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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B

**Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee Meeting
November 20, 2019**

All members of the EMCAC were in attendance for the meeting, save one individual who was excused. The committee is currently short one member as Richard Layman has resigned and relocated because of a parent's illness.

The meeting agenda and of minutes of the October 16 meeting were approved. Also, dates for the coming year were approved, as follows; 1/22, 2/26, 3/25, 4/22, 5/20, 6/24, 7/22, 9/23, 10/28, 11/18. No dates were announced for meetings of the Executive Committee, which meets irregularly.

Scott Betz, Program Manager for architrave p.c. provided a status report on plans now in place for developing the Eastern Market Strategic Plan. He emphasized the website www.easternmarketplan.org as a resource for everyone interested in the project, as well as a vehicle for gathering important information about the market and community. Two online surveys are being developed, one for the stakeholders and one for the community.

Site visits have been set up at a variety of markets in the midwest and on the east coast to provide case studies of successful practices. The sites represent similar and dissimilar markets. Outreach activities will be heavy during the winter months. Betz emphasized that the result of the planning progress will be a set of actionable recommendations.

EMCAC received reports from the Market Operations Committee, the finance meeting with DGS, and the monthly report of the Market Manager. The finance meeting report included a timeline that will terminate in June when the approved Budget is sent to Congress for review. Important hearings on the 2021 budget will be held in April after the Mayor submits her proposal for vote of the Council.

Two policy items were raised during the meeting. One was a request from the Tenants Council that a more appropriate mechanism be used for dispute resolution among the vendors and the market manager. A letter seeking additional information from DGS about the use of the DGS Ombudsman, apparently required by law, was approved unanimously.

A second policy issue is the approaching deadline for merchants (South Hall) to have obtained their appraisals by November 26. The original deadline was in August and was extended to September. The EMCAC is not inclined to extend the deadline again to December 30, as has been requested by the merchants. The appraisals are required in the process of establishing new leases for the market merchants.

An issue to be carried forward was raised by Chuck Burger with regard to proposed wayfinding efforts for the Eastern Market Metro Plaza. Burger noted that several entities in the EM area (e.g.,

8th street, the Eastern Market) are developing signage and wayfaring mechanism and proposed that they be approached comprehensibly.

EMCAC typically meets in the North Hall of the Eastern Market on the last Wednesday of each month except December. Meetings are open to the public and to ANC Commissioners.
Gerald Sroufe, ANC6B liaison to Eastern Market