Chair Christine Vaughan determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

She reminded Commission members to announce any conflict of interest or ex parte communication prior to review of applications.

031319.1 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF USE APPROVAL

031319.11 Perennial Tea Room
1910 Post Alley, J.P. Jones Building
Dolan Denenny-Honsa

Staff Report: Ms. McAuliffe explained the application for change in ownership to an LLC owned 100% by Dolan Denenny-Honsa. No change in use. She said the space is in Zone 3, street level, all uses permitted. Approved use is Food c, d & e; Retail e - tea specialty store per MHC 348/90, 142/92 and 162/04. The space is 1368 square feet. She said the proposed ownership structure: LLC. The applicant does not have
a financial affiliation with another business. The applicant will be onsite at least four days a week operating the business. Business hours: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Exhibits reviewed included a site plan, written description of ownership interest and role in the business operation, State of WA corporate information, Use approvals MHC 348/90, 142/92 and 162/04, and description of product lines. Guidelines that applied to this application included 2.10, 2.1, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, and 2.7.

URC Report: Ms. McAuliffe said the committee cited 2.10.2, 2.10.3, 2.10.4, 2.1.4, 2.4, 2.5.1 c, d & e, 2.5.4 e, 2.6, and 2.7.1 and recommended to approve.

Applicant Comment:

Dolan Denenny-Honsa explained he has been working at the tea room for three years and jumped at the chance to buy it. He said it won’t change much; he is just taking over and will continue to serve the community.

Landlord Comment:

Landlord signed application.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Commission Discussion:

Mr. Hammond said the Use Committee unanimously recommended approval.

Mr. Ogliore said Mr. Denenny-Honsa has been there three years and knows the customer base. He said it is a good fit.

Action: Mr. Hale made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the application as presented.

MM/SC/BH/MH 5:0:0 Motion carried.

031319.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
February 27, 2019
MM/SC/JO/SF 4:0:1 Minutes approved as amended. Mr. Hale abstained.

031319.3 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Ms. Vaughan introduced PDA Councilmember Ali Mowry who said she will attend Commission meetings and will tag-team with PDA Councilmember Colleen Bowman.
Ms. Vaughan said she reviewed her notes from the racial equity, diversity in commission training and suggested starting each meeting with a statement of recognition we are on Native land. She said it would acknowledge that we are on Native land and remind people that we are on traditional lands of the Duwamish and Coast Salish peoples.

Mr. Hammond said it will reach a broad range of people.

Ms. Vaughan said it is consciousness raising and acknowledgement; there are so many people new to the area.

Mr. Ogliore noted Coast Salish tribes are federally recognized but Duwamish tribe isn’t.

Commission members agreed they want to acknowledge both.

031319.4 REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Packets for Guidelines discussed: 1) Soundscape, 2) Racial Equity, and 3) At-large position suggestion.

Mr. Ogliore said #2 sounds better and he was fine with #1. He noted that they could sent a letter of response to letter requesting amplification for buskers.

Mr. Hammond was fine with #1.

Ms. Vaughan said staff said it would be against the Guidelines.

Ms. McAuliffe said that there has been loud music at taxi dogs.

Ms. Vaughan said you could hold a conversation at the Marketfront railing near the pig; in the Pavilion there is no way to carry on a conversation. She said restaurants and bars want it loud. She said this is not that, how much do we want to push.

Ms. McAuliffe said the viaduct is closed and amplification should no longer be needed.

Ali said yes.

Mr. Ogliore said that viaduct noise is gone.

Ms. Vaughan said they should come to the Commission regarding amplification if needed for specific situations.

Mr. Ogliore said we need to keep the needs of surrounding tenants in mind.

Ms. Vaughan said it would have impacted craftspeople there but not Downunder.
Mr. Hammond said language looks good and noted #1 and #2 are OK.

#3 in Rules and Regulations, in section on executive committee

Mr. Ogliore said 4th bullet says ‘experience working with public markets”; he suggested excluding that.

Ms. McAuliffe said there is just one bullet and it won’t be excluded.

Ms. McAuliffe explained the process and noted she takes the language to Law where it is reviewed to determine if it is defensible or not; it is sent to PDA; a public hearing is held during meeting with changes posted on website; letter mailed to property owners; MHC reviews and votes; staff rushes it to Clerk’s Office so they can be used. She said the guidelines have not been updated since 2013. She congratulated the Guidelines Review Committee for their work.

Ms. Vaughan noted the log jam regarding Commission appointments. She read the Ordinance noting it says, ‘the mayor shall….’. She said the work of the Commission is being done by eight people when it should be done by 12.

Mr. Hale suggested offering names.

Ms. McAuliffe said names have been offered and rejected.

Ms. Vaughan said the Commission needs to know the issue if there is outright rejection. She said the Ordinance was written and says what it does for a reason.

Ms. McAuliffe said she would talk to supervisor tomorrow.

031319.5 STAFF REPORT

Ms. McAuliffe said she will be on vacation and will cancel the June 26 Commission meeting and the June 19 committee meetings.

Ms. McAuliffe reported that she had sent out letters regarding sandwich boards.

Ms. McAuliffe said Market Daycare would be making some changes to the playground.

Ms. McAuliffe said Parks is going to submit an application; they will brief PDA Council, then Commission. She has asked Parks to brief the Commission about removal of the totem poles before including the change as part of an application. She has requested at least a month’s notice for the public.

Ms. Vaughan said at the last briefing the poles were left intact.
Ms. McAuliffe noted the farmer’s pole had been defaced and there were various opinions about removal.

Ms. Vaughan asked if they want to add something.

Ms. McAuliffe said the totem pole is not Coast Salish. She said if something is added it would likely be a welcome figure or a gate structure. She said the plan is to close the park and do all the necessary work and open back up the following year. She said if poles are to be removed from the park the Commission and the Steinbrueck family should be in loop.

Ms. Vaughan said the public needs to know.

Ms. McAuliffe said she has compiled a list of totem poles on City of Seattle property and will email the list to Commission members.

031319.6 NEW BUSINESS

Adjourn Mr. Ogliore made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hammond seconded.

Respectfully submitted.

Heather McAuliffe
Commission Coordinator