

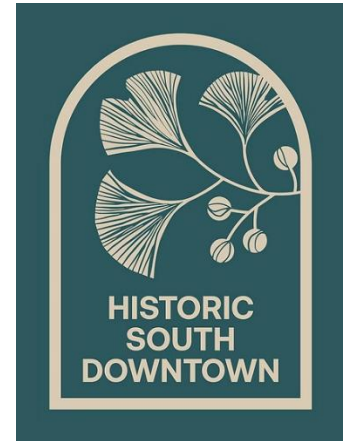
Historic South Downtown Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Present: Nuria Hansen, Diane Le, Derek Lum, Aleksa Manila,
Quynh Pham, Dana Phelan, Stephanie Pure, Jessica Rubenacker,
Jennifer Tam, Tuyen Than, Jessa Timmer

Staff: Kathleen Barry Johnson, MaryKate Ryan

Public:
Betty Lau

Presenters:
Barbara Miller
Anne Williamson
Denise Diskin
Megan Mayes
Elaine Ishihara
Susan Yang
Jama'l Myers



CALL TO ORDER (Action)

Dana Phelan called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

Public comment

Betty Lau: Thankful for work that went into helping public understand sound transit impacts. Newsletters were very helpful in clarifying information and informing people. They were widely shared and community members are grateful for that. Hoping it continues in the future to understand impacts as the roll out continues.

CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

Presenter: Dana Phalen

- *Finance Reports (April 2022)*
- *Meeting Minutes (April 2022 and Special Meeting April 14, 2022)*

Motion by Jessa to approve the consent agenda. Second from Quynh. Approved by all. Motion passes.

COMMUNITY UPDATE: CID Vision Group (Information)

Presenter: Susan Yang

- Susan Yang ED at Denise Louie Educational Center and Elaine Ishihara, staffing API Coalition advocating for health and long-time CID volunteer

- Susan: Create an updated CID Neighborhood Plan (last one was submitted to the City of Seattle on June 15, 1998)
- Elaine: CID Vision Group: most people in this space are familiar but a diverse group of activism and community organizing; residents, businesses, impacted by things out of our control; brought them together in the first place; a list of 64 projects impacting the CID; always find out about things after the fact; InterIm was the org that as involved with the last plan in 1998. When you look at the priority areas, things we have been addressing for decades. Here to support the next generation of leaders
- Susan: Completed Phase 2 in April 2022; first year focused on community interviews; created race and equity toolkit to figure out how to work as a group; Phase 2: working on executive summary and came up with a vision statement (see screen shot); Community strengths: history of successful community activism, attraction of new businesses, mutual support during pandemic, intergenerational collaboration, breadth and diversity of groups; Top concerns: public safety, maintaining cultural identity of CID, centering experiences of CID residents and businesses; Priority Areas: business and economic strength; neighborhood character; culture and history, house, transportation and mobility, public spaces and community dynamics.
- Susan: Phase 3: find consultant/agencies to continue work; establish action plan and timelines for priority areas; figure out how much investment we need in the community; hoping for more in-person engagement and input for plan
- Link to plan: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jBiV7man0pw-VgIVlg9dzlSBv9fQMBTT/view?usp=sharing>

GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE (Information)

Downtown Emergency Services Center

QLaw

*Status of Contracting & Payments**

Downtown Emergency Services Center – Grant Recipient Presentation

Presenters: Barbara Miller, foundations relations and grant writer; Megan Mayes, director of development; Anne Williamson, community engagement manager; Jama'I Myers, programs supervisor

- Megan: large org across Seattle and Burien, 25 locations, 800 employees, serve more than 6000 (?) people every year; a lot of different programs; every program exists to serve vulnerable populations who have experienced long periods of homelessness, mental illness, substance disorder, medical complexities; cycled through different programs for people experiencing homelessness or substance abuse; there is a huge number of people experiencing homelessness for various reasons, DESC serves subset of people experiencing homelessness for longest period of time; people who fall through the cracks in the social safety net system and design programs to meet the needs of that group of people; emergency housing and shelter throughout Seattle; around 300 shelter beds/emergency housing in hotels; also offer licensed mental health and substance use disorder services; employment services and crisis solutions center; clients have trouble getting needs met in other kinds of care systems; of 1400 people in support systems; three support housing buildings in these neighborhoods house about 300 formerly homeless people
- Jama'I: Focusing on Pioner Sqaure, multitude of programs going on mental health to life skills, serve over 500 meals a week; client/street engagement program – west side of 3rd Ave between Yesler and Cherry; and 200 block of James St.; many people share this space; activities on 3rd and James: monitoring street activity; building trust/relationships with DESC clients; responding quickly to escalating situation before comes crisis; assist tourists in navigating to and from transit tunnel; meet regularly with neighborhood's

first responders and other community leaders; low barriers – don't try to eliminate anyone, income or past evictions doesn't matter, trying to house as many people as possible, that everyone has equitable housing

