

Attendance: In office: Nome May, Candice Westberg, Sarah Bast, Bekah Zeimetz, Maia Bowers. On zoom: Damian McDonald, Brigitte McBride, Heather Robbins-Hinton, Vince LaRochelle

Staff: in office: Shannon Lee-Hutson, Renee Thompson, Silver Lee-Hutson

Other Participants: In office: Lt. Chuck Salisbury, Sgt. Mike Ware, EPD, Courtney Fellet, Dara Robertson, Gayle Wyant, Willy Gibboney, Jennifer Hoberg On zoom: Julia Garretson, Anna Lawrence, Teresa Pitzer, Gary Becker, Barbara Graham-Adams, Kim Allen, Craig Butler, Denise Gosar
Recorder: in office: Diane McWhorter

Introductions and Announcements: Maia will be timekeeper, Lt. Salisbury is the Supervisor of the Downtown Team for EPD, and Sgt. Ware is on the Downtown Team.

Pressing Member Concerns: Kim Allen had written letters to both the HM Committee and the Board regarding the changes in the map which classified her space as 8x10 rather than 8x8, and she spoke to the issue.

Board Educational Moment: Electronic Options: Damian highlighted some features of Zoom, such as the hand-raising icon which keeps speaker order in a helpful way. It is etiquette to turn your audio to mute when you are not speaking. Google Drive features Google Docs which can be worked on by members of a group with all able to update it, which can be more efficient. Doodle polls are a free service for setting meeting dates and times.

Agenda Review: Gayle will give the HM report. Personnel Committee will have an addendum to their report.

***Motion: Approve the agenda (Sarah/Maia) 7-0-0 (Vince had connectivity problems)

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of May 3, 2023: no changes

***Motion: Approve the minutes (Sarah/Maia) 7-0-0

Administrative Report: Shannon reported that the contract for HM 2023 has been signed and the deposit paid. Mike Clark, of the Site Crew, is retiring. Erin Nelson has been hired as Assistant Manager. Staff will participate in an active-shooter training on June 30th.
Holiday Market postcards are at the printer. The fees increased 2.5% to allow for two Info booths and two full stages and a more robust Security contract.
Site Crew members are needed. Some booths will be opened to reserving this month, with several still being retained for relocation during construction.

***Motion: Approve the Admin report (Sarah/Maia) 7-0-0

Advertising Report: Renee prepared a presentation about the Market for guests, but in her written report she did announce that there will be a contest for Market members to design the Holiday Market poster, which will also be the Guidebook cover. The artist selected will receive a full-color ad on the reverse of the front cover. She also thanked members for the over 90 items that were donated for the Mothers' Day Giveaway.

Her presentation included the Preamble to the ByLaws and showed how our community gathering place is a place for everyone. We are an international destination and connect the city residents with visitors every week. She showed how the anti-abortion protesters broke the rules, disrupted the Market and caused fear in visitors and members. She read from a letter from a visitor who was disturbed at the recent Market when Wellsprings Church attended.

***Motion: Accept the Advertising Report (Candice/Bekah) 7-0-0

Treasurer's Report: Cortney reported that some spending was over budget last month but she was able to track down the causes and none of them were concerning. Both May 6th and 13th were disrupted by Wellsprings and income was lower. The Budget Committee will meet in July or August to see if adjustments need to be made.

***Motion: Accept the Treasurer's Report (Bekah/Candice) 7-0-0

Downtown Developments Task Force: Diane reported that lines were painted to show how the new sidewalks would lay out, and the concrete has been cut. Most disruptions are still on the farmers (north) side of 8th. Both 8th and Oak Streets are reduced to one lane and traffic has been disrupted. The excavations are extensive and have a large impact so our plans may need to be adjusted when they get to us in July. The ADA corners will be a big improvement when they are completed. We think the southern corners on Park Streets will be done after the season is over. Shannon has been in close communication with Wildish, the contractor.

***Motion: Accept the DTD TF report (Maia/Damian) 8-0-0

Food Court Committee: Shannon gave the report on the May 10th meeting as Barbara had to leave. The Fire Marshal's recommendations for changes are being made. The food booths are working on their schedule for load-in so they'll be ready for the construction. They discussed the music volume and request that it be moderated. They are considering a staff request to add a beverage booth and pre-packaged food area to Holiday Hall that would be managed by the Food Court Committee.

