



The City of Seattle

Pike Place Market Historical Commission

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MHC 19/24

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday January 22, 2025

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Physical location: PDA Meeting Room: 93 Pike Street # 317

Virtual location: Virtual access as provided in the meeting agenda.

Commissioners Present

Grace Leong, Chair
Jonathan Cracolici, Vice Chair
Sarah Baker
Mark C. Childs
Sam Farrazaino
Golnaz Mohammadi
Elisa Shostak

Staff

Minh Chau Le
Donna Hartmann-Miller

Commissioners Absent

Lisa Martin

Chair Grace Leong determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm.

Community Announcement: Co-Chair Cracolici commemorates passing of John Plank.

012225.1 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL – USE

012225.11 Pasta Casalinga
93 Pike St #301, Economy Building
Business Owner: Michela Tartaglia
Property Owner: Shannon Hillard, PDA

Description: Proposal for an office space for the existing Market business, Pasta Casalinga. Postponed from the meeting of January 8, 2025

Staff Report: The application was reviewed by a substitute URC on January 2, 2025 (Chair Leong, Commissioners Childs and Mohammadi). Staff provided the following exhibit: site plan. Staff cited guidelines 1.5.3, 2.8. and no URC recommendation was made.

Committee Report: Not applicable.

Applicant Presentation & Comment: Description of location to be used as a dry goods storage space, with no refrigeration.

Property Owner Comment: Confirmation that no design changes are proposed.

Commission Questions: Commissioners obtained confirmation that the existing suite number on the door was incorrect, the space will be for storage, and the size is 90 sf.

Public Comment: Bob Messina provided comment in support of the application.

Commission Discussion: Commissioners recommended correcting the suite number and identified Guideline 2.5.1 (e) as being relevant.

Action: Jonathan Cracolici made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve with the amendment that the signage on the door may be changed to reflect the actual suite number if this tenant or a future one should need to change it, citing Guidelines 2.8, 2.5.1(e). Second by Sam Farrazaino.

Vote: 7:0:0 Motion passes.

012225.12 Rachel's Ginger Beer
1530 Post Alley, Post Alley Market Building
Business Owner: Doh Driver
Property Owner: Susan Bremer

Description: Proposal to expand the business's existing food menu. Postponed from the meeting of January 8, 2025

Staff Report: The application was reviewed by a substitute URC on January 2, 2025 (Chair Leong, Commissioners Childs and Mohammadi). Staff provided the following exhibits: description of proposed new menu, previous use approval MHC 65/13. Staff cited guidelines 2.5.1(e), 2.8, 2.8.1. and a URC recommendation to approve.

Committee Report: None.

Applicant Presentation & Comment: Proposed menu additions are being requested to meet Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board requirements. They will not require a kitchen hood.

Property Owner Comment: Supportive of this effort to address liquor board requirements.

Commission Questions: Commission obtained conformation that the proposed menu might undergo very minor changes, but the food is being offered only to meet minimum state requirements.

Public Comment: None.

Commission Discussion: None.

Action: Jonathan Cracolici made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the application as presented, citing guidelines 2.5.1(e), 2.8.1. Second by Sam Farrazaino.

Vote: 7:0:0 Motion passes.

012225.2 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL – DESIGN

012225.21 Rachel's Ginger Beer
1530 Post Alley, Post Alley Market Building
Business Owner: Doh Driver, Rachel's Ginger Beer
Property Owner: Susan Bremer

Description: Proposal to re-configure existing retail counter area, move the existing bathroom, replace interior lighting fixtures (retroactive), and replace a shelving and display area (retroactive). Postponed from the meeting of January 8, 2025.

Staff Report: Staff provided the following exhibits: site plan, photos before and after retroactive changes, description of changes (proposed and retroactive), drawings and specifications for retroactive changes, color and materials information, rendering of proposed artwork, floor plans (existing and proposed), elevation drawings. Staff reported that the DRC requested additional information: details about the movable gate (location, times of use, cut sheet), a site plan showing day and night access configurations, a plan showing routes of exiting from the building. Staff cited guidelines 1.5, 1.6, 3.4, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.5, 3.8. and that the DRC recommendation to approve.

Committee Report: Nothing added.

Applicant Presentation & Comment: Summary of the renovation of growler wall and replacement of ceiling light fixtures several years ago. Description of the revised plan to move the bathroom; revised plan does not impede on the hallways as much.

Property Owner Comment: The originally-proposed plan to move the bathroom was not compatible with operations. The revised plan better supports hallway and surrounding business uses.

Commission Questions: The commission obtained confirmation that the applicant business would own the rights to the mural artwork, the bathroom is ADA accessible, and that potential Pike Place Market logo copyright issues could be addressed later.

Public Comment: None

Commission Discussion: The commission obtained clarification that the Post Alley entrance is considered the main entrance and that secondary entrances are accessible by hallways, which are locked after hours.

Action: Jonathan Cracolici moved to adopt a resolution approving the application with the amendment that the tote bag design on the mural may be revised as needed, citing guidelines 1.5, 1.6, 3.4, 3.5, 3.8 Second by Sam Farrazaino.

Vote: 7:0:0 Motion carries.

012225.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

012225.4 REPORT OF THE STAFF

Staff reported on the status of positions 10, 8, 5 and estimated March start dates. Position 12 panel is interviewing this month.

012225.5 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The chairperson solicited volunteers to serve on the Use Review Committee.

012225.6 REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Use Review Committee: No report.

Design Review Committee: No report.

012225.7 REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Guideline Review Committee: No meetings are currently scheduled.

012225.8 NEW BUSINESS

Standing item: MHC coordination with PDA and community stakeholders: No discussion.

Standing item: Discussion of public ways and amenities: No discussion.

Public Comment: Duncan Theime provided comment in support of the MHC position regarding Victor Steinbrueck Park; Joan Singler provided comment in support of the MHC position regarding Victor Steinbrueck Park. See transcript for additional details.

Discussion ensued regarding Victor Steinbrueck Park. The commission reviewed the content of the most recent update about the totem poles provided by Parks and Recreation on January 17, 2025. It discussed recent media reports regarding the park and whether the MHC should draft a statement of past events and its current position.

Public Comment: Heather Pihl provided comment regarding media coverage of Victor Steinbrueck Park; Heather Pihl provided comment in opposition to the WebEx virtual meeting platform.

Discussion ensued about the hybrid virtual meeting format. The commission considered sending a written request to City of Seattle to use the Zoom meeting platform.

Annual election of commission officers: Nominees for Chair: Grace Leong, Jon Cracolici. Nominees for Vice Chair: Jon Cracolici, Sam Farrazaino, Grace Leong. Farrazaino declined nomination. Vote to be conducted via e-mail with result to be announced prior to the next full commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

Donna Hartmann-Miller

Administrative Specialist Support