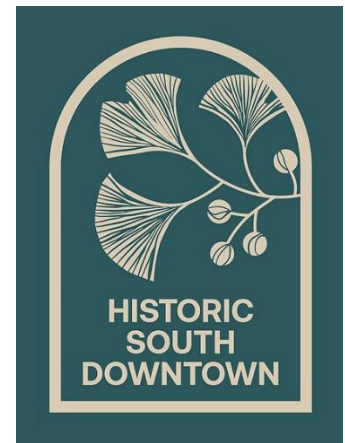


Historic South Downtown Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, April 24, 2023

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



Staff: Kathleen Barry Johnson, MaryKate Ryan, Ellen Ta

Public:
Chetanya Robinson

CALL TO ORDER (Action)

Dana Phelan called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

Public Comment:
None

CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

Presenter: Dana Phalen

- *Meeting Minutes (March 2023)*
- *Treasurer's Reports (March 2023)*
- *Note on Balance Sheet Receivables*
- *Material on Reading Financials*

Motion to remove the Treasurer's Report from March from the Consent Agenda by Shava Lawson. Seconded by Jessa Timmer. Approved by all. Motion passes.

Motion by Jessica Rubenacker to approve the consent agenda. Second from Leesa Kunke. Approved by all. Motion passes.

RETREAT PLANNING (Information)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Lumen Field*
- *RSVPs for meal planning*
- *Facilitation*
- *Strategic Plan Update*

- Location: Lumen Field (donated access to suites when no games in session); using their caterer.
- Catering: Will need to confirm in-person RSVPs for meal count
- Facilitator: Norma Timbang, currently working with Norma to confirm retreat format/agenda
- Reviewed Strategic Plan updates (see Strategic Plan Update document); updating/reviewing will be part of the discussion at the retreat; self-determination is still a key aspect. Kathleen will send a link to the document and board members can add comments ahead of the retreat.

From Jennifer: Expectations from the community regarding grants and grant making given the funding and where it's at (not a lot can be done); community members who have been funded in the past have contacted Kathleen (unrestricted funding) and Kathleen shared the issues (needs to follow up with an update); "when are you going to do another grant round" is a common question.

Could consider sponsorships for operating costs.

External relations regarding the funding? Should we make a larger post regarding our change in funding/granting. Could talk about this at the retreat

FIRST BUDGET PRESENTATION (Information)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Update on Current Allocation*
- *Update on Future Funding*
- *Budget Review Schedule*
- *Key Issues*
- Need to pass budget by end of June; tonight, is an intro
- Current allocation \$1.485,000, runs out at end of June (fiscal year end), stated for operations. About a month ago we received word from the Department of Commerce that we can't use that remaining \$485,000 in the budget for grant making (only operations). HSD was supposed to distribute another grantmaking round for \$500,000 but cannot. Trying to figure out what to spend that money on. Ways to spend down money: hiring an economist; transportation study; swag; joining the PERS board (pension) -- Kathleen is still getting information; communications on a contract basis to do social media;
- Trying to get the contract language changed so that we can use funding for grantmaking
- Mike Vong was just appointed to lead the agency (ties to CID) – future funding might be easier to get it moved because of Mike (onboards in May)
- We only have two months to spend this; a challenging position since grant making is our mission
- Kathleen will hopefully be able to present the PERS info to the Finance Department; expense that would cover back payments – curious about what that does from an expense accrual;
- Does the pension require ongoing funding to support this? In other words, if it's funded this year, what ongoing funds would be needed and can HSD sustain that? for the next two years it would be about \$25,000, we would need on-going and sustainable funding to support. We do have funding for the next two years from the State that would hopefully sustain that. Kathleen confident that we would be able to. We would need to make sure to get some assurances that we could cover the back payments from the State are reimbursable (outside of this fiscal year). At the very least they'd allow the last two years since that would cover the contract.
- Move this to Finance Committee

WSBLE ADVOCACY (Information)

Presenters: MaryKate Ryan; Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Understanding Mitigation*
- *Board Discussion*

- Looking at two sessions with community members to help rebuild community cohesion, no matter station preference. We are all dedicated to making sure both neighborhoods receive the best allocations possible.
- Mitigation process:
 - Avoiding the impact altogether by not taking a certain action or parts of an action.
 - Minimizing impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation.
 - Rectifying the impact by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected environment.
 - Reducing or eliminating the impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations during the life of the action.
 - Compensating for the impact by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments.