***Motion: Accept the minutes of the Food Court Committee (Maia/Candice) 8-0-0

Personnel Committee: Nome reported that the group met May 24th and used Google Docs to review and revise the Job Description for Lead Site Member Liaison.

***Motion: Accept the Personnel Committee Report (Bekah/Maia) 8-0-0

Standards Committee: Candice reported on the May 17th meeting. She clarified that Willy Gibboney will be the Co-Chair for the year. They began a discussion of digital art and did make a guideline that AI-generated art will not be allowed to be sold at this time. They continued discussing hawking and made a rule that a member can not demonstrate outside their booth. They also talked about the honor system in regard to standards, in statements about handmade or original artwork. Minutes were submitted for the April meeting. A suggestion was made that studio visits can be made if there is a question about someone's work.

***Motion: Approve the minutes and report of the Standards Committee (Maia/Bekah) 7-0-1 (Vince)

Sustainability Committee: Brigitte gave the report of the first meeting of this committee in several years. They plan to bring durables and recycling back in 2024. Brigitte will chair the meetings and Denise will take minutes. They will research costs and protocols and make a proposal to include in the budget process next winter. They need more members; next meeting is June 20 at 4 pm.

***Motion: Accept the Sustainability Committee report (Candice/Heather) 8-0-0

Holiday Market Committee: Gayle reported on the April meeting. She and Mary were elected co-chairs. They changed the name of Main Hall to Evergreen Hall. The Holiday Hall map was improved and rates were adjusted. (Shannon apologized for an unclear version of the pricing structure.) They proposed a beverage booth and pre-packaged food area. Recommendations to the Board for approval are the Holiday Hall map, and the pricing structure. The Board recommended that the names be more consistent in Holiday Hall, and maybe not be Alaskan names. A straw vote showed 7 members in favor of more consistency.

A question was asked about Kim Allen's complaint. The GM had discussed it with her last year, and an allowance was made for just last year. The size changes were discussed extensively at the committee and apply to everyone.

***Motion: Accept the Holiday Market Committee report (Maia/Heather) 8-0-0

Old Business: Wellsprings Church: Heather wrote and met with Wellsprings and had a respectful conversation with the Pastor and an Elder. They agreed to occupy only one corner at a time, to not block traffic, and to comply with SM guidelines in regard to moving after 30 minutes. They do not plan to return until September. They will not compromise on the amplification issue however. She encourages members to write to them but suggests that members do not engage with them in person when they return, but just ignore them.

The EPD representatives clarified the amplification issue. They do not need a permit for religious free speech according to current case law (SAIA vs NY 1948.) This is why the noise ordinance does not apply to them and they don't get ticketed.

Hate Speech is subjective and does not constitute a bias crime in itself. Speech is protected under the constitution unless it is taken to the extreme of a bias crime. EPD has spoken with the City Attorney's office, the City Prosecutor, and EPD command and they will not violate the rights of the protesters to free speech to protect business interests. They have worked hard to find all the legal options they have and want to help us with our situation. They appreciate the personal approach to communicating with them and see that as a benefit. They are willing to meet with us again to discuss the situation.

New Business: Fountain: The fountain has to be on or off, and there isn't really a low-flow setting. Members have been surveyed as to their preference and most want it on. Staff will do a more thorough survey to each booth before deciding whether it will be on or off.

Town Hall: On May 10th a gathering was held by the County, FSP, the farmers, the Fire Marshal, and the city regarding the restrictions of the DAZ system at the FSP. The Fire Marshal said he would allow 10x10 canopies until the DAZ permits are rewritten to accommodate fewer restrictions. Both Saturday Market and the Farmers Market representatives encouraged the FSP participants to organize but they didn't seem likely to do so. There are still safety concerns.

***Motion: Adjourn (Maia/Sarah) 8-0-0

Executive Session

Attendance: Nome May, Bekah Zeimetz, Candice Westberg, Maia Bowers, Sarah Bast on zoom:
Damian MacDonald, Vince LaRochelle, Brigitte McBride, Heather Robbins-Hinton
Guests: Shannon Lee-Hutson, Cortney Fellet Recorder: Diane McWhorter

An Executive Session was held to discuss the finalized Job Description for the Lead Site Member Liaison and the following motion was made:

***Motion: Make the Lead Site Member Liaison a permanent position (Heather/Vince) 8-0-0

***Motion: Adjourn (Damian/Heather) 7-1 (Maia)-0