- Megan: almost impossible for someone to make meaningful progress on their challenging issues when they don't have a home at night; that's why they're focusing on providing access to housing
- What is success? Some days just having a client having a meal is a success; other days, moving someone from temporary housing to permanent; someone who is able to take a substance abuse class; failures only come when we don't try, constantly trying every single day; engage as many people as possible; rely on each other
- Aleksa: gratitude for the work they all do; has DESC been involved or thinking about ways to support clients during the many years of expansion with Sound Transit. Having talked a lot about these impacts. Bus stop in front of Morrison Building, site of many worlds colliding there (at the Court House), a lot more time spent related to 3rd Ave Transportation specifically over ST expansion. DESC has been pretty reactive (Covid, racism, homelessness), haven't thought that far ahead. Great question they will bring back to leadership at DESC.
- Grateful for work and their approach
- Figuring out how to marry healthcare and housing
- Barbara's email address: Barbara Miller, bmiller@desc.org

QLaw – Grant Recipient Presentation

Presenter: Denise Diskin, Community Engagement

- Email: denise@qlawfoundation.org; www.qlawfoundation.org; @Qlawfoundation
- Funding for their project: Unhoused LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit Communities: A Spotlight on Pioneer Square
- Project was to create community resources for LGBTQ folks navigating shelters
- QLaw, office is in Pioneer Square at First and Yesler, promotes dignity and respect of LGBTQ+ Washingtonians
- LGBTQ+: 5.2% of overall population in WA; 29% POC; 28% raising children; 57% under age 35 (28% general population); 25% food insecure (12% general population); 22% income <\$24k (15% general population); serving all of WA state, used to be focused on Seattle only; still building relationships in other parts of the state
- More likely to be houseless and increased DV survivors; marginally housed; also
- Housing clinics since 2009, downtown and Capitol Hill; always in community hubs with people already providing services, switched to phone based clinic in 2020 due to the pandemic; what they have seen in clinics over the last decade, increase in houselessness and significant issues accessing shelters in Seattle; often shelters are super over stretched, also means a lot of services are religious providers and specifically not LGBTQ+ inclusive in some situations; communities aren't always experiencing treatment they deserve; reach folks struggling with access to shelter and build relationships; highest percentage of non-binary population in King County, not able to access shelters because they're often split by gender binary; (29:00)
- Almost 75% of clients based in Seattle of those in King County
- For this project: focusing on legal rights guide for unsheltered LGBTQ+ navigating shelters in WA state
 - Intensive around community outreach; relationship based with other community orgs
 - Also came up with two easy to take postcards (also in Spanish and looking to expand to other languages); practical; how to solve problem without feeling like you need to go to a lawyer; also focuses on knowing rights for medical records and emergency contacts

- Best practices: believe; don't assume name/pronoun on file are correct; do affirmative outreach to LGBTQ+ community groups or community leaders. Integrate transphobia and homophobia into your anti-racism work, assume that engaging in transphobia and homophobia is racist (intersectionality); check your systems – when do you ask for demographic info? Are all of your staff and volunteers trained on how to gather necessary information with care and respect?

