

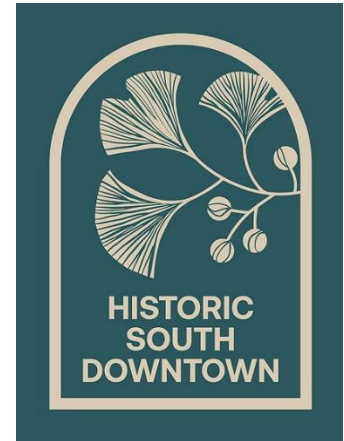
Historic South Downtown Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Present: Nuria Hansen, Shava Lawson, Diane Le, Derek Lum, Aleksa Manila, Quynh Pham, Dana Phelan, Stephanie Pure, Jessica Rubenacker, Ken Takahashi, Tuyen Than, Jessa Timmer

Staff: Kathleen Johnson, James King, MaryKate Ryan

Public:

Chetanya Robinson, International Examiner
Minh Duc Nguyen, Helping Link
Betty Lau



CALL TO ORDER (Action)

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

Public comment

No public comment

CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

Presenter: Dana Phalen

- *Finance Reports (March 2022)*
- *Meeting Minutes (March 2022)*

Motion by Ken to approve the consent agenda. Second from Shava. Approved by all. Motion passes.

GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE (Information)

Presenter: James E. King, Jr.

Status of contracting and Payments

- Over the halfway point with contract signing for Round 4
- Round 3 report submittals are coming in
- A lot of orgs have been reaching out asking about a Round 5 and inquiring about the future of HSD
- Kathleen: With this round of grant funding, we'll spend down our pot of original funding. By June, we'll have a better idea where we're at with our budget

- Ability to spend down money by November? (From Dana) Concern? A few orgs are concerned due to changing scopes/plans that haven't come to fruition. Talking through ways to potentially spend down. James believes if orgs reach out early on, we can work together to figure out a way to spend down.

WSBLE DEIS Comment Letter (Action)

Presenters: Kathleen Johnson, MaryKate Ryan

Request for final approval subject to edits and proof reading

Schedule (April 28 and after)

- Kathleen provided a slideshow:
 - reviewing the outreach and process for the WSBLE leading up to today, starting back in Q1 2019 with a scoping period, hiring consultants, creating a community priority matrix, and continuing education on the WSBLE DEIS.
 - The letter will be submitted by April 29 to Sound Transit, letter will be sent to elected officials, stakeholders, partners and posted to website
 - Public comment will be reviewed by Sound Transit Board and they will decide path moving forward in either June or July 2022, either June 9/June 23 or July 14/July 28 Board Meetings
 - Continued collaboration with ST, City of Seattle, King County/Metro to answer questions raised in DEIS; mitigation discussions; supporting non-profits as needed to support their constituencies and plan for their mitigation

How does our letter compare?

Kathleen: For our letter, CID segment is the only segment covered under the racial equity toolkit; certain outcomes City and ST have agreed to pursue that are compatible with the DEIS but not required by the DEIS, i.e. environmental justice. The meat of the official comments are in Appendix B.

Other letters that Kathleen read are pithy but fully focused on long-term, unmitigable pieces. Mainly focused on 4th Ave S as the best option.

Quyen: appreciates that comprehensiveness considering our broad constituencies, but narrow in recommendation. A lot of technical language she appreciates, folks who need to address the issues are able to. Question on Appendix B, can you talk about the ranking on the priority list?

Kathleen: Consultants put those priority list in there. Recommends if they're not prioritized we should alphabetize.

Jessa: reference to the Jackson Street Hub. It would be a important to include it (move back to) the Jackson Street Hub document and point to this plan that both neighborhoods created together.

Diane: how does ST follow up to all of our questions?

Kathleen: Generally they have to answer every comment or question. If a comment is stated by a number of people in the same way, they can answer that once. That's why we argue against form letters. They will publish

something (will probably be a huge document) with comments and responses. They can also answer simply “noted”.

Aleksa: Appendix A, would like to see the 2017 reference that Manilatown was excluded and returned by City Council to Filipinotown. In the main letter, Paragraph 3 listing the different public transport, was hoping to see Greyhound as part of it, an access point adding to the area’s transportation hub.

