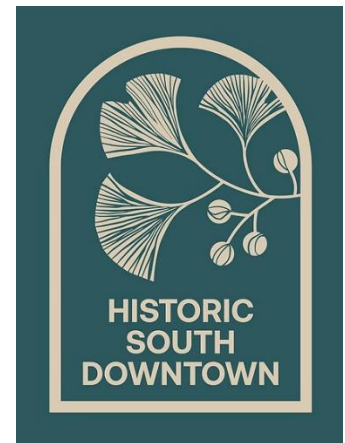


Historic South Downtown Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Present: Nuria Hansen, Shava Lawson, Diane Le, Derek Lum,
Aleksa Manila, Quynh Pham, Dana Phelan, Stephanie Pure,
Jessica Rubenacker, Jennifer Tam

Staff: Kathleen Barry Johnson, MaryKate Ryan, Ellen Ta, James King Jr.



Public:

Tom Van Bronkorst, Strategic Advisor, Encampments & Special Teams/Clean City

Chris Woodward, Alliance for Pioneer Square

Lessa Kunke

Betty Lau

Dee Eng

Gary Lee

Anne Martens, KCRHA

Tanya

CALL TO ORDER (Action)

Dana Phelan called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Public comment

Betty Lau, ST: even though we're on a pause Transit equity for all still diligently working with ST. HSD's efforts with Transit Tuesdays has been really helpful. Mitigation Workshops also informative and helpful. Brian Chow, co-founder, has sent out to the email list to help make sure that that assistance continues.

CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

Presenter: Dana Phalen

- *Meeting Minutes (September 2022)*
- *Treasurer's Reports (September 2022)*

Motion by Shava Lawson to approve the consent agenda. Second from Jennifer Tam. Approved by all. Motion passes.

Public Safety Discussion (Information)

Presenters: Tom Van Bronkorst, Strategic Advisor, Encampments & Special Teams/Clean City with City of Seattle

- *What is the current emphasis period (elements, timeline)?*
- *What should we expect to see?*

- *What about Pioneer Square?*
- *Activation of housing Command Center*
- *Response to Emergent Situations Initiative, City of Seattle, Seattle Parks and Recreation*
- Expanded shelter at SoDO, community was able to articulate challenges of public safety impacts. Community continues to engage in this discussion.

Tom Van Bronkorst:

- Works for Parks Dept, Unified Care Team in the Mayor's Office working on homelessness response overall. Asked to do some outreach re: CID over the next few weeks (from City) in response to uptick in crime and concerns about uptick in other issues, not just the shelter, increased crime generally.
- Focusing on four areas: crime, resolving encampments, improving cleanliness by increasing debris and graffiti removal, and work around crime prevention and working to increase awareness with partners. Don't have results back yet.
- Part of this effort is to see what an 8-week push (which started in early October) can mean to a community, if there are significant impacts. See if City can continue to other communities. Would love to come back with more info with what has occurred and help fill in the gaps. SPD has done some emphasis patrols including 10-15 additional business check-ins a week. Crime prevention recs specific to Little Saigon community. Will be reporting on that at the November Public Safety Meeting. Also been some work on other things in planning phases. Lighting review studies
- Things that have occurred; things in the works; things for the future
- Hope to present what is in progress and what is on the calendar for the next few quarters. Community hold them accountable

Anne Martens, KCRHA

- Overview of partnership for Zero work: strongly supported by the City. Also supported by Lived Experience. Public/private. HUD helped them set up a command center, applying disaster/crisis response to homelessness. Purpose of housing command center to bring people together with real decision-making authority to streamline process of getting people housed. Little things like getting an ID or SS# is difficult after coming out of homelessness. A lot of barriers to work through and housing command center helps break down those barriers.
- Systems advocate team, 25 people with lived experience of houselessness doing street outreach who understand the barriers and trauma, can make those personal relationships and give a sense of hope. System advocates are out and about, focused on five encampments downtown. Resolution, adding people to list of names and things people need and details to help with case matching and service planning. System advocates match housing and streamline process to get people in the door. YWCA partners to provide basics for living environment (bed, kitchen tools). Systems advocates stay with people for a year to provide coaching, help with budgeting, what they need to adapt to being housed and help people navigate social services systems. Peer navigation model, proven best practice. A focused effort rather than spreading resources thinly. Bringing resources to DT and CID in a focused effort to resolve this geography first, as they learn how to do this swiftly/streamline, will scale this out to other neighborhoods in Seattle/County.
- (Nura) Finding enough housing? *Currently housing about 6000 households a year, 310 available housing units, going to put out a call to action to private landlords to drum up additional units, still enough available. Is there enough housing for everyone who is homeless? No, there is a housing gap. Working with*

dept of commerce with some modeling to see what it would take to fill that gap. Should have numbers by the end of the year.

