

**EASTERN MARKET COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

**MINUTES**

Attendance: Chuck Burger, Vice Chair; Nikki Dean; Monte Edwards, Secretary; Tom Kuchenberg; Jonathan Page; Donna Scheeder, Chair; and Jerry Sroufe were present. Angie Brunson, Bill Glasgow, Anita Jefferson, and Susan Oursler arrived after the meeting began.

The regular meeting of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC) was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 7:00 P.M., in the North Hall of Eastern Market. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

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

**Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Edwards moved that the January 22, 2020, regular meeting minutes be postponed to next month's regular meeting. The motion was adopted.

**Report of the Chair**

The Chair highlighted the 2020 EMCAC regular meeting dates, indicating the November meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month rather than the fourth Wednesday of the month. The Chair also reviewed the schedule of the upcoming DC Council Committee on Facilities and Procurement hearings regarding performance oversight of the Department of General Services (DGS) on February 27, 2020, and the DGS budget on April 2, 2020.

**Update on the Strategic Plan**

Scott Betz, the strategic plan project manager at architrave, p.c., presented an update regarding the availability of the public market case studies on the project website, the review of approximately 3200 responses from the Eastern Market survey, and the three upcoming stakeholder meetings at the Hill Center. Mr. Betz stated that among the survey respondents are approximately 3,000 community members, including approximately 1,000 outside of Capitol Hill, and approximately 160 Eastern Market, outdoor market, flea market, and adjacent-to-Eastern Market business owners.

**Report of the Market Manager**

Mr. Barry Margeson presented a written report of the Market Manager, which is attached to these minutes. Mr. Margeson agreed to create an index to account for indoor versus outdoor vendor revenue, investigate providing more detailed financial data regarding events held in the North Hall, and inquire about an advertising and marketing plan with DGS Interim Associate Director John Stokes.

Charles McCaffrey of Eastern Market Main Street (EMMS) reported on the newly revised calendar of events and Cherry Blossom Festival coordination. Mr. McCaffrey stated that EMMS would welcome participation on the following committees -- Promotions, Design, and Economic Vitality.

The Chair indicated that she would place the topic of appraisals on the agenda for next month's regular meeting.

Mr. Edwards moved that EMCAC oppose a design-build approach to addressing the problems of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system and recommend an interactive process between DGS and EMCAC as was done with the architectural aspects of the building shed, the infrastructure, and the historic preservation after the fire. The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### **Testimony on DGS Performance**

The Chair described the draft EMCAC testimony on DGS performance, which is attached. The Chair stated that she and the Vice Chair are scheduled to testify at the Committee on Facilities and Procurement DGS performance oversight hearing on February 27, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. Mr. Edwards moved that the draft testimony be approved. The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### **Report of the Tenants Council**

Ms. Jefferson reported that the Tenants Council did not meet in February.

#### **Report of the Capital Improvements Subcommittee**

Mr. Edwards, Chair of the Capital Improvements Subcommittee, reported that his committee, is in the preliminary stages of examining storage options for items such as cones, floor cleaning machine, chairs, and flooring used at Eastern Market. He is consulting with Mr. Margeson and Anne Brocket of the Historic Preservation Office.

#### **Eastern Market Metro Park Project Update**

The Chair reported that she and Commissioner Sroufe attended an Eastern Market Metro Park Project meeting on February 26, 2020, and the following matters were discussed: construction is scheduled to begin on March 3, 2020, a groundbreaking ceremony will be held in early March on Parcel 1 containing the playground and water feature, parking has been arranged for the workers, the workers have been informed that they will be dismissed for using neighborhood street parking, a telephone number will be posted at the construction entrance on 9<sup>th</sup> Street SE to report parking issues, and the performance pavilion is part of the plan.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Monte Edwards, Secretary