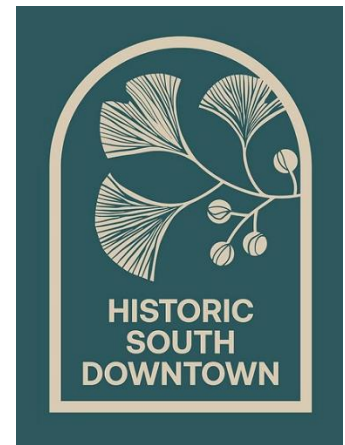


Historic South Downtown Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, December 7, 2022



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

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

Public:

Tom Van Bronkorst, Strategic Advisor, Encampments & Special Teams/Clean City
Beau Baughman, Seattle Parks & Recreation, Manager for Encampment Groups
Lessa Kunke (to be appointed as a board member)
John Andrews

CALL TO ORDER (Action)

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

Presenter: Dana Phalen

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

*Motion by Stephanie Pure to approve the consent agenda. Second from Jessica Rubenacker. Approved by all.
Motion passes.*

Public Safety Discussion (Information)

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

- Update on CID initiative, last 60 days and extended through end of 2022. January will try to transition to more normal operations in the CID. Began with high spike in crime in CID over the summer so City wanted to see what could be done to address crime issues, increasing cleanliness and accessibility.
- Numbers: trash collected: 80,500 lb; graffiti cleaned: 10000 square feet, 68 right of way obstruction removals; 566 needles collected; 54 walkways have been pressure washed
- Crime: to date, officers from KC Metro bike patrols in the area along with SPD, additional patrol cars and foot patrols; more visible in the community; officers have been competing 5 business checks per week, 54 total so far. More recently, businesses have been seeing fires (outdoor and in alcoves, warming fires for people living outside), LS there was a night time lighting walk completed – 15 lights found to be found, pedestrian and overhead, being addressed by Seattle City Light; Seattle City light has contracted with a

consultant for lighting in the greater C-ID area, waiting to hear when that will be completed, hopefully by new year; Major drug arrest last week; 13 people have been placed in permanent housing; prioritizing graffiti removal in the neighborhood as well; vegetation management – pruning back to improve sightlines in coming weeks; long-term strategies to decrease illegal dumping; overall going to compile a crime prevention safety tips sheets distributed throughout the neighborhood and businesses

- Kathleen: noting that the SCIDpda has done an extensive lighting study in the past, duplication of effort and extra costs? Tom: aware of lighting study, new study has an emphasis on what needs to be replaced rather than new lighting; City Light has copy of SCIDpda study but would love to see update if they're doing that as well
- Aleksa: SCIDpda was running a needle exchange, status on that? Trying to eliminate duplication; Tom: this was a pilot to determine if emphasis on this would help reduce crime in the area; no answer to that quite yet, in January or February will know for sure if intended results to help direct us in the future as we work toward regional model
- Derek: awesome the work the care team is doing, neglect our community withstands overall; all services you hope the city government would be doing on a sustained basis; in the future, would the idea be that this is happening citywide at a sustained level? Or does there need to do that still? Tom: This was an initiative that increased services are normally in the C-ID, in some cases doubling time; hard level to sustain over time and has not gone unnoticed by other communities/BIAs throughout the city that there have been a lot of resources directed to C-ID neighborhood; reason was due to crime spikes. It's hard to say if the City will be able to sustain this at current funding levels for the entire City for all of the BIAs and areas that might need some additional support. But if this does prove to be an effective pilot at reducing crime, you'll likely see the City trying to roll this out in other areas with spikes in crime.
- Tuyen: is find it fix it app use/date being stored? Tom: those submissions get distributed to the department that handles that complaint, i.e. SPU department would handle that and that data is collected and analyzed to help inform what we need to be doing to add additional boxes, for example. Does CID have a needle drop box. (King and 10th there is a box)

Appointment (Action)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Motion requested: appoint Leesa Kunke to vacant Pioneer Square Business Owner seat*
- *Leesa Kunke is the new owner of Zeitgeist, recently completed the purchase of the café (business transfer will happen January 1!). Happy to have her interest in the board as a long-standing employee and Pioneer Square community member.*

Motion by Aleksa Manila to appoint Leesa Kunke to vacant Pioneer Square Business Owner board seat. Second from Derek Lum. Approved by all. Motion passes.

