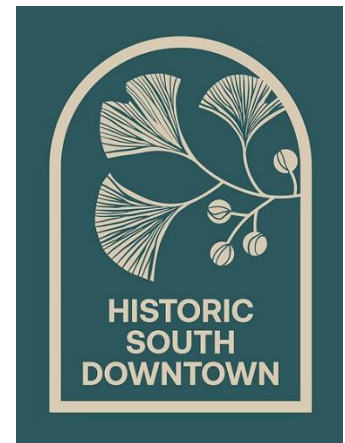


Historic South Downtown Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, January 24, 2023



Present: Nuria Hansen, Leesa Kunke, Shava Lawson, Derek Lum, Diane Le, Aleksa Manila, Dana Phelan, Jessica Rubenacker, Jennifer Tam, Tuyen Than, Jessa Timmer

Staff: Kathleen Barry Johnson, MaryKate Ryan, Ellen Ta

Public:
Gary Lee
Betty Lau

CALL TO ORDER (Action)

Dana Phelan called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Betty Lau: Supporting the zoning ordinance change

CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

Presenter: Dana Phalen

- *Meeting Minutes (November and December 2022)*
- *Treasurer's Reports (November and December 2022)*

Motion by Leesa Kunke to approve the consent agenda. Second from Aleksa Manila. Approved by all. Motion passes.

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE* (Information)

Presenter: Gary Lee

- *HSD Board will be asked whether it wishes to stand in support of the measure.*
- Kathleen: Emerging issue that follows after the expanded shelter last fall. Gary is proposing a system change and would like us to sign on to a letter of support.
- Gary: serves on the the CID Public Safety Council and also a member of the Chinatown Block Watch (works by day as a planner for the City of Redmond).
 - Sharing map – shows 7 shelters within a half mile of Pioneer Square (blue) and the CID (red). Believes concentrations of shelters are contributing to the problems that we have in the area.

Proposal is to get City of Seattle change zoning to provide concentration standards and provide a fair standard that says our neighborhoods are providing enough services and apply to other neighborhoods (who have very few or none). This is going to take a zoning amendment legislation and will need to convince them to change it.

- CID Safety Council voted and approved (by majority) to sign on
- Currently targeting Councilmember Morales, Lewis and Sawant
- Hoping to include orgs in the neighborhood including Interim CDA, SCIDpda, Alliance for Pioneer Square, Chong Wa, OCA Greater Seattle, among others
- Timeline: within a month, sooner the better for whether or not we'd like to sign on.
- Kathleen: usually have a month to think on it (after a presentation); open to discussion, vote tonight or follow traditional path of waiting?
- Aleksa: Are you considering adding specific City of Seattle departments that will be relevant? Gary: yes, OCPD, Director etc.
- Aleksa: As far as other signatories, have you approached or considered ICHS, ACRS and there is another City of Seattle Public Library? Casting a big net. Seattle Parks has an office on Dearborn and might be considered. INSCAPE, social arts org
- Jessa: Ongoing issues in PS for decades, concentration of services not equally distributed around Downtown and the rest of Seattle or King County specifically, a growing issue. There have been a lot of challenges in this conversation and for HSD as a board, we need to think about something like this. A lot of political challenges around these conversations, the NIMBY conversation. The conversation needs a soft touch politically and is much broader. When you start reaching out to folks, it may take some time to make the rounds to sign on to something like this. There may some changes that need to be made, just FYI. Gary: open to edits and wording amendments. Take your time but not too much.
- Jessa: if you're looking to make this be a city change, a lot of services are actually King County. Would it make sense to have that conversation with King County as well? Gary: By my study it's really a land use issue and the zoning allows it to be overconcentrated. King County can go anywhere they want so long as it's permitted (for services).
- Jessa: I'm speaking more a political context, including King County in this conversation as well. Council districts changed at the beginning of the year, Lisa Herbold is the Council Member.
- Gary: if this fails, (CM Morales is not interested in moving this forward), there is still hope in the comp plan update (at the beginning), January 30 is the last community meeting (virtual), if you go there, you can provide comments. Will keep issue open. They need to be made aware that the zoning is not consistent in creating a viable, vital neighborhood due to over concentration and safety issues, going against economic vitality that don't allow it to happen. Can make a comment: <https://www.seattle.gov/opcd/one-seattle-plan>
- Kathleen: siting of these programs is so difficult; leaders don't want to have conversation about the impacts on the communities; there needs to be balance found within these two communities so that other communities step up and take on some of that responsibility. Need honest communication about what's going on.
- Dana: Are there other projects or in the works? Siting specific facilities at this point? I know there was the King County shelter expansion (last fall), are there others right now? Or are we just looking for a longer-term solution? Gary: looking ahead, I don't know of any project right now. No requirement of applications. The only reason why we were notified about the SODO one because it was pretty large and King County briefed the Safety Council. No requirement for public notice. We wouldn't know until they start doing their tenant improvements.

