



**Fremont Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting  
November 30, 2016  
Brown Paper Tickets Conference Room**

**Attending:** Suzie Burke, Pete Hanning, Phil Meganhardt, Susan Fuller, Sean Erdhardt, Marko Tubic,

**Staff:** Trisha Rarey, Caroline Sherman

**Guests:** Kirby Lindsay, Fremocentrist.com; Nico Martinucci, SDOT; Jonathan Dong, SDOT

**Call to Order – Pete at 8:34 am**

A. Review of Mission Statement

*The Fremont Chamber of Commerce strengthens the business climate and improves the quality of life in the Fremont area.*

B. Introductions

C. Board Member Personal Chamber Stories (1-3)—skipped in the interests of time.

D. Approval of Minutes – October Minutes. Suzie moved, Marko seconded it. All in favor. **October Minutes APPROVED.**

**Guest – Nico Martinucci, SDOT: Fremont Ave N transit improvement project**

See attached. Fremont Ave N & 34<sup>th</sup> St bus stop is one of the busiest. Pedestrian congestion on the sidewalk is a big problem. Plan is to widen the sidewalk. Street is 54' wide. Discussion about addressing the needs of delivery trucks. It's a choke point. The only place to move the bus stop is closer to the bridge. Moving the bus stop is a Metro decision. It appears the plan eliminates the informal "right turn pocket". There would be no place along that block for any traffic to get around the bridge and bus traffic. Also brought up the issue of the pedestrian traffic light that needs to be green as long as the bridge is up. This proposal is also very bad for bicyclists who are typically moving very quickly down the long hill. Overall, vehement disapproval for this plan. Encouraged SDOT to work with Metro to move the bus stop to the bridge approach. SDOT will commit to talk to Metro and analyze the moving the bus stop option. We would be happy to write a letter of support for moving the bus stop to Metro. We have been invited to a public meeting to learn more details.

Also discussed the bike lane expansion on 34<sup>th</sup> and how the implementation after over a year of input from the business community went forth with no consideration for that input. It is not good for delivery trucks and for the Fremont Sunday Market.

Evanston has been closed more than it has been open because of a sewer line being run along the street.

**Executive Director update--Closed Session**

Caroline, Trisha and Kirby were asked to leave. An approximately 45-minute closed discussion ensued regarding how to proceed with the management of the Chamber that resulted in the following **MOTION** proposed by Suzie (per Phil's notes):

"Put forward a contract to select a company to reach FCC Membership Goals. Seconded by Phil. For: Suzie, Pete, Marko, Phil. Opposed: Susan. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Old Business**

- A. **MOTION** to remove Paul Doak from all financial authorities made by Suzie, Pete seconded, All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**
- B. Fremont Oktober Fest Account: Marko feels only Bold Hat folks should be on that account. Marko moved to remove any non-Bold Hat employees from the Fremont Oktoberfest account. Suzie seconded. Phil abstained. Account held at HomeStreet. Was set up to set aside \$10k of profits, to ensure the event took place. Need to get Fremont Chamber tax ID off of it. Susan prefers we close the account and have Phil open a new one, to ensure our tax ID is removed from it. Tabled for further review. **BRING TO NEXT MEETING.**
- C. Susan moved that WA Sec'y State form be updated. We agreed to update it in January. Add to calendar.

### **Chamber Staff Reports**

- A. Membership and Office Management - Caroline Sherman
  - a. See back of Agenda.
  - b. Walking Guide update:
    - i. Milky Way and above sign-ups: 3
    - ii. Grandfathered Premier (free) sign-ups: 16
    - iii. New Solar System (\$145) sign-ups: 5
    - iv. Business sign-ups: 6
    - v. Non-member sign-ups: 3
    - vi. TOTAL to date: 33
- B. Programs and Event Management - Trisha Rarey
  - a. See attached.
  - b. Trisha needs:
    - i. Walking Guide signups
  - c. Awards discussion—Leave Jim Daly, move Patches to Fremont Sunday Market
- C. Communications and Marketing – Trisha Rarey
  - a. See attached.

### **Committee Reports—As the ED discussion went overtime, Committee Reports were not discussed.**

- A. Membership Development/Member Services - Ken
- B. Marketing and Major Events
  - 1. 2017 – Seattle Scotch & Beer Fest / Fremont Fair / Oktoberfest - Phil
  - 2. Marketing Committee Volunteers Needed – Ken
  - 3. Marketing Projects – Ken
    - a. Website Redesign

C. Community Relations

1. Fremont Arts Council – ??
2. Fremont Neighborhood Council – Need Representative
3. Lake Union District Council – Need Representative
4. North Seattle Industrial Association - Suzie

D. Advocacy

1. Governmental Issues – Suzie / Susan
2. Safety & Transportation Committee – Pete
  - a. Street Fund Grant Application: Street Light at N. 34th & Troll Avenue N.

**Announcements and New Business**

**Adjourned at 10:23 am. Suzie moved to adjourn and Pete seconded. Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by **Caroline Sherman**