

The City of Seattle

Pike Place Market Historical Commission

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DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday January 22, 2020 4:30 p.m.

PDA Meeting Room, 93 Pike Street, Room 317

MHC 31/20

COMMISSIONERS

Sam Farrazaino
Bob Hale
Michael Hammond
Sonja King
Ghonaz Mohammed
Lisa Martin
John Ogliore, Vice Chair
Lauren Rudeck

Christine Vaughan, Chair

Staff

Minh Chau Le Melinda Bloom

Absent

Rachael Kitagawa Anais Winant

Chair Christine Vaughan determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

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

012220.1 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF USE APPROVAL

012220.11 The Souk

1916 Pike Pl #11, Soames Dunn Building Songul Albayrak

Staff Report, Use: Ms. Le explained the proposal to change ownership of an existing business selling groceries and retail items from Pakistan, India, and the Administered by the Historic Preservation Program Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

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Middle East. The site is in Zone 2, street level, food a-e and retail a-d uses permitted. Former use was food d, retail d. New use would be food d, retail d. (no proposed change to inventory). Space is 300 square feet. Proposed ownership structure: Sole proprietor owned by Songul Albayrak. Owner financial affiliations: Proposed owner states they own no other similar businesses. Owner operator: Proposed new owner will be onsite regularly. Business hours: 10 am – 6 pm daily (no proposed change). Exhibits reviewed included current business information and current business license. Guidelines that applied to this application included 2.6 and 2.10.

URC Report: Ms. Le said the Committee cited 2.6.1-10 and 2.10 and recommended to approve.

Applicant Comment:

Songul Albayrak said the business will be kept the same but will add more spices.

Landlord Comment:

Susan Brems, PDA said the business will continue with small enhancements.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Commission Discussion:

Mr. Hammond said everything is in order.

Mr. Ogliore said if any new products are added the applicant must come back.

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

MM/SC/JO/SF 9:0:0 Motion carried.

012220.2 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

012220.3 REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No reports for URC/DRC.

Ms. Vaughan said she, John Ogliore, Minh Chau Le, and City Historic Preservation Officer, Sarah Sodt met with Dan Mitchell of the City Attorney's office about Guideline Review Committee. She said there were some perceived deficiencies in the way the committee meetings were noticed, that Sarah Sodt said that GRC meetings weren't noticed as they should have been to ensure open public process

Ms. Le said the meeting had not been properly noticed. Moving forward, Law is looking at whether if the proposed noise guidelines go above and beyond existing laws.

Ms. Vaughan said the 2015 City Council instructed the Commission to put equity language into the Guidelines and we did that. She said soundscape was added because of proliferation of noise; it precludes tour guides from doing amplification and keeps Market noises central. She said the Commission has the ability to make guidelines about public space.

Ms. Le said that there is no issue with adding equity language since it is already incorporated into the Code.

Ms. Vaughan said review should be noticed and then discussed in open discussion.

Responding to clarifying questions about Commission officers, Ms. Le said that the Chair serves for a year, no more than two consecutive years. She said term limits fit the goal and mission of the Commission.

Ms. Vaughan said to postpone election due to circumstances of pending guideline revisions and pending new member recruitment and appointment.

Mr. Farrazaino said it makes sense, Ms. Vaughan knows all the details so there is no downside except the Rules prohibit it. He said the process has been slow so that has to be weighed.

Mr. Hale said Ms. Vaughan has done a great job so he supported the idea.

Ms. Vaughn said she sent email to Andrés Mantilla, Director DON and Sarah Sodt, City Historic Preservation Officer about position 12. She said she has gotten no response yet. She said reviewing a written resume is Anglo-style and she preferred a short interview. She said the search team could be staffed but that might be too cumbersome. Ms. Rudeck said Ms. Sodt said MHC could interview applicants, but it is unconventional.

012220.4 STAFF REPORT No report.

012220.5 NEW BUSINESS

012220.51 Election of Commission officers for 2020.

Action: Postpone the election of PPMHC Chair until Position 12 has been filled, and the Guideline Changes and Additions have been approved. Postpone the election of the Vice Chair until the March 25th meeting or the meeting after Mr.

Ogliore's replacement is seated. Reasons given for the motion included: 1.) the interviews, recommendations and selection of Position 12 have not taken place, 2.) the Guideline changes have not been approved and implemented, 3.) there are four new Commissioners and, 4.) in informal discussions, none of the experienced Commissioners has shown an interesting running for Chairman.

MM/SC/JO/SF 9:0:0 Motion carried.

5:25 pm Mr. Farrazaino made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hale seconded.

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