



**Historic South Downtown Board Meeting- Minutes 5-27-14**  
**216 First Avenue; Conference Room; Seattle, WA 98102**

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

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

**April meeting minutes:** Minutes were approved with a minor correction to the minutes changing I-Phones to all mobile phones. Tija moved as amended and Jan seconded.

**Guest Speaker:** David Yeaworth, Deputy Director, Alliance for Pioneer Square spoke about the Parks and Gateways Project. The Alliance of Pioneer Square is seeking a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Neighborhoods to create a concept plan for Pioneer Square city parks (Pioneer Square, Occidental Square, City Hall Park, Prefontaine Place and Union Station Square) and gateways (Fortson Square, Occidental Mall, Occidental Avenue between King Street and Royal Brougham Way; and the intersection of Fourth Avenue South and Jackson Street). The plan will serve to generate and establish our community's vision, goals, and objectives for our parks and put signage at all gateways that are used by hundreds of thousands of pedestrians annually.

- Step 1. Community outreach to stakeholders: residents, businesses and others. We are in phase one and David is reaching out to HSD as part of this phase.
- Step 2. Convene a steering committee.
- Step 3. Hire a consultant to facilitate discussions, research past planning efforts, establish guiding principles and craft a concept plan, and selecting one park or gateway master plan. The scope of the \$100,000 tops here, just short of implementation of the plan.

The work plan started in May 2014 and will run through September of 2015 with a delivery of a master plan presented to the neighborhood. Costs are divided as the following: \$85,000 design and \$15,000 for staff management and meeting materials. There was a discussion after David's presentation regarding security cameras and security in general.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. Access and Mobility Study**

Don stated that he and Phil had a meeting and things are moving forward but there is no change in the overall plan.

**2. Bridge/Communication Update**

Tija and Stephanie brought rough draft copies of three different website styles for overview and board comments/input. Web designer Hien Dan has been hard at work on the concept of our new site. Overall, members liked a combination of website draft #1 and #3. Stephanie and Tija have a meeting with Hien on 5/28 to present board feedback and hone the design even further. Liz Stenning asked to if she could join the Bridge Committee on website design and will attend the 5/28 meeting.

**3. Funding Development/Legislative Liaison**

Jan announced that HSD has a signed contract. HSD has a signed Memorandum of Agreement with the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Washington Landings Project. Marlene agreed to do the administrative work and will keep two separate Excel time sheets. Marlene will file the contract in the HSD office.

**4. Unreinforced Masonry Project Follow Up**

The pilot studies are mostly completed. Final reports are currently in process.

**5. Treasurer Report**

No major changes. Rent and staffing were our only expenses last month.

**Policy Regarding Grant Projects and Letters of Support:** The Executive committee will look into our position on offering letters of support for projects or work in our two neighborhoods and report back to us.

**Board Development Update:** No update.

**Other Business//Good of the Order:** A card was signed by the board. Jan is sending a book entitled The Fighting Chance by Elizabeth Warren from the HSD Board.

**Adjourn**

**6:20 PM**

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

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