Q&A:

- (Quynh) Touched on any folks in the CID? Keep hearing DT is a priority but definitely needs in CID: *CID is within the partnership for Zero area. Systems advocates have been in the CID. Part of the project.*
- Tom, can you talk about the specific encampments in CID that might be addressed in short term? *Not giving out encampment info for safety of outreach teams and residents, working on 5 major encampments now and working with City. But for now, not publicizing locations for safety reasons*
- (Quynh) For folks not seeking shelter, are you also connecting folks to services? *I don't know anyone not seeking housing. It does come with service connections to have a deep understanding for people's needs and what housing would be appropriate.*
- (Jenn) What percentage of folks are housing ready? Different stages of housing, i.e., detox then shelter? For PS and CID? *Generally, the distribution is a bell curve, 20% have extreme needs mental health/substance, 20% on the other end average person, majority of people land in the middle. Approach is housing first approach, evidence based best practice. Premise is that it provides stability and safety before addressing other issues.*
- (Kathleen) Question around shifting people: *goal is to stop shifting folks around. Trying to get to function zero, where people who are homeless have some place to go, inside. Will send out regular updates as we continue to get people housed.*
- (Kathleen) What about treatment and services? *Forcing people into treatment has a long history with issues. Behavioral health system sits with KC, not sure what the rules are around forcibly committing someone. Purview of the police department for crisis response. Those responses not within purview of Homelessness Authority. From Tom, if you are in a situation with someone having a mental health crisis and want to be supportive, calling 911 that this might be a mental health issue and request HealthOne (fire department unit, with nurse and social worker on call). Hopefully be able to send folks out.*
- (Aleksa) Instead of calling 911, what I tell folks to call 211, then that way it alleviates calls and doesn't alert police or authorities. Would suggest and encourage 211. From Tom, there's also a guidebook that is being updated now with info on who to call.
- (Kathleen) How would other community groups seek this kind of connection with services in the area? *(Tom) happy to put info in the chat re: what city is doing. Anne will also share email. A lot of convos with community groups – happy to talk. Recommend going through the supervisory structure to get in touch with outreach workers.*

WSBLE UPDATE (Information)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson and MaryKate Ryan

- *October 13 Open House*
- *Next ST Workshop in November*
- *Mitigation Workshops*
- Open House was well-attended, asking what other locations community wants, next event on November 2. Mitigation workshops, people are responding to that and finding it helpful. A lot of people have reached out.

PIER 48 (Information)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Meeting with Rep. Fitzgibbon*
- *Meeting with Muckleshoot*
- *Potential to add Tribal Board Seat*
- *Request for Study Funding (discuss and vote in December)*

- Met with Rep Fitzgibbons in early October online convening. People from Friends of Waterfront, Suquamish and Muckleshoot tribes, WSDOT Ferries and the Port. Interesting convening because people are updating each other on what's going on. Lack of urgency. Not necessarily will be a water taxi terminal, want to have public process with input. Community-based determination on ultimate uses.
- Last Friday, Kathleen met with a representative from the Muckleshoot tribe. Short meeting to discuss we're pursuing it. Ownership model by tribe would be supported. Want to make sure we're sincere about that and keep working with them. Shaun Daniels said that his uncle John Daniels (on tribal council) is interested in joining our board. How will we incorporate that request? Talking to Rep Santos on how we do that. More to come.
- Request \$750,000 at state session in January to have the study materials already been done updated to convene a task force that will look at an ownership model and have the task force come to an agreement and outline of priority uses and make some foundational decisions on how we move forward. Membership of that task force isn't set but would be PS, HSD, tribes, Friends of the Waterfront, WLM, Port and Ferries and open to other suggestions.
- Water taxi terminal interest from Des Moines and County
- Connection to tribes? Shellfishing site, kicked out the indigenous tribes. Area of lands out of ballasts, Ballast Island, is somewhere under the parking lot. Last foothold in Seattle was. Also working with office of waterfront to bring back a presence to a parcel of land a little farther north. Working with Suquamish and Muckleshoot and also open to Duwamish to participate but would ask the tribes to work this out.
- (Shava) Are you aware of the new council put together through the Department of Neighborhoods: Indigenous Advisory Council? Members of many different groups are on this council and there is a paid staffer @ DON who is coordinating this group. This might be a good group to discuss this with. Shava has contact for those situations that require tribal reps coming together.
- Will ask at December to approve funding
- (Jennifer) Depending on what HSD ultimate involvement will be, would there be immediate cost burdens for paying into the waterfront improvement district? And future development of the waterfront and how does that coincide with Pier 48? Could be interesting to have a joint development with tribe. Should Cultural Space Agency PDA be involved? Condition is bad, mitigation banking site. Get to build something in the environment and then mitigation bank would be funded. It's because it's in such bad shape.
- Write up would be helpful, one-pager, funding request – Kathleen will send out expanded one-pager out