- Dana: the board will take this up again in February and in the meantime can direct any other questions to Kathleen who will loop in Gary. Kathleen: any board members interested in taking a closer look at the letter to bring any changes necessary for a conversation at the February meeting? Now or can message later (vetting content of letter). Will HSD sign on and support this issue moving forward? Nuria would like to be included (as a resident has thoughts and observations, Skid Road book is excellent and gives good insights on the history of homelessness and services and shelters especially in our neighborhoods and I see everything a different eye after reading this book. Actually, think our neighborhoods are doing a pretty good job at handling everything. Would like to learn more about the political implications for signing any letter or petition.)
- Aleksa: we're just reviewing and making recommendations if needed? Could we just create a short ad hoc committee. Eager to join.
- Kathleen: ad hoc committee: Nuria, Aleksa; Jessa (political background), Jessica (to balance with history from Wing Luke Museum perspective)

SCHEDULING FUTURE MIXERS (Action)

Presenter: Ellen Ta

- *Motion to approve changing the date of the Annual Mixer to the First Tuesday of every October.*
- Proposing moving annual Mixer to the First Tuesday of October, due to weather issues (in November) and busy schedule and also move it was also close to elections (never knew if elected officials would be able to attend) might be able to get more electeds attend in October
- Aleksa: if we have to move it can we even move it to late summer. More outdoor options.
- Kathleen: a good idea that we looked at, but we are electing new board members who won't start until January. We'd have to reorder start date for new board members.
- Nuria: could do a mixer in September and then voting via Zoom
- Kathleen: open meeting that would be under the OPMA; would need to do it hybrid to having voting. We have to have an in-person setting.
- Dana: I love the idea of doing more social activities it makes sense to go with the staff rec to October to balance the need to have it be at a time that makes sense for Board elections as well as avoiding other conflicts. Cautious to make more events for staff to organize. We'll be funding some great cultural events over the next few months – built in opportunities for social gathering.

Motion by Jessica Rubenacker to approve changing the date of the Annual Mixer to the First Tuesday of every October. Second from Shava Lawson. Approved by all. Motion passes.

ELECT 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Action)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- Current slate of executive committee for reelection:
 - Dana Phalen President
 - Derek Lum: Vice President
 - Jessica Rubenacker: Secretary
 - Shava Lawson: Treasurer

Motion by Aleka Manila to accept this slate of current executive committee members for reelection. Second from Tuyen Than. Approved by all. Motion passes.

