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/compliant 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

• 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.**