Status of Contracting and Payments

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- See status from Kathleen's email showing status on where we're at in paying out Round 4; need to be spent by November 2022

WSBLE UPDATES (Information)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson, MaryKate Ryan

- HSD comment letter was submitted last month as well as others from the neighborhoods; applaud making the letters public and that it's not just one agency, it's the entire neighborhood pointing out issues with the 5th Ave alignment
- ST board will look at DEIS comment period, starting already; final ST board meeting will be in later July (System expansion committee meeting July 14, 2022)
- Feel strongly to get youth involved
- Wing Luke Museum YouthCAN (youth program) is working on this youth-driven advocacy
- Seattle University grad program in community development and non-profit work; tour of the area to be impacted last week; very eager to understand what the issues are; putting together plan to engage youth, primarily high school age
- ST board members that are not from Seattle/Central King County have said supportive things, would be great to do outreach to their constituents to say "here are your constituents who feel connected to the CID and want to make sure you care about this as well"
- Will be talking about mitigation with consultants soon, so that people in the neighborhood know what that means, legally entitled money

INTRODUCTION OF DRAFT FY2023 BUDGET (Information)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson, Dana Phelan

Budget approval process

Performance Reviews

Retreat

Budget approval process

- Draft budget: orienting board around
- Draft budget in May (after working with Finance Committee)
- Will have until next board meeting to dig in (Kathleen sent out draft already)
- Next month, Kathleen will ask board to approve; will be asking on timing for \$500,000 funding from State; then next year another \$1M

Performance Reviews

- Dana will send out performance review for Kathleen shortly, want to make sure we do that in a timely way to make sure salary adjustments happen when we approve new budget for next Fiscal Year

Retreat

- Coming up on June 4

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (Information)

Presenters: All

State of the Neighborhoods

Retreat Reminder – June 4th

Other announcements

- Aleksa: Please join us for Pride ASIA Fest | Sunday, May 29 Noon to 4PM | Hing Hay Park, Seattle Chinatown / International District | FREE & ALL AGES | www.prideasia.org | @prideasiaorg
- Dana: 4Culture gallery is back up and running, First Thursdays again
- FLS: advocacy and funding around affordable commercial space, land acquisition; Congressman Smith and other funders, 11 projects listed for support, potentially \$4M if made a finalist

APPROVING JENNIFER TAM'S APPOINTMENT

Need 2/3 vote to approve

Appointment for vacant seat – Government/City of Seattle Pioneer Square position replacing Ken Takahashi

To serve the remainder of the term

Motion to appoint Jennifer Tam to fill the City representative seat for the HSD or the City position by Dana (?). Quynh seconded. Approved by all. Motion passes.

ADJOURN (Action)

Meeting adjourned by Dana Phelan at 6:32pm.

ZOOM COMMENTS

17:06:05 From Megan Mayes, she/her to Everyone:

Another member of the DESC team, Jama'I Myers, is waiting in the waiting room, could someone please let him in? thanks!

17:06:42 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

I am not seeing him -- Kathleen, do you?

17:09:59 From Diane Le (she/her) HSD to Everyone:

welcome Jenn! So good to see you.

17:11:56 From Jenn Tam - City of Seattle to Everyone:

Thank you! Good to see you too Diane!

17:13:10 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/THey) to Everyone:

WE LOVE ELAINE!!!!

17:21:24 From Susan Yang She/Her to Everyone:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jBiV7man0pw-VgIVlg9dzISBv9fQMBTT/view?usp=sharing>

17:45:36 From Megan Mayes, she/her to Everyone:

Thank you for giving us this chance to talk with you all and for your financial support!

17:45:49 From Denise Diskin (she/her) to Everyone:

denise@qlawfoundation.org

17:47:30 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

I was going to ask you about the dump truck!

18:11:46 From Betty Lau to Everyone:

June 9 is the next Systems Expansion Meeting.

18:13:09 From Betty Lau to Everyone:

Westside School and Country Day School students have mounted campaigns.

18:16:23 From Betty Lau to Everyone:

July 14 Systems Expansion meets to confirm, modify alternatives; July 28 ST board confirms or modifies alternatives; Mayor's office working on draft resolution to send to Transportation Committee to discuss/amend and send to full council for a vote: no dates given yet

18:21:57 From Betty Lau to Everyone:

TEA has been meeting with Seattle City Council members & ST board members; we will continue and when done will re-meet.

18:23:24 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/THey) to Everyone:

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18:25:02 From Nuria Hansen to Everyone:

awesome

18:25:14 From Derek Lum to Everyone:

sounds great! I will come!

18:25:26 From Diane Le (she/her) HSD to Everyone:

my boys will be performing at Pride ASIA Fest with their Lion Dance/Kung-Fu group

18:25:36 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/THey) to Everyone:

YAY!

18:25:41 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

Do you want to get on stage and talk about HSD Derek? :)

18:27:24 From Betty Lau to Everyone:

Thank you all for your hard work in the neighborhoods!