Chair and Mr. Burger suggested that EMCAC contact the Department of General Services (DGS) officials in order to advance the matter. Mr. Margeson identified Jonathan Kayne, DGS Interim Director, and Forest Hayes, DGS Associate Director of Portfolio Management, as the appropriate contacts. As the first step, the Mr. Burger suggested scheduling a meeting of EMCAC Executive Committee members and DGS officials to discuss the matter.

The Chair committed to sharing market financial information, including annual income statements, with all EMCAC members.

Report of the Capital Improvements Committee

Mr. Edwards, Chair of the Capital Improvements Committee, reported on the need for brownstone repair in the stairwell. The Chair of EMCAC indicated that when she requests a meeting with DGS officials she

would make this matter an additional topic for the meeting. Mr. Margeson agreed to request an estimate for repair from the contractor that evaluated the brownstones.

Operations on Lower 7th Street

Members of EMCAC discussed the practice of parking in public space by vendors. Commissioner Hoskins described an Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B letter to DGS and the District Department of Transportation. At the request of the Chair, Carol Wright commented on the matter. Mr. Edwards moved “that EMCAC send a letter to the same addressees as the ANC letter in support of ANC letter, raising the major points of the difference in the configurations and the fact of the desirability of vendor access and a greater number of vendors being able to be accommodated if there were no automobiles.” Commissioner Hoskins offered a friendly amendment to delete “the major points of difference in the configurations,” which was accepted. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-2.

Community Comments and Announcements

Mr. Margeson commented that the Eastern Market financial reporting is now at the “object level.”

Mr. Burger highlighted another upcoming training session on the Open Meetings Act hosted by the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments for members of the city’s boards and commissions and will forward the announcement.

Commissioner Hoskins requested that minutes be circulated further in advance of each meeting.

Mr. Glasgow suggested sending a letter of appreciation for the construction company for minimizing the level of dust when the Hine Jr. High School was demolished, and Commissioner Hoskins stated that she would share that feedback at the upcoming Community Advisory Committee meeting.

Joe Snyder announced that the DDOT parking group meeting will be meeting either Wednesday, September 2, 2015, or Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 2:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Monte Edwards, Secretary