BOARD RETREAT (Information)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Will take place April 29, 2023*
- *Help organizing*
- *Topic: Organizational Development*

- Hybrid meeting; open to the public; haven't decided on the hours quite yet
- Topic: Organizational Development; strategy and goals to plan
- Would like support on organizing; Kathleen will reach out to specific folks for ideas generally (Alexa interested)
- Facilitator? We have used Sapna in the past; might be nice to have another voice; can share also via email if you have ideas; Pioneer Square Retreat Location ideas that would be good for a hybrid meeting (quieter that allows food) (CID last year - Friends of Little Saigon);
 - The 101 (101 S. Jackson);
 - Senor Carbon is good but probably not virtual meeting friendly;
 - 210 Seattle
- Facilitator Ideas:
 - Norma Timbang for facilitator (+3)
 - Pomegranate Center training might be good too
 - Citizen University <https://citizenuniversity.us/programs/>

NEW COMMENT POLICY (Action)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Motion to Change Board Comment Policy to 2 minutes max, not related to items on the agenda.*

- This is the second review (sent out last month). See policy below:

Proposed policy: Public Comment Process During Meetings

The Board of Directors of Historic South Downtown encourages and appreciates members of the public who attend meetings, and who provide public comment. To further encourage public participation, it is the policy of the HSD Board of Directors that:

1. Staff shall accept written public comments at any time, providing an electronic portal and also accepting hard copy letters. Letters received by staff up to five hours prior to the start of a posted meeting shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors prior to the beginning of the meeting. Copies of letters received will be published along with the minutes of each meeting.

2. In the course of each meeting, a period of time shall be set aside for public comments. Public comments will not be limited to topics on a meeting's agenda. The meeting chair shall, in their discretion,

limit the time available for each individual comment, and for the total number of comments, if necessary for allowing the Board to move forward with the agenda.

Motion by Aleksa Manila to change board comment policy to 2 minutes maximum, not related to items on the agenda. Second from Derek Lum. Approved by all. Motion passes.

WSBLE UPDATE (Information)

Presenters: MaryKate Ryan

- Mary Kate:
 - Final workshop for the public on January 5, Union Station, well-attended but then we had a new packet of info, different/new station options, told ST staff to study Shallow options (4th) and other options suggested by the community; what they came up with was an improved 4th Ave station (improvements weren't really shared); they were able to shave one year off the 4th Ave option; close Icon building for two periods of two months (much shorter closure) and would mean temporarily displacement rather than permanent displacement; driveway access is off of 4th which is why they have to close it down, driveway access for safety is necessary;
 - New North option: station would be located near the King County Administration building which is currently vacant and then that station would tie in underground for existing PS option, if that option were chosen the midtown station for ST3 would be eliminated.
 - New South option: station would land just south of Uwajimaya near INScape Arts; in that configuration the midtown station would be built as planned and a new station near 6th and south of Dearborn
 - Upcoming ST Meetings: System expansion committee in short form at Board Meeting; long form on February 9; long form to full board on February 23; additional discussion at March system expansion meeting; March 23 will be voted on; What we understand the progression to be at this time;
 - HSD still believes the 4th Ave option is the best option as a whole; it's the only station that provides improvements to the area where King Street and Union Station are; only one that functions as it did when we voted on it (connection to station that exists at 5th and king – access to all of the lines that exist); though it will not provide access to airport any longer. Still looking at how people will access the station (walking) -- what's the connectivity between a station that's south of the INS Building and bus routes?
- Kathleen: Alliance for PS, position is that the proposed new station (north) is not going to improve service to PS but 4th Ave would improve access to PS. Strongly believe that ST Board needs to identify preferred alternative; need to continue to refine; other alternatives to north and south alternatives – untested, raw so they could run into real problems but nothing about making 4th the preferred alternative; still need to study more put the weight in it that they think we need; eliminating midtown station was part of the vote – a lot of people would have objection to that; not sure how feasible with the alternatives; 4th best connectivity and service for the next 100 years
- MaryKate: if we choose not to move forward with declaring 4th a preferred alternative, it allows them to do more engineering work without a preferred alternative; doesn't mean they can't do the environmental work on the other station alternatives; that work needs to be done before either of those three can be chosen as a preferred alternative