4th Ave Option

Example: Ventilation statement in front of Union Station: would destroy views coming down Jackson or 4th of the historic building (an adverse effect to a historic resource), 1) talked about then moving it to the side or back of the building or other side of 4th. 2) Could try to minimize it 3) one way to mitigate would be to invest in the building and make it more useable.

Example: ICON Building: would not be occupiable during construction, wouldn't be able to provide access; studied what they could do, build a single lane for access to the garage. Some displacement for two periods of two months each (instead of 4 years). Minimized adverse effect during study period. Usually, tenant relocation is part of a separate program. Tenant relocation is for businesses and residents – tenants have rights under Tenant Relocation Act – rights that they have that need to be enforced, not to be claimed as mitigation.

North Station

King County Administration Building: eligible for National Register (historic resource) they could mitigate that by doing research to make this site contribute back to the neighborhood that mitigates loss of a historic building.

Other examples: figuring out how to mitigate irreplaceable buildings in the neighborhood

Overall

Can we try to make sure ST and the City are making investments prior to the work that's going to happen that will help these communities around these stations help them withstand the shock of construction?

Challenge with N/S option is that it hasn't been fully studied to know what mitigation could look like.

What do we need to see these stations benefit South Downtown, what needs to happen to make this a workable neighborhood-based solution? Once we get the final EIS, things move fast.

North – street closures around 5th and James (would not close 4th)
South – closures along Seattle Blvd

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (Information)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- See Kathleen’s Director’s Report

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (Information)

Presenters: All

- Nuria is moving to Portland and leaving the board at the end of July. We will miss you!
- May 6 Urban Bird watching walk with Klondike Museum
- May 20 Spring Clean
- May 18 Board Retreat

ADJOURN (Action)

Meeting adjourned by Dana Phelan at 6:32pm.

ZOOM COMMENTS

17:06:10 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

FYI, I seem to be having internet issues. Sorry if I don't respond when you call on me.

17:08:10 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

Sorry, really bad internet connection. I might switch to my phone.

17:49:07 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

If the \$ not spent down this year is not spent, do you have to repay funds?

17:53:46 From Jenn Tam to Everyone:

If the money does not get spent down or used, does this set a potential precedent that HSD wouldn't need this level of funding in the future?

17:54:11 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

Can we have a huge party? Lol

17:57:39 From Jenn Tam to Everyone:

I had a question about the pension as well, does it require ongoing funding to support this? In other words, if it's funded this year, what ongoing funds would be needed and can HSD sustain that?

18:03:29 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

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18:03:37 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her), WLM to Everyone:

Thank you!!

18:10:57 From Jessa Timmer to Everyone:

I think it's kinda cool

18:11:04 From Nuria Hansen to Everyone:

same

18:11:30 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her), WLM to Everyone:

Me too!

18:15:03 From Jessa Timmer to Everyone:

Will be June 15th!

18:17:18 From Jenn Tam to Everyone:

Thank you!

18:17:30 From Jenn Tam to Everyone:

Really helpful to visually walk through this

18:29:12 From Jessa Timmer to Everyone:

We will miss you in PSQ!!!!!!

18:29:36 From Jessa Timmer to Everyone:

You can visit any time!

18:29:54 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her), WLM to Everyone:

We'll miss you, Nuria!

18:30:01 From Diane Le to Everyone:

Thank you for all of your contributions, NURIA! We will miss you

18:30:28 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

Come back and visit! Best of luck in PDX.

18:32:18 From Jessa Timmer to Everyone:

crying baby. gotta go. Thanks, all!