

Minutes for Historic South Downtown Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Hing Hay Coworks

Attendance: Wren Wheeler called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M.

Board Members present: Chris Arkills, Maria Batayola, Heidi Hall, Jamie Lee, Carl Seip, Wren Wheeler, Heidi Park, Nancy Fulwiler, Azar Koulibaly

Board Members excused: Tom Sang-gu Im, Kevin Geiger, Becca Camarda, Julie Fonseca de Borges

Action/Approval – Consent agenda:

Heidi Hall motioned to approve the consent agenda which contained July minutes and the treasurers report. Carl seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Grant Making Plan Update:

Kathleen began with a review of the Grant Making Plan to date. She touched on the plans for community focus groups to get input from the community and to see what they are interested in funding. The board discussed a potential split of 25% programmatic funding and 75% capital. This may potentially change to a 80-20% split. The board then discussed which project areas would be likely to apply for funding.

The board then discussed what the scope of grant making assistance to smaller, less-supported organizations or applicants would be in terms of technical support. Heidi Hall stressed the need for a clear policy on conflict of interest. Chris A. questioned what the terms would be for an appeal process.

The next Grant Making Committee is planned for Monday, Sept. 10 at Hing Hay. The board is expected to vote on the plan at the September 25 board meeting. The plan is due to King County for review on October 1.

Discussion and Action—Policy and Procedures

The board first reviewed the draft letters of support policy. Chris questioned whether the policy should include all advocacy, positive and negative. After some discussion the board decided to refer the draft policy back to the External Affairs Committee.

Discussion and Action – Decision on advocacy for new funding sources

The board had a lively discussion on whether to become involved in the debate about housing dollars and the Safeco Field improvements before the King County Council. It is

unclear whether HSD would be eligible for a share of those dollars. Heidi Park moved and Jamie Lee seconded a motion to not get involved, but to reach out to former board chair, Brendan Donckers for advice and to continue to talk to involved parties. The motion passed unanimously.

Good of the Order

Wren Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.