

The City of Seattle

Pike Place Market Historical Commission

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MHC 99/20 **MINUTES**

Wednesday October 14, 2020 4:30 p.m. Virtual meeting via WebEx

COMMISSIONERS

Sam Farrazaino Bob Hale Chris Bown Rachael Kitagawa Golnaz Mohammadi Lisa Martin Lauren Rudeck Christine Vaughan, Chair

Staff

Minh Chau Le Melinda Bloom

Absent

Michael Hammond **Anais Winant**

In-person attendance was prohibited per Washington State Governor's Proclamation No. 20-28.5. Meeting participation was limited to access by the WebEx Event link or the telephone call-in line provided on the agenda.

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.

Roll Call

Chris Bown Present Sam Farrazaino Present Bob Hale Present Rachael Kitagawa Present Lisa Martin Present Golnaz Mohammadi Present Lauren Rudeck Present Christine Vaughan Present

101420.1 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

101420.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS: Transition of Commissioner Position #1 (Friends of the Market)

The Commission welcomed new member Chris Bown.

101420.3 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF USE/DESIGN APPROVAL

1503 Pike Pl, Leland Building Pedestrian alcove adjacent to elevator on level 6 Zack Cook, PDA

Staff Report, Use: Ms. Le explained the proposal to install storage locker for deliveries to local market residents and operators. She said the space is in Zone 1, above street level, all uses permitted. She said the proposed use would be: 2.5.5 (b) Personal, professional, or information services. The proposed ownership structure is that lockers to be leased to PDA by Amazon Hub. Owner affiliations: Amazon Hub operates similar storage lockers outside of the Market. Owner operator: N.A. – Equipment will be unstaffed. Hours: 7 days per week, 24 hours per day. Exhibits reviewed included a project summary, site plan, photos of proposed installation site, storage locker plans, and color images of proposed locker. Guidelines that applied to this application included 2.3, 2.3.1, 2.6, 2.6.2, 2.6.8, 2.7, 2.7.1 c, 2.7.2 a, b, c.

Zack Cook, PDA explained the need for the lockers. He said with their office closed per Covid restrictions there is a need for secure delivery location for package delivery. He said there is no similar service offered close by, so they contracted with Amazon to install a locker outside Rotary Grocery. He said the locker will be used by US Post Office, UPS, FedEx, Amazon, all delivery services. Locker use is not exclusive to Amazon.

Ms. Rudeck asked if the locker could be placed in apartment lobby.

Mr. Cook explained they want wider access to locker so tenants / residents in all buildings could have 24/7 accessibility. He said Rotary Grocery has been notified.

Ms. Rudeck said it gets busy in the summer.

Mr. Cook said there are few options, and this is a way for people to receive packages in a convenient way.

Ms. Rudeck asked if the art installation that was located there was approved to be removed.

Mr. Cook said it was a temporary pop-up.

Ms. Vaughan said it was a historical exhibit.

Ms. Le said there was neither application nor approval for removal.

Ms. Martin asked if the locker will be permanent.

Mr. Cook said it is temporary. He said it will be there on a month-to-month basis as long as it is needed, until they can open their office.

Commission Discussion:

Ms. Vaughan said she preferred approving for one year rather than 'end of Covid' since that would need to be defined.

Mr. Hale said it is an innocuous location and it a temporary use.

Ms. Rudeck cited 2.6.8 and expressed concern that there would be a big Amazon logo right off the elevator. She said she hesitated to have any Amazon-related services in the Market.

Mr. Farrazaino asked if there would be any loading / delivery issues.

Mr. Cook said there will be no additional traffic; loading would be by pig.

Mr. Hale said the locker will be available for other couriers and it is being provided for free.

Mr. Cook said that there will be no Amazon markings on the locker.

Ms. Rudeck asked about clearance for circulation when locker is being stocked.

Mr. Cook said the site was selected because of its clearance. He said the locker will be positioned far from elevator to allow ADA. He said they want to install locker as soon as possible.

Ms. Vaughan asked what people are doing now.

Mr. Cook said they have to go to a locker elsewhere. He said if a PDA staff member is on site they try to take in delivery.

Mr. Farrazaino said that 'until when the PDA office is open regular business hours to public' is definitive. Anything else would have to come back for approval.

Mr. Bown asked if the minutes would reflect that it is an Amazon-owned and operated locker.

Ms. Le said yes and that it is in the Staff Report as well.

Mr. Bown said the Amazon piece was problematic but noted the PDA office is closed. He said it was not cut and dry and cited 2.6.8.

Ms. Rudeck asked if it would show up on Google as an Amazon locker for anyone downtown.

Mr. Cook said it would have to be registered as such. He said this is limited to Market residents.

Action: Ms. Vaughan made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the application with condition the locker is available only to residents and businesses in the Market and approved for duration until PDA office is open regular business hours.

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7:1:0 Motion carried. Ms. Rudeck opposed.

Staff Report, Design: Ms. Le explained the proposal for secure storage locker to hold package deliveries. Guidelines that applied to this application included 3.4, 3.4.3 (f).

Mr. Cook provide photos of the locker and said it is matte black and will have PDA logo on it. The locker will be secured to the wall with anchors. He said the locker is as unassuming as possible and there will be no logo except the PDA logo on it.

Mr. Bown asked about cleaning of the unit given the Covid pandemic.

Mr. Cook said the facilities team will add sanitization of the unit to its duties.

Commission Discussion:

Mr. Hale said design complies with Guidelines.

Ms. Vaughan said there will be no Amazon logo anywhere on the locker.

Mr. Cook said they made that clear that Amazon will not be anywhere on the locker and Amazon was on board with that. He said he didn't know about the screen but would instruct them on that.

Action: Ms. Vaughan made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the application with understanding there will be no Amazon name on facility or on screen at any time.

MM/SC/CV/SF

8:0:0 Motion carried.

Ms. Vaughan asked what kind of cleaning they would do.

Mr. Cook said there are two facilities team shifts. The bathroom is cleaned every 30 minutes; the locker will be put on frequent wipe down schedule.

101420.4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 26, 2020

Deferred to next meeting.

101420.5 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No Comment.

101420.6 STAFF REPORT

Ms. Le explained she is working on filling vacant positions. She said that four terms will expire in December with no renewals.

Ms. Vaughan said there is nothing that indicates that a third term is forbidden; it is tradition only.

Ms. Le said the intent is for up to two 3-year terms; it doesn't say 'forbidden'.

Ms. Vaughan said it is the mayoral preference there not be a third term.

NEW BUSINESS: Election of Vice Chairperson

Former Vice Chair is no longer on the Commission. Ms. Rudeck agreed to step in as Vice Chair until the January 2021 election.

Action: Ms. Vaughan made a motion that Ms. Rudeck serve as Vice Chair until January election.

MM/SC/CV/RK 8:0:0 Motion carried.

Ms. Vaughan said her term is up in December.

5:24 pm Mr. Hale made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kitagawa seconded.

Minh Chau Le Commission Coordinator