- Kathleen: at some point, a 4th Ave shallower option (at some point) would have pushed the further north, rather than the refined version, we're talking about the version that was in the DEIS, decrease the amount of surface impacts
- See HSD Instagram post from 1/18 for map
 - SoDO station near Big Johns CFI
 - PS east of PS by King County Administration Building
- Jessica: is there Community alignment or feedback on these options? MaryKate: So far, people are still asking really good questions. That's more important that everyone being on same page. Some people are on no build in CID; so some of those people are pretty satisfied that moved the construction outside of the CID which is a valid point of view; a lot of the groups/orgs who are trying to look at the services transit is bringing to the people they serve seem to understand that there are still a lot of outstanding questions with the north/south options. Can't answer questions about how their residents or clients would be served by this. ICHS raised concerns about station south of Dearborn wouldn't serve anyone who comes to ICHS because it doesn't connect to any bus lines down there. There are more people who see benefits that have been shared to the north of CID station but the south CID station feel that that's just one that's not being used for anything so why don't we throw a station down there. Still concerned who would walk down there to get on a train. Alleviate construction pressures but not sure how it will serve in the long term
- Kathleen: The airport connection is a big loss. South of CID station, there is a plan for higher-end development to be built in that area, community has an extensive amount of input for what happens at that site. Efforts to determine equitable TOD. Unlikely that the developer will do any equitable TOD. ST is saying it's possible but it's not grounded in a lot of reality.
- Aleska: any decision that's going to be made, it's going to be disruptive. Leaning toward the lesser evil, the least chaotic, the route that will avoid if at all possible, impacting historically and systemically marginalized groups, particularly smaller business (vs. Corporations vs people with power and wealth). This is not the first time this city has gone through a large transportation issue, would like to think about how we adapt to something that we don't see the benefit now but that we could see as a silver lining and how we can adapt successfully. Bus routes that don't exist now – more adaptive than a train.
- Jennifer: Othello light rail, learn from that experience; certainly, needs to support the community during the transition process
- MayKate: Have been meeting with community groups for the past six months; early discussions around mitigation; regardless of what construction option is chosen, will we be prepared to have discussions on what is needed to mitigate impacts; discussions won't happen with north option, to directly mitigate; other two station options, there would be a need for mitigation and trying to line people up to have those conversations when it comes to it.
- Kathleen: mitigation conversation, mitigation is not just payout funding, it starts with the decision on where to start it with least amount of impact, then design itself and how to build in elements to minimize impact; when you cannot limit impacts, that's when you start talking about benefits package (last step); HSD working on first and second step right now to minimize third step

Additional Station Alternatives: <https://oohwsblink.blob.core.windows.net/media/Default/pdfs/AE%200036-17%20CID%20Further%20Studies%20Workshop%204%20Meeting%20Materials%20EngTChn.pdf>

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (Information)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Session Update*
- *Arts Grant Update*
- *Other Updates*

- Session Update:
 - Bill 1510: Big focus, filed as an official bill. Impact fee on the stadiums (describe them by the number of seats and don't include stadium names); a lot more conversation with stakeholders; there will be a committee hearing (Orlando is working in Olympia for session and will alert us when that's scheduled); need people to speak and send in written comments; Kathleen will come up with talking points for people who are going to be writing letters (all done virtually). Will also be reaching out to HSD supporters.
 - Pier 48 funding: \$800,000 ask. Have heard there will be limited additional request for transportation budget hoping that this is a priority for the ferries (to electrify the area) that the state will make sure that the community is involved.
 - These are the two big funding opportunities (need for organization development during board retreat) A lot of work left to do and will be asking for support
 - Suggestion to have a legislative day; Orlando doesn't think there's time for the House side of things; possible we might do something when the vote goes over to the Senate (will come later when we get through the House)

- Arts Grant Update
 - Going to drop the grant on Monday, getting the website ready
 - HSD received payment for the first deliverable through the city
 - Awarding \$85,000 in grant funding, received \$41,000 so far
 - When the grant launches on Monday, would appreciate everyone taking a look and sending out to anyone who would be interested in funding an event
 - Will also send out to elected officials and everyone who has already applied in the past and mailing list

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (Information)

Presenters: All

- *Gong hei fat choi!*

- Jessica: Lunar New Year Event at the Wing Luke Museum this Saturday 1/28, 10am lion dance and program outdoors; 11am-5pm indoor LNY fair

ADJOURN (Action)

Meeting adjourned by Dana Phelan at 6:32pm.