WSBLE UPDATE (Information)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson and MaryKate Ryan

- *Final Mitigation Workshop on 12/8 and Follow Up*
- *ST Workshop on 12/14*
- *Potential change of consulting strategy*
- *Community Outreach/Communication*

- Finishing up mitigation workshops with Angie and Amy next is tomorrow morning. Will talk through with consultants about future work. Might be as far as they can go with technical approach, may need more communications and outreach approach moving forward. Will likely be fewer hours for them overall.
- During mitigation workshop will talk about next steps. Working on a letter to the editor coming out strongly for a station in the C-ID on 4th Ave but understand 4th needs to be improved. Shallower version is unclear if it's an improvement. Already talking to other community members trying to get in touch with "No station in the CID" voices, how can we work together? Where is there exact no? Why is that no? Is there a way that we can help them feel better about an option on 4th? The first step in mitigation is to refine the project minimize negative impacts. Avoid, minimize, and then mitigate. Will be in the "avoid and minimize" steps for a while. Talking to some of our partners about other outreach to members of the community to really understand the will of people in the CID who work, live and visit here frequently to make sure we're representing that fairly. 4th Ave option seems to be what most people want
- ST Workshop: have been good elements and elements that have been less successful. Hopeful that this next meeting we will start to get answers that people were asking during the comment period. Two more planned workshops 12/14 and 1/6 and we are going to send out a newsletter soon
- Jessica: heard from colleagues who attended the ST Workshop that it didn't seem like facilitated discussion was part of the workshop; MaryKate: depended on which table you were at; they weren't necessarily setup for facilitation and feedback necessarily; not sure how they're going to address that feedback
- Dana: assuming HSD folks might have gotten this announcement that WA Trust for Historic Preservation placed CID on their "most endangered" places across Washington state – intention of adding their own push and advocacy voice to it, long-standing program. They just made that announcement today and nominating the CID (specific to relation to the WSBLE) as "most endangered" places for National Register for Historic Landmarks for national attention as well.

ARTS Neighborhood Recovery Program (Action)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Draft Contract Review*
- *Motion Requested: Board approval of Executive Director to sign contract on behalf of HSD*
- Awarded \$100,000 to grant to support neighborhood recovery and resilience through arts. Grantees need to propose activation ties back to arts and culture. Elaine Ko now coordinating this program for the city
- Would like to have board's authorization to sign this, all of the planning is in the application, more a matter of repackaging it and that Kathleen reads through the contract and that everything aligns properly. Hoping to do this before the end of the year to review with equity lens (Grant Making Committee) and talk about the schedule. This will be a rapid regranting process. Everything must be spent by September 2023. Grant making committee will need to determine size of grants and this process will be a little more constrained based on arts and culture emphasis. Within whatever context we have, we hope to create as few barriers. Kathleen will sign contract sometime around January 10, 2023, including granting plan which becomes the scope of work. We are allowed to keep 15% for overhead costs/administrative fees.
- Dana: is there any federal funding that's being passed through? Kathleen: understanding that's it's non-federal funding and why that's important is because they would kick us up to a different level of audit. Want to make sure we double-check that since federal funding distribution is complicated, a lot of

barriers (from Dana). Kathleen will make sure they remove clause about federal funding from boiler plate contract language.

Motion by Tuyen Than recommending Executive Director Kathleen Johnson and Board Chair Dena Phelan make final edits to the ARTS Neighborhood Recovery Program contract and Executive Director Kathleen Johnson sign the contract on behalf of HSD. Second from Nuria Hansen. Approved by all (minus Jennifer Tam who was no longer in attendance). Motion passes.

