



Minutes for Historic South Downtown Board Meeting; Tuesday, June 28, 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, Chris Arkills, Elaine Ikoma Ko, Liz Stenning, Maiko Winkler-Chin, Wren Wheeler, Lisa Quinn, Karl Mueller, Heidi Hall, Brendan Donckers

Board members absent: Phil Fuji, Jim Kelly, Tom Sang-gu Im

Approval of March and April 2016 Minutes: Revised minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Next month is the end of fiscal year. Karl Mueller reported that he intends to compare 2015 and 2016 and look at trends and efficiencies.

Board Development: Brendan Donckers urged all members to think about recruiting for upcoming openings, as some will be termed out. The group discussed the importance of maintaining strategic connections with the City of Seattle and enlisting champions in upcoming conversations.

Update on SHB 2263 and HB 1223: Brendan Donckers met with Sharon Tomiko Santos to discuss recent legislation that allocates resources to HSD. This allocation includes HB 1223 and HB 2263. Brendan will be meeting with two King County leaders: Rachel Smith, Director of Government Relations, and Mark Ellerbrook, Manager of Regional Housing, to revisit the County's pending bond issuance under HB 1223. Elaine Ikoma Ko advised that the board consider needs and priorities for both housing and non-housing projects. Lisa Quinn noted that the community needs to have input before the board makes any specific recommendations. Maiko Winkler-Chin added that the funds should be used in a creative way to support hard-to-fund projects. HSD will continue to work to set up a community process through the designated subcommittee to further define the organization's role. Look for a Doodle poll to confirm meeting dates.

Jackson Street Connections Project; Guest Presentation by Lesley Bain, Framework: Thus far, the Connections work has resulted in a series of recommendations for improved physical connections and cultural connections along Jackson Street. Ideally these improvements will happen simultaneously. Outreach has been strong, with 70 people participating in the process: 20 on neighborhood walks and 50 through two community events followed by an on-line survey that yielded 452 data points. Participants were asked to note and mark places preferred and places of discomfort. Feedback centered on safety concerns, street car encroachment, expansion and maintenance of green space, increased traffic and vehicular speed, storm water issues, and bike infrastructure with Little Saigon, Yesler, and the Waterfront expecting big changes. Participants echoed persistent concerns about how to balance the needs of

moving traffic and pedestrian use in these specific areas. Visitors and residents face a confusing, hostile transit hub with local, regional and national lines. In terms of the cultural context, participants noted landmarks and wondered what a connecting story-telling project would look like. The Board recommended that key departments at the City be aware of progress through presentations, especially the Office of the Waterfront. Next steps include getting feedback, completing the report, and meeting with key stakeholders at the City. Recommendations will be vetted with the full board when finalized.

URM Update by Cara Bertron, SCIDpda: Community advocates are worried about the cumulative effect of layered City policies and requirements, of reinforcing URM (unreinforced masonry buildings), especially where property owners have limited funding options. Of the 1100 affordable housing units, 600 are in URM building. Bolts Plus, Seattle’s preferred URM policy, is still under consideration. SCIDpda analyzed 7 case studies in both neighborhoods. Of those, 2 did not qualify for funding from the City. Limited resources exist, but traditional bank loans, small grants, tax credits, new markets tax credits, and tax exemptions only cover 35% of anticipated cost. Given that scenario, owners will be forced to raise rents for commercial and residential units with displacement predicted for highly vulnerable families and seniors. The URM ordinance should be passed, but not as an unfunded mandate. Board members discussed a more robust package of recommendations and technical assistance resources with possible connections with HB 1223.

Adjourn

7:30

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