



**Historic South Downtown Board Meeting- Minutes February 24, 2015
216 First Avenue; Conference Room; Seattle, WA 98102**

February 2015 Board Meeting: Brendan called the meeting to order @ 5:10 p.m.

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

Approval of the Minutes: The January minutes were approved; Jim Kelly moved and Gary Johnson seconded.

Committee Reports:

- **Washington Landings:**

Gary reported he saw the recent design concepts and they look good. Gary proposed that HSD contract with HistoryLink to conduct a series of interviews with individuals in the Chinatown/ID and Pioneer Square neighborhoods that had personal family experience decades ago when Pier 48 served steamship lines to help deepen the neighborhoods' impact in the Washington landings' design process. A proposal from HistoryLink with three work program options was distributed. Jim moved and Jan seconded the motion to approve "Option 3" but allow some flexibility for expansion with approval by HSD. The motion passed unanimously.

Jan reported on a walking tour of Chinatown / International District that we provided for the James Corner Field Operations staff to increase their understanding of the history and culture of the neighborhood.

- **Access and Mobility:**

Don reported that SDOT has created an "Access Seattle Initiative" that addresses our issues in the Access and mobility project so there is no need for additional HSD funding.

- **Legislative Update:**

Jim gave an update on bill HB-1223 (currently in the Community Development Housing & Tribal Affairs Committee), sponsored by Representative Sharon Santos, reporting that the bill was going before the Executive Finance Committee tomorrow. Jim offered to keep the HSD Board informed and will report back to us.

- **Bridge/Out Reach:**

Stephanie reported the web site is done. Marlene and Stephanie have started the first of three website training classes. The updated HSD Board member list has

been added to the web site by Marlene. Brendon requested that both HSD Agendas and Minutes be posted on the new HSD web site going back to January, 2015.

Liz added that she will send information on related neighborhood events.

- **Election Discussion:**

The election of new HSD Board officers will be put on hold until March to give new board members more time to think about taking on leadership responsibility on the HSD Executive Committee.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Don reported on the organization's finances.

- **Other Business // Good of the Order:**

Liz handed out the new double sided Alley brochure that is in collaboration between Pioneer Square and the ID. The brochure is in English and Cantonese, showcasing a very creative marketing piece.

Retreat: We will hold off on scheduling pending the outcome of the Legislative session. Mid June is the tentative timeframe.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM

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2015 Meeting Schedule | 4th 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