Stephanie: Looking at the list of harmful actions which is one of the appendices, since they’re listed the way they are, they seem to be equated with each other, implying that some of the things listed are in the same plane as other things. May not be as informative by simply listing and not providing description. More description would help with being persuasive and compelling – some of the items blend together and they shouldn’t, especially when talking about harm. Could be more complete and/or explanatory. There’s intention and then there’s impact. Impact might be the best way to group things.

Kathleen: We could include a paragraph at the beginning. Some of these projects were intended to be positive. We’ll continue more work on this. Group things and give a little bit more explanation and consolidating.

Nuria: It’s a good idea to summarize to have these buckets (in the Appendix A). Visually it’s challenging to read all of this. Appreciate the depth but do want to come back to the point that we need to sell our ideas and thoughts and convince. Heads and gap between heads, easier to take in.

Jessa: might be better to focus on the larger impacts in Appendix A,

Nuria: Apply filter of HSD’s focus on equity

Report back on items to address:

- Including Jackson Hub’s concept plan in the cover letter not just in the comments
- Include Greyhound in list of Transportation references
- Appendix B: comments and questions, decide how we’re using priority ranking, if that’s useful and either alphabetized or grouped by document or priority.
- Structure: consider more headers throughout the letter with more spacing for readability
- Consider narrative summary/elevator speech
- Appendix A: really dig into how we’re using that, trying to group the things on the list under impact type (i.e. land takings vs. disparate racial/economic impacts) under those impact buckets adding context. Try to pick out the harms most related to the types of harms and impacts to this project, to not dilute the message with this project/letter.

Aleksa: Asking for a temperature check from the board, to make sure that we’re not fast-tracking the letter. Does everyone feel that they have all the information that they need? Wondering if there’s capacity to do some one-on-one work with individual board members for fully understanding and engaging in this complex task as a collective. That we feel fully equipped to make this decision.

MaryKate and Kathleen have an open day tomorrow dedicated to this. Board members can reach out with any questions or further discussion with staff.

Executive Team will meet tomorrow (Wednesday) or Thursday to review the final letter.

Motion by Jessica to approve the letter to move forward with edits discussed tonight and summarized tonight by MaryKate with final review by Executive Committee to submit to Sound Transit ahead of the deadline (April 28). Jessa seconds. Stephanie and Ken abstain. Remaining members approve. Motion passed.

RETREAT PLANNING (Information)

June 4 at LSCreative

- Hybrid meeting open to the public
- Will be discussing the work the equity committee has been doing
- Will finalize time, might include an optional tour at the end too, TBD, keep 9am – 3pm blocked off

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (Information)

State of the Neighborhoods

Other announcements

- Dana: Ken's last board meeting with HSD – Ken, accepted a job with JP Morgan Chase working in their corporate responsibility/philanthropic unit, VP of Community Engagement of PNW; Ken will recommend potential candidate from City of Seattle to fill his seat
- Kathleen: SCIDpda staff and other community members are hosting a comment making party and open mic at Oasis tomorrow, Wednesday 4/28 from 6-8pm; Tuyen Than is emceeing and MaryKate will be making a presentation; you can even call in your comments.
- MaryKate: first walking tour on May 6 (Board Development), 5pm(ish), Waterfront walking tour with Jennifer Ott of HistoryLink, feel free to bring guest. RSVP with guest info.
- Diane: This Saturday Year of the Tiger celebration and foodwalk, 11am – 6pm, marital arts and dance performances; and FLS space will be open as well
- Quynh: Day of Service, a lot of groups are planning things. If there are any questions, BIA and FLS are organizing cleanups throughout CID, let them know if there are any questions or confusion
- Jessa: Also doing a spring clean on that day. City has a link to signup (but they have their own link to sign up, the Alliance)
- Stephanie: Orca system is being updated, same Orca card (one regional card for all) works on 7 different transit agencies, is being updated. Good news about New Orca, instead of being card based, it's going to be account based. Launching an app this month. May 4. <https://myorca.com/orca-open-house/> Upload money to app instantaneously (right now takes up to 2 days). You won't need a new card for New Orca, can still use current blue card.
- Minh Duc Nguyen: Helping Link is looking for a space in Little Saigon, moving from location (landlord sold their facility) 2000 – 2500 sq feet. If you know of anything, please let her know. Helping Link is hiring a Deputy Director & Operation Manager to join our team. Both job descriptions and instructions to apply via <https://www.helpinglink.org/employment/>
- From comments: Aleksa: Sunday, May 29 Noon to 4PM Pride ASIA Fest at Hing Hay Park www.prideasia.org

