



**Historic South Downtown Board Meeting- Minutes 4-22-14**  
**216 First Avenue; Conference Room; Seattle, WA 98102**

**April 2014 Board Meeting: Called to order @ 5:00 p.m.**

- Board members present: Brendan Donckers, Jan Drago, Don Blakeney, Maiko Winkler-Chin, Tija Petrovich, Jim Kelly, Al Poole, Liz Stenning
- Members absent: Gary Johnson, Elaine Ko, Phil Fuji, Stephanie Wascha.
- Staff: Marlene McIntosh

**March meeting minutes:** Jim Kelly moved and Maiko Winkler-Chin seconded a motion for the March board meeting minutes to be approved as written. Motion approved unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**1. WA Landings Project**

Jan gave an update on the forthcoming rescheduled meeting. They are waiting for a joint meeting with our HSD group, the consultants and the city. Everything is on hold for now.

**2. Bridge/Communications**

Jan commented the web photo projects should match people up within their own neighborhood.

Tija reported she received a proposal from Hien Dang who has worked with Leslie Smith at the Alliance Group. Hien is experienced, reasonable, and willing to help manage our web site. There was discussion on multi-use; migration to multi platforms and compatibility with I-phones; will HSD own the photos that Hein will take of HSD's projects; will HSD have permission to use Hein's photos so we need to clarify ownership of our photos; and photos with HSD Board members is not for commercial use. Tija also mentioned that Hien wants us to provide a logo and that Stanley Hainesworth of Tether Design Company may design an HSD logo and only charge \$500. Jan moved and Don seconded that pending approval, and subject to our requests, Tija move forward on Hien's proposal.

**3. Access and Mobility**

Don reported on SDOT's effort to minimize the combined construction impacts and private development investment in the downtown core of Seattle through the completion of the Waterfront construction. Based on the initial analyses, consultant reviews and discussion with the City it is clear that additional measures must be put into place to effectively manage this level of construction activity, support existing businesses, and communicate to

the community that Downtown is accessible and open for business. Don and Phil met with Goran Sparman (SDOT Director) and Barbara Gray (who has been promoted to Deputy Director). There are several components of the plan:

- Coordinate construction activity across various public and private agencies by:
  - Appointing at least 2 staff ombudsmen within the Mayor's Office dedicated to construction coordination and triage.
  - Establish a stakeholder committee of private and public sector leaders to understand the timing, magnitude and effect of construction on downtown travel.
  - Enhance the City of Seattle's Traffic Management Center to allow for real-time management of traffic signals, accident responses, and street closures or openings.
- Provide traveler engagement tools so that people know what to expect, how to get around, and have viable travel options:
  - Create and fund a long term Communication Plan during construction.
  - Create and fund an information center or tools with consolidated construction. Develop traffic and multimodal information on how to navigate Downtown during and after construction.
- Provide business and community support so neighborhoods remain vital and an attractive place to visit, live, and operate a business.
  - Designate a single point-of-contact or hotline to provide real-time construction support and assistance.
  - Provide business assistance loans and technical assistance to small and retail businesses affected by construction.

Jan asked about the involvement of a Downtown Coalition or sounding board? Don replied the city planned to include this function.

#### 4. Board Terms

There was discussion on term limits. Thus far here is where HSD Board members stand:

##### Terms up in 2014

Tija Petrovich (eligible)  
Phil Fuji (eligible)  
Brendan Donckers (eligible)  
Jan Drago (eligible 1 year only)  
Local Gov't #13 (vacant)

##### Terms up in 2015

Don Blakeney (done) ID Non-Profit Plan.  
Maiko Winkler-Chin (eligible)  
Jim Kelly (eligible)  
Stephanie Wascha (eligible)  
Liz Stenning (eligible)  
Elaine Ikoma Ko (eligible)  
Gary Johnson (done)  
Al Pool (eligible)  
Jan Drago (done) PS Non-Profit

**5. Other Business // Good of the Order**

- Annual meeting and event planners for 2014: Elaine and Marlene have been appointed.
- The Town Hall Annual event will be in Pioneer Square this year.
- We need to be thinking about a location. There was discussion about the possibility of the new place opening up called the Good Bar or the new pizza place. Both will be located side by side on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main Streets.

**Adjourn**

**6:25 PM**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**2014 Meeting Schedule | 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Each Month @ 5PM | Grand Central Conference Room**

<b>January</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>25 ** Holiday Schedule</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>23 ** Holiday Schedule</b>