

HSD Special Meeting  
June 8, 2020

**Attendees:**

Jamie Lee, Che Wong, Julie Fonseca de Borges, Shava Lawson, Ken Takahashi, Jessica Rubenacker, Derek Lum, Dana Phelan, Stephanie Pure, Maria Batayola

Guests: Laura Rattner (Path with Art), Betty Lau (Friends of Japan Town), Paul

Staff: Kathleen Johnson, and James King, Jr

**Call to Order** - 5:01 pm

**Welcome Guests/Public Comment**

Betty - first time attending a meeting, likes the 5 o'clock time slot, glad to see the grant making committee is on the agenda; a couple of non-profits were so busy with the city's initial grant paperwork that the HSD opportunity was lost in the mix. Glad for the additional, continual support.

**Status of Emergency Funding Grant**

- Grant funding was exhausted with the last of the round of grant request approvals at the last regular board meeting.
- The Grant Making Committee is recommending \$50,000 in additional funding for nonprofits seeking support for pandemic- related disruptions (Azar Koulibaly, Jessica Rubenacker, and Ken Takahashi with Kathleen Johnson and James King, Jr make up this committee).
- Initial open period is through June 26, 2020. There is still interest from the community; we need to let the public know if additional funds are available as soon as possible.
- There have been four interested non-profits seeking additional funds.
- Funds to support this grant opportunity come from dollars meet aside for Round 4 of HSD's regular grant making program. Additional funds would impact award amounts in Round 4.
- Questions
  - How did you settle on \$50,000 —> Based on existing evidence of need, but it was estimate and could change.
- Shave Lawson made the motioned to increase up fund and support the Emergency Funding Grant at \$75K, Ken Takahashi seconded. Motion passes.

**Addressing need for protest-related disruptions**

- HSD was approached by members of the community to support funding the artists who are painting murals on the boarded up businesses in the CID.
- Volunteers have come out to install plywood on storefront windows and doors throughout the CID.
- Seattle Public Utilities provided some of the boards and helped install them in the days following the first protests
- Currently, businesses can request an artist come paint a mural on boarded up doors and windows via a grassroots Goggle Doc sheet

- Artists are requested to contact the business owner to coordinate efforts
- There is a strong desire/need to pay artists for their work
- Special Considerations
- Graffiti clean-up - needs to be coordinated because of care for historic business
- Phase 2 planning, need to coordinate the removal of the plywood's to preserve the historic buildings
- Ownership of boards (Seattle public utilities provide the boards) - who owns it, who stores it?
- Question: Should HSD be involved in this effort (helping to fund artists for painting murals)? If so, what should that involvement look like?
  - Could the additional funding is for emergency response be used? Yes
  - How many business still need murals painted? About 20 are still requesting support.
  - What organizations/entities already working in the neighborhood could support this effort?
    - BIA could distribute the funds (but they are at capacity).
    - Wing Luke has also been supporting artists (unsure about their capacity).
    - Who is actually managing the artists log? A community member is volunteering to coordinate/manage efforts; not currently affiliated with an organization.
    - additional organizations who may support this effort
    - Seattle Parks Foundation,
    - SCIDpda (they are at capacity and are focused on small business relief)
    - Urban Artworks
    - ArtistTrust, currently providing funds/grants to individuals
    - 4 Culture has creative response grants, which are open for another week for individuals. Organizational grants are currently closed. Reopening grant program is pending.
  - Interim CDA
  - HSD can support a non-profit using funding, but not an individual. Who is/would be the fiscal sponsor? An organization could apply for funding through the Emergency Response and/or Round 3 of grant funding for this effort.
  - Alliance for Pioneer Square
  - Additional dollars are not being requested for artist murals
  - Request to move the current grant dollars to support recovery work was approved by HSD (not a deviation from the essence business recovery for which the original grant was awarded)
- Good of the Order: none
- Meeting adjourned Jamie Lee at 5:50 pm

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary, Historic South Downtown Board of Directors