



Minutes for Historic South Downtown Board Meeting; Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Grand Central Conference Room, 3rd floor, 216 1st Ave. S. Seattle, WA

Attendance: Brendan Donckers called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

Board members present: Al Poole, Heidi Hall, Tom Sang-gu Im, Brendan Donckers, Wren Wheeler, Karl Mueller, Maiko Winkler-Chin, Him Kelly, Lisa Quinn

Board members absent: Liz Stenning, Elaine Ikoma Ko, Phil Fuji, and Chris Arkills

Approval of March 2016 Minutes: Brendan Donckers postponed approval of minutes due to factual inaccuracies. Those will be revised and sent to the board for review before the next meeting.

HSD Staffing: Leslie Haynes is now providing administrative assistance to the board. All contact information is in the process of being transferred.

Treasurer's Report: Karl Mueller reported on finances. HSD awaits final payment from the City of Seattle for the completion of the Washington Landings project. HB 1223 is the only planned source of revenue. Maiko Winkler-Chin reminded the board that Safeco Field will re-negotiate with the Mariners in 2018. That negotiation presents an opportunity to discuss robust, in-perpetuity mitigation for impacts.

Committee Reports and Presentations

Connections & API Memorial: Lesley Bain of Framework has been engaged to help with two projects: the Jackson Street Corridor and the API Memorial Project with subcontracts to SCIDpda and the Wing Luke Museum. Bain shared a proposed, fast-track schedule. She described the project as additive, not duplicative, one requiring tight coordination with efforts in Little Saigon, activation strategies at King Street Station through Pioneer Square Parks and Gateways, and ongoing projects through Trails to Treasure projects. Gary Johnson will continue as a key city contact and provide access to the appropriate connections in SDOT. SCIDpda will serve as the cultural and community lead. The proposed work outlined several outreach strategies to get hands-on input from community members. Maiko Winkler-Chin suggested linking outreach with already-scheduled community happenings to maximize input. Brendan Donckers noted the number of studies commissioned and outreach efforts done to date. He suggested working through those reports as a foundation to cull consistent themes, including the importance of involving businesses in activation. Jim Kelly wondered about the feasibility of marking transitions in time along Jackson as different groups moved through the two neighborhoods. He suggested that the project could benefit from bond money through 4Culture, especially given the impending relocation of the Office of Arts and Culture to King Street Station. HSD expects the following deliverables: a metastudy of existing projects and efforts, one community input event, a physical plan, and a final report that summarizes priorities and recommendations.

Contract with Framework: The board reviewed the contractual language and noted that HSD should retain intellectual property rights for all final deliverables. The language was changed to read as follows: “HSD shall use all materials generated by this project for any purpose.” In addition, for each deliverable and estimate listed, the phrase “shall not exceed” should be inserted into the contract. Jim Kelly moved to accept the contract with amended language. Karl Mueller seconded. Maiko Winkler-Chin recused herself. The board voted unanimously for approval.

HB 1223: Heidi Hall and Gary Johnson will convene the whole committee and set up a meeting with Mark Ellerbrook. Brendan Donckers reported that Dow Constantine's office would like specific ideas to take to the Executive Leadership Team on viable projects by summer. The committee needs clarity about constraints and recommended level of specificity. Strategically, HSD's role might be best served by providing general guidelines.

Other Business:

Seattle's Design Festival: Lisa Quinn shared that this year's theme is Design for Change. Activities start with an Occidental Park kick-off the second week in September. It presents an opportunity to connect the two neighborhoods. Several board members see it as a chance to test some of the results of Lesley Bain's work. Lisa volunteered to map out a schedule of events. Jim Kelly, Maiko Winkler-Chin, and Brendan Donckers offered to help review proposals. Jim Kelly moved to empower Lisa Quinn to proceed. Karl Mueller seconded. The board unanimously voted in favor of this proposal.

City Council Vote on Occidental Street Vacation: Brendan proposed sending a letter to all city council members outlining HSD's position before the vote on May 2. Both the Alliance for Pioneer Square and SCIDpda did so. The group agreed that the letter should assert that HSD exists to mitigate adverse impact of public infrastructure. Jim Kelly agreed to draft the letter and circulate.

National Night Out's Picnics in the Precinct: HSD participated in this event in previous years by staffing a booth. Before committing, board members suggesting talking with Tija Petrovich to coordinate efforts with the Pioneer Square Residents Council. Several board members raised the issue of needing a high-level strategy for branding the organization. Jim Kelly offered to bring ideas and costs for banners to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30.

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2016 Meeting Schedule | 4th Tuesday Each Month @ 5PM | Grand Central Conference Room

January	26	May	24 (canceled)	September	27
February	23	June	28	October	25
March	22	July	26	November	8 Annual Meeting
April	26	August	23	December	13 New Board Orientation & Regular Board Meeting