PIER 48 (Information)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Motion requested: To authorize Executive Director to seek funding (amount as advised) during the 2023 Session to support a year-long oversight and planning committee for Pier 48*
- Discussed in Executive Director's report. Pier 48 is under pressure to become a water taxi terminal – needs to also be useful to neighborhood and memorialize historical and cultural events that have taken place there, in an open community-driven process.
- Estimated amount identified for Pier project is \$750,000. We've never gone affirmatively asking for a specific project so Kathleen would like board approval in what could be the first step toward this project.
- Stephanie: what entities currently own the pier? WSDOT owns it. WA State Ferries currently using as staging area for Colman Dock through end of 2023. Planning process for 2023 is appropriate for a vision plan and ownership and governance model for site once WA State Ferries is done with it. No subletters. There is a pier that holds water taxis when they're not in service, not sure if that's part of that parcel. But wouldn't move forward with anything unless King County is on board.
- Aleksa: have any business owners been asked about this or have thoughts? Kathleen: Office of the Waterfront has done outreach; people have asked what the plan is for Pier 48 but that's about it. No further outreach has been done regarding the pier specifically and the water taxi option.
- Nuria: A lot of history with this pier, feel like we need to look at the history of this pier and honor that history. Excited about learning more about what's going to happen and how to participate potentially.
- Jessa will reach out to Lisa to see what folks in Pioneer Square are saying
- Kathleen: Lisa was the person who reached out and connected Kathleen with potential water taxi option. That's when Kathleen reintroduced the opportunities. Want to make sure there's community outreach and rehabilitation. Would engage would communities, i.e. Wing Luke Museum. Already been quite a bit of visioning but missing public engagement. Make sure there is social equity (Aleksa's recommendation)
- Stephanie: since this is not originating from a community request, we need to make sure we're able to answer why we're making this request; also with any grant or request, the state could give us a lower or higher amount, best not to identify a specific amount in a motion.
- Leaving out an amount to allow flexibility with negotiations with State Legislature.

Motion by Derek Lum to authorize Executive Director to seek funding (amount as advised) during the 2023 Legislative Session to support a year-long oversight and planning committee for Pier 48. Second from Jessa Timmer.

Amended motion by Aleksa Manila to authorize Executive Director to seek funding (amount as advised) during the 2023 Legislative Session to support a year-long oversight and planning committee that centers equity and community priorities for Pier 48. Second from Derek Lum. Approved by all (minus Jessa Timmer and Jennifer Tam). Motion passes.

PROPOSED PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY (Information)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Review of draft*
- *Final vote will be requested January or later*

- Stephanie: Glad to see this. FYI, King County's public comment policy –surprised to say we haven't received disruptors; King County has to change their rules all the time for people who are truly disruptors. Stephanie will share King County's policy.

MIXER REPORT (Information)

Presenter: Ellen Ta

- HOLD: Will discuss this at the January meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (Information)

Presenters: All

- Thank you to Stephanie Pure
- Other topics

- Big thanks to Stephanie Pure for her knowledge and sharing of resources and for her entire time on the board. She will be missed!
- Nuria has been doing social media posts on the neighborhood – thank you!
- January 5 – 20 Kathleen will be out of office on an amazing vacation!

ADJOURN (Action)

Meeting adjourned by Dana Phelan at 6:36pm.

ZOOM COMMENTS

17:00:24 From jessa to Everyone:

Hi all! Not sure how long I'll be able to be on, we have nap time in a few!

17:04:39 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

Cute doggie!

17:05:17 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

thank you! - tofu 🐾

17:06:09 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

And cute baby!

17:06:23 From Diane Le (she/her) CID Business to Everyone:

What a cutie! Thanks for showing him off, Jessa!