ADJOURN (Action)

Meeting adjourned at 6:19pm.

ZOOM COMMENTS

17:15:38 From James King Jr to Everyone:

james@historicsouthdowntown.org

17:30:02 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her), WLM to Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her)(Direct Message):

Which org wrote the pithy letter? I missed it

17:36:20 From Jessa Timmer to Everyone:

they can also answer simply with "noted"

17:37:47 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

I'm writing on the white board, not doing wall restoration.

17:38:48 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

 it does look like wall restoration!

17:39:43 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) HSD Board to Everyone:

THANK YOU KATHLEEN and MARYKATE on all your HARD WORK on this!!!

17:46:13 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

Agree w/Aleksa- this is incredibly extensive and thoughtful. I'm so thankful for this work and for surfacing the inequities that these neighborhoods have already had to endure. Really powerful letter and materials.

17:46:16 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) HSD Board to Everyone:

I agree with a SUMMARY STATEMENT as an ELEVATOR SPEECH style as a provocative strategy at the beginning.

17:55:24 From Derek Lum to Everyone:

hi all. I need to be in transportation. I will try to listen in and vote via chat.

18:00:05 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

I know that I have the full day open tomorrow for this work.

18:01:30 From Derek Lum to Everyone:

Derek is walking but votes yes

18:01:52 From Jessa Timmer to Everyone:

Thank you to staff!!!!

18:02:22 From Tuyen Than (she/her) CID Resident to Everyone:

There's an open mic event at oasis tomorrow at 6pm RE: WSBLE

18:02:28 From Jessa Timmer to Everyone:

who is on Exec Cmte?

18:02:30 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

I need to look at my calender

18:02:32 From Derek Lum to Everyone:

I am open tomorrow!

18:07:39 From Derek Lum to Everyone:

Sad!

18:08:02 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

cool job!

18:08:03 From Stephanie Pure (she/her) to Everyone:

Congratulations!!!!

18:08:06 From Jessa Timmer to Everyone:

Sad for us, but excited for you, Ken!!!

18:08:11 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) HSD Board to Everyone:

If we miss it due to work, will it be recorded for viewing later? Probably not ideal as it is a retreat format. But is this an option? Or is there an alternative plan? Thanks

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

Congrats! I'll miss working with you!

18:08:30 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) HSD Board to Everyone:

CONGRATULATIONS KEN!

18:09:00 From Derek Lum to Everyone:

Congratulations!!

18:09:21 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

@Aleksamanila I think we can tape through the hybrid/video meeting tech. I don't know how robust of a representation that will be but we will try!

18:10:03 From Tuyen Than (she/her) CID Resident to Everyone:

Aww happy trails Ken. We'll see you around the neighborhood!

18:10:45 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) HSD Board to Everyone:

Thanks Kathleen. I am planning to have someone relieve me so I can attend the retreat. But it's not confirmed yet.

18:12:01 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her), WLM to Everyone:

6-8pm

18:12:36 From Tuyen Than (she/her) CID Resident to Everyone:

Come say hi and get bubble tea!

18:14:29 From @ALEKSAMANILA (She/They) HSD Board to Everyone:

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18:15:51 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

HSD just got a mailer about this.

18:16:28 From Stephanie Pure (she/her) to Everyone:

<https://myorca.com/orca-open-house/>

18:18:55 From Minh Duc Nguyen - Helping Link to Everyone:

Helping Link is hiring a Deputy Director & Operation Manager to join our team. Both job descriptions and instructions to apply via <https://www.helpinglink.org/employment/>