

# Minutes for Historic South Downtown Board Meeting

## Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

### Hing Hay Coworks

**Attendance:** Wren Wheeler called the meeting to order at 5:08 P.M.

*Board Members present:* Chris Arkills, Maria Batayola, Heidi Hall, Tom Sang-gu Im, Julie Fonseca de Borges, Azar Koulibaly, Jamie Lee, Nancy Fulwiler, Becca Camarda, Carl Seip (by phone), Kevin Geiger (by phone)

*Board Members excused:* Heidi Park

#### **Action/Approval – Consent agenda:**

Chris Arkills motioned to approve the consent agenda including the Treasurer's Report and December 2017 meeting minutes. Maria Batayola seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Discussion - Executive Director Report:**

- Kathleen passed out the new board roster
- PHPDA asked to talk to our retained counsel about the contract we are working on with them. HSD does not currently retain counsel. Discussion was held about how to respond. The board decided on two actions: 1) Check with PHPDA to see what their concerns are, and 2) Check with former board member Brendon Donckers to see if he may be interested in serving as legal counsel when needed or might refer someone.

#### **Discussion – Proposal for Organizing Standing Committees:**

Wren opened the discussion by stating that the bylaws allow for the formation of board committees. Four committees were discussed.

- Finance Committee
- Ad Hoc Grant Making Committee
- Board Development Committee
- Government Relations Committee

Chris posed the question of whether that was too many committees for a volunteer board of busy people and whether the Board Development committee and Government Relations committee might be merged since they are both externally focused and somewhat seasonal in focus. The board had a good discussion about the pros and cons. It was decided to defer the Board Development and Government Relations Committees from being formed. The Executive Board will discuss at their next meeting.

Azar Koulibaly motioned to establish a Finance Committee and an Ad Hoc Grant Making Committee. Jamie Lee seconded. The motion passed.

### **Discussion – Review of King County Draft Contract:**

The board discussed edits made to the contract between HSD and King County for funding. Maria offered her feedback and edits to the board. The board agreed on almost all edits made by board members. There were two main topics of conversation on the contract with King County.

1. Discussion about the difference in the amount of money coming to HSD from King County. The County is saying \$8.0M is to come to HSD because of the difference in the type of bonds sold because we aren't doing housing. Under the TOD plan, HSD expected \$8.7M. The board decided to ask the county to explain the difference and put the reasoning in the contract.
2. Discussion was had regarding the disbursement schedule proposed by the county. Kathleen proposed that we receive \$500K for administrative funds upon signing, \$250K with the Jackson Hub annual report, and then \$3M in the fall. The board agreed we should seek \$3M this year and \$3M next year.

### **Good of the Order**

Jamie Lee announced the Chinatown International District neighborhood kickoff event at Hing Hay Coworks on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wren Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.