



**Historic South Downtown Board Meeting- Minutes January 27, 2015  
216 First Avenue; Conference Room; Seattle, WA 98102**

**January 2015 Board Meeting: Jan called the meeting to order @ 5:15 p.m.**

- Board members present: Jan Drago, Don Blakeney, Karl Mueller, Al Poole, Jim Kelly, Stephanie Wascha, Chirs Arkills
- Members absent: Brendan Donckers, Gary Johnson, Elaine Ko, Maiko Winkler-Chin, Phil Fujii, Liz Stenning
- Staff: Marlene McIntosh

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes for the Annual Meeting held on November 10, 2014, was moved by Don and seconded by Stephanie. The minutes for the Orientation of New HSD Board members and Holiday Party held on December 9, 2015 was moved by Chris and seconded by Jim.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Access and Mobility:**

Don reported that the Access Seattle Initiative program, which HSD helped initiate with SDOT and DSA in 2013, is engaging neighborhood/business stakeholders about plans for better managing public/private constructions impacts. These impacts to access include loss of parking, traffic problems, blocked signage or pedestrian pathways. Access Seattle is work to improve these issues as well as communication lines with the City for the residents and businesses that are impacted.

**Waterfront/Washington Landings:**

Jan reported on the Pioneer Square community meeting. History Link presented a Power Point on the history of Pioneer Square and Chinatown/International District. Marshall Foster also presented a Power Point on the Waterfront planning. A discussion followed. Some people attending the meeting were concerned with the availability of parking. Pioneer Square Alliance took the lead in turn out for the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting; 18 people from Pioneer Square leadership, 4 people from the city and 3 from Historic South Downtown attended. Jan added it was the best presentation she has seen as this presentation was shorter, leaving enough time for good discussion.

WA Landings is planning a walking tour in Pioneer Square and Chinatown /International District. These events need to be put on the HSD web site.

- **Legislative Update:**

Don stated the bill (Community Development Housing & Tribal Affairs Committee HB-1223), sponsored by Representative Sharon Santos, and was going before the Legislature that could support HSD's work going forward. Jim explained the bill's

mechanics and how it was being considered by the Community Development Housing & Tribal Affairs Committee. The funding, as outlined in the legislation, would come from the lodging (hotel/motel) tax and be dedicated to the provision of affordable housing in Pioneer Square and Chinatown/International District.

Jim Kelly testified in Olympia at the hearing for HB-1223. Marlene, who also attended stated that Jim did a stellar job representing HSD.

Jan proposed we write individual letters to the Legislative Committee in support of this bill so HSD is on record. Jim will report the status of the bill at the next HSD Board meeting. If the bill passes it will be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. A discussion followed regarding important talking points to cover in the letters.

Jim offered to write up a summary of the bill for the HSD web site.

A motion was made by Jan and seconded by Stephanie that HSD support HB-1223. The motion passed.

**Bridge/Out Reach:**

Stephanie reported the web training will occur on Thursday with Hein and Liz to go over everything that will be posted on the HSD web site.

A China International District neighborhood walking tour is scheduled for Thursday, February 12 @ 9:30 AM starting at SCIPDA at 409 Maynard.

- **Election Discussion:**

In December 2015, three HSD Board members will be term limited and rotate off the board: Gary, Jan and Don. Jan asked if there were any board members who would like to join the Executive Board? Stephanie volunteered to be Treasurer, as she is familiar with Quick Books on line, and will work side by side with Don this year. Jan is willing to be emeritus as Vice Chair. Elections will be held at the February meeting.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Don gave a quick review.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM

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**2015 Meeting Schedule | 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Each Month @ 5PM | Grand Central Conference Room**

January	27	May	26	September	22
February	24	June	23	October	27
March	24	July	28	November	10 Annual Meeting
April	28	August	25	December	8 New Board Orientation
				December	22 ** Holiday Schedule