ZOOM COMMENTS

17:11:13 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

For fox with vision issues - you can ZOOM in under the "View Options" Tab on the top center screen of the Zoom app on a desktop computer.

17:11:20 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

folx*

17:11:25 From Betty Lau to Everyone:

Sorry, link difficulties, couldn't join meeting but did I miss public comment? And thanks MaryKate for sending a working link to me.

17:12:02 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

I will email it out to everyone.

17:21:49 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

<https://www.seattle.gov/opcd/one-seattle-plan>

17:33:12 From Betty Lau to Everyone:

KC shelters are required to have a good neighbor agreement, which is long overdue for the current former Megaplex.

17:38:52 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

AND also have a social event in nice weather. We've toyed with having joint board meetings with other organizations in the past.

17:47:49 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

The 101

17:47:59 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "The 101" with 

17:48:19 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

It's on Jackson & 1st

17:48:26 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

SE Corner

17:48:30 From Tuyen Than (she/her), CID Resident to Everyone:

Nuria's rooftop

17:48:46 From Jenn Tam to Everyone:

Senor Carbon is so good...but probably not virtual meeting friendly

17:49:06 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

210 Seattle

17:49:18 From Tuyen Than (she/her), CID Resident to Everyone:

Julie Pham from Curiositybased as potential moderator

17:49:35 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

Norma Timbang as Facilitator for consideration

17:50:20 From Dana Phelan (she/her), 4Culture to Everyone:

Echo Norma Timbang - did some excellent training and facilitation for 4Culture.

17:50:39 From Derek Phone to Everyone:

Norma is great!

17:50:53 From Derek Phone to Everyone:

Great teacher too!

17:51:03 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her) to Everyone:

I can email you notes Kathleen too!

17:51:11 From Nuria Hansen to Everyone:

Maybe citizen university?

17:51:32 From Nuria Hansen to Everyone:

<https://citizenuniversity.us/programs/>

17:56:25 From Jessa Timmer to Everyone:

brb... going to kiss Nino goodnight

17:56:56 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "brb... going to kiss..." with 

18:00:25 From Dana Phelan (she/her), 4Culture to Everyone:

Link to workshop materials with additional station alternatives:

<https://oohwsblink.blob.core.windows.net/media/Default/pdfs/AE%200036->

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18:15:25 From Betty Lau to Everyone:

ST is also not forthcoming about releasing full information for people to make informed decisions.

18:17:19 From Betty Lau to Everyone:

At the Cantonese speaking meeting, ST steered residents to N of CID option.

18:22:15 From Tuyen Than (she/her), CID Resident to Everyone:

<https://nbmnorthwest.com/maps/>

18:26:47 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

Here are the options, laid out by ST at the last workshop:

<https://oohwsblink.blob.core.windows.net/media/Default/pdfs/AE%200036-17%20CID%20Further%20Studies%20Workshop%204%20Meeting%20Materials%20EngTChn.pdf>

18:27:58 From Tuyen Than (she/her), CID Resident to Everyone:

Oops sorry old DEIS project tool link

18:31:25 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

I've been sharing it out as well!

18:32:36 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

IN PERSON! Congrats!

18:32:50 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

<https://www.wingluke.org/Iny>

18:32:51 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR OF THE CAT & RABBIT!

18:32:55 From Diane Le (she/her) HSD Board, Phnom Penh Noodle House to Everyone:

<https://www.seattlechinatownid.com/experiences/lunar-new-year>