



CHURCH STREET MARKETPLACE

Church Street Marketplace District Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 24, 2022

COME TO ORDER: 9:08

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Mark Bouchett, Buddy Singh, Erik Monsen, Becky Holt, Linda Magoon, Sam Tolstoi

Missing - Chris Haessly, Cara Tobin, Sarah Beal

Staff: Kara Alnasrawi – Executive Director, Julia Chalmers – Marketing Coordinator, Stephanie Shohet – Administrative Assistant, Jed Sass - CSM coordinator, Samantha McGinnis - Project and Event Manager

Members of the Public: David Botjer (Outdoor Gear Exchange), Jed Davis (Pascolo Ristorante)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve: Buddy. Second: Erik. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve: Becky. Second: Sam. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

STREET GRADE CHANGES – ADA ENTRANCE – 120 CHURCH ST.

A VOTE NEEDED:

- As part of the renovations to the new Pascolo location, Jed Davis wishes to put in a ramp at his own expense in order to meet ADA standards.
- Discussion follows about why the vote is necessary. Kara explains that in order to change the slope, the commission needs to approve.
- Motion to approve construction of a ramp: Buddy. Second: Becky. Unanimous approval.

TRANSFER OF CAFÉ AGREEMENT – 120 CHURCH ST.

A VOTE NEEDED:

- According to section 9 of Sweetwaters' cafe contract, the owner can't transfer right without permission of the CSM commission.
- Both parties have asked if the Commission can reassign the contract.
- Motion to approve this transfer: Linda. Second: Becky.
- Sam asks if this kind of transfer is ok for other cafe owners, which sparks discussion about how this location and Leunigs are the only businesses with this type of contract.
- Buddy points out that this commission has approved such nuances in the past.
- Unanimous approval to transfer the cafe agreement.

OGE – REQUEST FOR LARGER TENT FOR 11 CONSECUTIVE DAY

A VOTE NEEDED:

- Kara explains that during covid the commission voted to allow retail tents on the street.
- OGE owns a large tent, and they would like permission to leave it set up for 11 consecutive days surrounding Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Discussion ensues about how activating that area of Church Street in front of the mall is a good idea, and how OGE's advertising benefits all Church Street businesses.
- Buddy makes a motion to approve this waiver. Linda seconds.
- It is agreed that the policy should be reviewed before next year's retail tent season begins.
- Unanimous approval of the waiver.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Buddy reports that we are 14 percent through this fiscal year, and everything is under budget.
- Overall, we did well last year, but after the Clerk Treasurer's office finishes their audit, we will know more.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Kara gives a summary of recent events on the Marketplace, including the Festival of Fools and the Sidewalk Sale.
- She explains that the stairwell has been removed from the Downtown Garage, and that construction will begin soon on the Marketplace Garage.
- Kara tells of upcoming events including the Criterium bike race, Pride parade, Fire Truck Pull, Parents' Weekend, and Halloween.
- Kara tells of the CSM plans for the holiday season which will include a new 9' menorah on the street.
- Discussion follows about sponsorship, new lights for the tree, whether or not other religious groups will feel neglected, and the fact that the Church Street Marketplace has been considered "the community's living room."
- Kara explains that the city has decided to adopt the state's rules regarding cannabis, which includes a 500' buffer zone around schools.
- Kara gives safety & security updates. She shares that the state police recently worked with the CSM after last call, and that several recent shootings are under investigation.
- She tells of the 3 new officers that have been sworn in as well as new CSOs, and that the mayor will address the business community on 9/9.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

- Chairman Bouchett compliments the CSM marketing staff for a successful sidewalk sale.
- He mentions that although we have CSOs on the street, he has yet to see them enforce ordinance. He's trying to find out exactly what they should be doing, and wonders if that is money well spent.
- Jed explains that he has spoken to the CSOs, and he has seen the CSOs attempt to enforce the ordinances.
- Discussion follows about how the Commission can support them, what could be done to make them feel safer on the job, and what is included in their responsibilities.
- Discussion moves to what we can do to make the street safer, including signage, lighting, cameras, art.

- Mark explains that he has been talking to business owners to find what their specific concerns are. He will take his compiled list to the City Council.

Meeting is adjourned.