

Minutes HSD Board Meeting January 26, 2021

Via Zoom

Board Members:

Jamie Lee, Dana Phelan, Ken Takahashi, Karen True, Jessica Rubenacker, Shava Lawson, Derek Lum, Stephanie Pure, Julie Fonseca de Borges, Tuyen Than, Diane Le, Azar Koulibaly, Maria Batayola

Community Members: Betty Lau (Friends of Japan Town)

Staff: Kathleen Johnson, James E. King, Jr

Agenda & Minutes

Call to Order

5:02 pm by Jamie Lee

Welcome Guests/Public Comment

Question: New non-profit interested in the grant programs - Japanese American Museum of Seattle: would like more information on eligibility —> will address during grant discussion in the agenda

Consent Agenda: December Minutes & Budget Approval

- No discussion, questions or comments on minutes.
- Regarding budget - some adjustments on how some items are categorized/reclassified will be made retroactively and moving forward for tracking purposes.
- No further discussion, questions or comments
- Motion to Approve: Stephanie Pure
- Seconded: Ken Takahashi
- Abstention: Azar Koulibaly
- No opposition
- **Motion carries.**

Grant Program Update Grant Tracking Report

Status:

- 3 regular rounds completed, plus 2 emergency rounds last summer,
- Looking to issuing a fourth round later this year (no earlier than second quarter)
- No dates have yet been set

Eligibility:

- Don't have to be a non-profit, but you do have to have a fiscal sponsor
- Betty will ask that JAMS connect directly with Kathleen Johnson to discuss further eligibility questions

Grant Updates:

- 5 grant contracts have not yet been signed (working on it), all others have been through contracting
- 6-7 grants have not yet been paid out in full, but are in a good place
- James tracking existing open grant project to ensure completion.
- C-ID- Pioneer Square comparison

- Most grants have been awarded to C-ID organizations, by 25% at least (dollar amount and number of grants)
- Perhaps this is because the C-ID in general is larger in numbers of non-profits and population.
- Kathleen will do some additional data research and bring numbers to the board.
- *What should our metrics be moving forward?* Will be discussed further during the upcoming board planning retreat.

State of the Neighborhoods

Public Comment:

- Betty Lau = Same issues: Seniors + Residents
 - Delivery of COVID Vaccine
 - Public Safety, perennial issue = concerned about the tents community, employee safety concerns, and lack of police response

What do we expect or hope to see in 2021

- Travel outside of the C-ID
- Hopeful

Current Status

C-ID

Derek

- Echoing Betty's concerns, specifically King St and I-5 parking lot
- Residents continue to call/complaint of construction of large neighboring building
- Dealing with a robbery at Interim

Jaime

- 4th round of funding upcoming
- Lunar New Year celebrations are planned on a small scale
- Focused on supporting/providing vaccination to elderly residents + providing PPE support to small businesses; some issues around language translations, administrative coordination among different agencies/departments/organizations
- ****find out your eligibility at Phase Finder****

Jessica

- virtual Wing event, 2-hour event on Sat, Feb 13
- Lunar New Year = Jan 12
https://www.dropbox.com/s/mtv6ol6qe7mr24o/virtual_hug_3.mp4?dl=0
- Performance, craft kit —> RSVP is needed

Tuyen

- Lots happening in the C-ID neighborhood
- Neighbor concerns about regular meetings happening at Danny Woo Garden
- New awning in the neighborhood (supported by 4Culture)
- Halo Em grand opening this past Sunday
- Multiple restraints seeking to do outdoor dining, but may need support
- New business next to Green Leaf is opening up
- Other businesses are struggling (like the escape room)
- Uncle Bob's ground breaking at the end of February

- https://www.dropbox.com/s/mtv6ol6qe7mr24o/virtual_hug_3.mp4?dl=0 Virtual Hug Video!
- Virtually holiday greeting, see the video

Pioneer Square

Karen

- 2023 Strategic Plan for Alliance for Pioneer Square, just released
- Covid response 18-month plan, also just released
- Tracking various construction projects throughout the neighborhood
- Tracking occupancy of higher floors of building and trying to coordinate services such as restaurant availability

Azar

- traffic and pedestrian safety concerns, perhaps because of reduced number of calls
- how do we center pedestrian safety?
- shocked to see so many people engaging in outdoor dining to support local business!

Will the city replace the Nav Team? There is an ad hoc/quasi Nav Team has been funded; social service teams have been funded, relying on parks and streets city teams for clean up and maintain end, no one really doing sweep any longer

Board Retreat Planning

Topics:

- Strategic plan is expiring this year
- Future of Grant making program
- Sharing with the communities at large next steps

Date

- April 10th —> virtual, public meeting
- Facilitator Needed, Will reach out to Sapna Saporoni (alternative: Cindy Chen)
- Planning Team
 - Julie, Tuyen, Maria and Stephanie

For the Good of the Order

Nothing

Board stepped into **Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 5:58 pm**, adjourned at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.