

**EASTERN MARKET COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2018**

MINUTES

Attendance: Chuck Brome; Chuck Burger, Vice Chair; Monte Edwards, Secretary; Bill Glasgow; Anita Jefferson (for Nikki Dean); Tom Kuchenberg, Treasurer; Susan Oursler; and Donna Scheeder, Chair, were present. Angie Brunson arrived at 7:18 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC) was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., in the North Hall of Eastern Market. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Mr. Burger moved the adoption of the agenda. The agenda was adopted.

Mr. Burger moved approval of the October 4, 2017, special meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

Mr. Burger moved approval of the November 29, 2017, regular meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

Report of the Executive Committee

The Chair highlighted the EMCAC meeting and EMCAC Executive Committee dates in 2018. The Chair announced that EMCAC received notice of oversight hearings for the Department of General Services (DGS) along with a request for input. The Chair stated that members of the public may submit questions or information for the hearings to any member of EMCAC by February 15, 2018.

Mr. Kuchenberg moved the appointment of Ellen Opper-Weiner as a member of the Finance Subcommittee. The motion was adopted.

Special Task Force on Market Violations and Dispute Resolution Process

Mr. Burger moved to approve the establishment of the Special Task Force on Market Violations and Dispute Resolution Process with the appointment of Susan Ousler, Chair, and Jonathan Page and Tom Kuchenberg, members. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Capital Improvements Subcommittee

Mr. Edwards, Chair of the Capital Improvements Subcommittee, reported on the DGS Launch Pad Initiative. Mr. Edwards discussed with Mr. Margeson the proposed projects, and they both agreed on the following project descriptions:

1. Restore front steps. This is for the steps to the main door of the South Hall, which faces the 7th Street crosswalk. One of the existing steps has been replaced with brick and the other two are badly chipped.
2. Install historically appropriate hand rails to the front steps. Because of the width of the stairs, we discussed the possibility of a third hand rail in the center, but I think just two would look better.
3. Install window blinds to the oculus windows in the South Hall. While the film that was applied to the oculus windows solved the problem of infra-red “cooking” of the meats and flowers, there still remains the problem with glare. By attaching the blind material to the window and insuring that the window remains operational, the treatment will not preclude future efforts to coordinate the operation of the windows to provide make-up air when the roof-top fans are exhausting.
4. Renovate first floor office. The wood paneling on the walls was installed well after the South Hall was built and is not historically appropriate. Replacement with plaster or period-appropriate materials should be an improvement.
5. Replace uplights, three on each side of main entrance. The problem is the existing uplights are not working, probably due to water infiltration.
6. Repair “transom” segments of North Hall windows facing the alley. This is not really a transom, but rather the upper segment of the window. The work is designed to address the flexing of the window during strong winds. The fabricator of the windows does not think it is a problem. This will provide a second opinion.

Mr. Edwards moved that the proposed method of accomplishing the work and the completed work be reviewed for acceptance by a member of the architectural firm that did the original restoration of Eastern Market, in consultation with the Historic Preservation Office. The motion was adopted.

Receipt of Draft RFP for 300 Block of 7th Street SE and Request for Comment

The Chair reported that on January 19, 2018, EMCAC received from DGS a draft RFP for the 300 block of 7th Street SE and a request for comment. The Chair moved to approve the following recommendation to the city:

EMCAC rejects the draft RFP as premature and demands that the stakeholders meeting be convened and the consultations outlined below be conducted before any draft RFP is produced. We advise that stakeholders are consulted on both an interim and a long term plan for the use of the 300 block on weekends. Until these consultations have taken place there is no basis on which to judge a draft RFP. Since none of these meetings and consultations have taken place EMCAC will not take action on any draft until there is a basis for review.

After debate, the motion was adopted unanimously.

Report of the Market Manager

Mr. Margeson provided a written report of the Market Manager, which is attached to these minutes. Regarding the rules for the indoor merchants, the Chair summarized that the Market Manager and the Tenants Council will develop a process for reviewing the proposed rules in which data is collected and used by management and merchants in support of a fact-based discussion.

Finance Subcommittee

The Chair stated she is working to schedule the briefing on the budget and the budget process.

Report of the Tenants Council

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

Community Comments & Concerns

Mr. Glasgow enumerated a number of merchant concerns, which are attached.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Monte Edwards, Secretary