

EMCAC REPORT to ANC6B

The April 30, 2019 Meeting of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee meeting was relatively brief, adjourning at 8:10 PM.

Key issues discussed included the following:

1. Planning for major Eastern Market event: *Rediscover Eastern Market*. A long weekend event, June 7,8 and 9 (save the dates!). The event will commemorate the re-opening of the market 10 years ago following the disastrous fire. The event will involve music, food, and special events. Also, newly trained and experienced docents will lead tours of the hidden aspects of the market building itself. Anyone wishing to be trained to serve as a tour leader for the event should contact Monte Edwards at (monte.edwards@verizon.net).

(Regrettably, new signage for the EM that was to be highlighted in the event will not be available in time for the celebration.)

2. The flea market on the 300 Block of 7th street under its new management was inaugurated on Saturday, April 16. Sixteen (16) of the 22 spaces permissible in the space have been spoken for. It has been difficult to assess the new operations because of terrible weather experienced on days the vendors have been scheduled.
3. Vendor leases have not be completed but meetings are planned between EM inside vendors and DGS officials in May.
4. A subsidized parking plan has been put into place following months of planning and negotiation. Using available weekend parking at the 700 Penn garage Avenue, vendors can park for \$4 all day and customers can receive a \$4 per day reduction in the normal parking cost. Additionally, information is now being dissiminated on the internet and through flyers about full day parking available in the 660 Colonial lot and also about the 15 monitored free spaces behind the market for short term parking.
5. The air conditioner problem may not be as dire as anticipated. Some of the multiple chillers are amenable to repairs and cleaning to render them functional and as effective as the rental units that were thought to be necessary for the summer months. One unit will require replacement, however.
6. The door and hardware modifications made necessary to assure adequate pest control have been addressed and now all entrances close tightly. (A quarter inch gap is all that is permitted to prevent rodent entry.)
7. The next EMCAC meeting is scheduled for May 22. In addition, a meeting of the Operations Committee (ANC6B is represented by Commissioner Sroufe) will be held on May 14 to establish priorities related to a lengthy list of concerns developed by the Tenants Council.