17:16:09 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

@Tom THANK YOU for all these activities and improvements around safety etc.

17:18:08 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

This is the 2018 study --

https://scidpda.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/small_scidpda-design-vision-and-action-strategy.pdf

17:19:11 From Tuyen Than, CID Resident to Everyone:

Whenever I see needles while walking my dog, I take a picture and submit it through find it, fix it app.

17:19:54 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

im attending a scidpda event tomorrow and i will inquire about their needle program.

17:19:57 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

Find it, Fix it is a great service! <https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app>

17:22:26 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

When Sonny Nguyen was the public safety coordinator in the CID, they did lead some needle cleanup efforts. I don't know about a needle exchange.

17:23:41 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

There's a map here: <https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/protecting-our-environment/safe-and-clean-seattle/sharps-collection>

17:23:48 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

They call it a "sharps" box.

17:25:56 From Jenn Tam to Everyone:

Congrats Leesa!!!

17:26:03 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

Congratulations!!

17:29:53 From jessa to Everyone:

I vote yes. Heading in to put Nino down

17:30:32 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

A nominee to be appointed to fill a vacant seat shall be confirmed by a 2/3 majority vote with of the Board of Directors.

17:32:57 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her) to Everyone:

Putting that in the minutes ;)

17:33:13 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:



17:44:23 From Tuyen Than, CID Resident to Everyone:

WSBLE: Slides from previous workshops and an online survey for feedback

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WASOUND/bulletins/33b069a>

17:44:54 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

Can you send the board that letter/announcement?

17:45:47 From Jenn Tam to Everyone:

I'm sorry, I have to jump off early. Kiddo duties call.....

18:01:37 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

That will be a great trip!

18:04:36 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

could you remind us what street pier48 is adjacent to? thanks

18:05:05 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

It's just south of King street.

18:05:28 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

thanks

18:05:39 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

Nope, I'm wrong. It's washington

18:05:43 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

Sorry.

18:08:06 From Tuyen Than, CID Resident to Everyone:

End of year brain

18:08:28 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her) to Everyone:

Motions are listed in the agenda too :)

18:16:36 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

I'd say just one number.

18:17:11 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

It's confusing for policymakers not to get a solid number.

18:17:12 From jessa to Everyone:

Hi all, need to run. Happy holidays!!!

18:17:36 From Nuria Hansen to Everyone:

Same to you!

18:18:35 From James King Jr to Everyone:

Happy Holidays

18:18:37 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

To Authorize Executive Director to seek funding (amount as advised) during the 2023 Session to support a year-long oversight and planning committee that centers equity and community priorities.

18:21:36 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

Okay, I now understand what you meant, Aleksa. ("up to")

18:25:53 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

To Authorize Executive Director to seek funding (amount as advised) during the 2023 Session to support a year-long oversight and planning committee that centers equity and community priorities for Pier 48.

18:30:26 From Derek Lum to Everyone:

Hi all,

Good meeting. I need to jet! See you all next month!

18:30:26 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

i can stay.

18:32:49 From Tuyen Than, CID Resident to Everyone:

Awwwww

18:32:53 From Tuyen Than, CID Resident to Everyone:

Stephanieeeee

18:33:07 From Tuyen Than, CID Resident to Everyone:

You are the best. We'll miss you

18:33:20 From Nuria Hansen to Everyone:

I will miss you!

18:33:21 From Diane Le (she/her) CID Business to Everyone:

we're going to miss you! been great getting to know you

18:33:25 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her) to Everyone:

We'll miss you Stephanie! Thank you for all you do!

18:33:51 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

blessings and happy holidays

18:34:09 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

perfect during an apocalypse!!

18:34:44 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

have coffee with perfect whip cream at zeitgeist

18:34:47 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

hahahaha

18:35:28 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) to Everyone:

CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS NURIA!

18:35:41 From Tuyen Than, CID Resident to Everyone:

Great job Nuria!!