APPLICATION AS A SUB-CONTRACTOR FOR CITY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS & CULTURE

ACTIVATION GRANTS (Action)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Vote to ratify electronic vote to submit application as a sub-contractor for City Department of Arts & Culture Activation grants*

- Information about HSD submitting proposal to be a recipient of funds to be sub-granted for cultural activations. Upon review, took an electronic vote but need to ratify at this meeting. Reviewing application now and will release results in November.

Motion by Aleksa Manila to ratify vote to move forward with application for Department of Arts & Culture. Second by Derek Lum. Approved by all. Motion passes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT (Information)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson

Emerging Issues*

- *OPMA Training*
 - *World Cup Planning*
 - *Eng Homestead Tour*
 - *SCIDpda North Lot Closing*
 - *Mixer update*
- OMPA training coming up tomorrow (Wednesday) 10/26 night
 - World Cup planning for June and July 2026, they will come share at our meetings moving forward
 - Eng Homestead Tour, excited to see Wing Luke Museum expanding
 - SCIDpda North Lot: now closed. Celebrated last night
 - Mixer Update: HSD Delivers! Kathleen included more info about opportunities to help. Tuyen will provide sound, DJ from Totem Star, including grantees at every move as possible. Going to be great,
 - Waterproof paper for the posters that folks can scan to get to registration page and distribution plan. Ask: anyone who can join to put up posters around PS and CID, 5pm, WED 11/2

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (Information)

Presenters: All

- Stephanie: Downtown transit tunnel is being turned over from KC Metro to Sound Transit.
- Jessica: CID Santa, SAT 12/3, 12-3pm
- Kathleen: next meeting December 7, 6pm, Lessa would be approved at December meeting along with reelected board members

ADJOURN (Action)

Meeting adjourned by Dana Phelan at 6:26pm.

ZOOM COMMENTS

17:16:10 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

Welcome Anne. Tom is presenting on behalf of the Mayor's Office and Parks, and we'd love for you to join as he wraps up.

17:16:43 From Anne Martens, KCRHA (she/her) to Everyone:

Hi, apologies for being late!

17:27:56 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

Hello all, if non-board members have questions for our guests, please send it through the chat to me, and we will see that it is answered.

17:36:45 From tanya to Everyone:

Health one is available business hours and it's 1 unit

17:37:22 From tanya to Everyone:

211 doesn't come out

17:37:37 From tanya to Everyone:

They will advise

17:38:25 From tanya to Everyone:

Health one has a social worker as well

17:42:21 From Tom Van Bronkhorst (Parks) to Everyone:

Tom Van Bronkhorst, Unified Care Team (UCT), City of Seattle; 206-475-4247; tom.vanbronkhorst@seattle.gov

17:42:50 From Anne Martens, KCRHA (she/her) to Everyone:

Anne Martens, Regional Homelessness Authority, anne.martens@kcrha.org

17:44:32 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

Thank you Tom and Anne.

17:59:34 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

Are you aware of the new council put together through the Department of Neighborhoods: Indigenous Advisory Council? Members of many different groups are on this council and there is a paid staffer @ DON who is coordinating this group. This might be a good group to discuss this with.

18:02:49 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

I'd be interested in that as well! Please share info, if you can

18:04:14 From Dana Phelan (she/her), 4Culture to Everyone:

Also a major public project with implications for both neighborhoods!

18:18:01 From Dana Phelan (she/her), 4Culture to Everyone:

I do have a staple gun. :)

18:18:11 From email@aleksmartin.com (She/They) to Everyone:

i have a staple gun!

18:22:02 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her) to Everyone:

can you repeat that Stephanie? I was having a hard time hearing

18:22:29 From Dana Phelan (she/her), 4Culture to Everyone:

Downtown transit tunnel is being turned over from KC MEtro to Sound Transit.

18:23:01 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her) to Everyone:

Thanks!

18:26:11 From Chris (he/him) - Alliance for Pioneer Square to Everyone:

Thank you!