

Board Minutes  
June 23, 2020  
Regular Meeting

Attendees

Board Members: Maria Batayola, Jamie Lee, Ken, Julie Fonseca de Borges, Karen True, Jessica Rubenacker, Shava Lawson, Che Wong, Dana Phelan, Stephanie Pure, Derek Lum

Staff: Kathleen Johnson, James King, Jr

Guest: Deepika (Dee) Sandhu, President of Financial Services Coalition of Puget Sound

**Call to Order** by Jamie Lee at 5:03pm

**Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve following reports as-is made by Maria Batayola, seconded by Karen True

- Meeting Minutes\*
- April, Special Meetings
- Financial reports

No comment or questions. No abstentions or objections.

Motion carries

**Fiscal Budget for 2020-2021**

Highlights:

- Big lift this year was to dedicate about \$3million to the neighborhoods (!)
- Response to COVID emergency while keeping focused on our mission and values is to be commended

Budget:

- Grant Making, Work for the City, and sustainability Project
- Direct allocation from the state is also listed here (the amount listed here is less than the actual allotted but it may be impacted by the state budget short fall created by the the pandemic)
- \$160K conservative estimate for the sustainability project
- \$60K for the city work
- Questions:
  - Keeping both office spaces? Yes, for the time being given the current cost savings. Will need to reassess once we're able to meet again in person.
  - Staffing changes in 20-21? None planned.

Projections

- Only looks at King COunty funds (revenue)
- Operations funded through first six month of 2023 (need to deplete all funds by January 2024)
- 14-19% of administrative/operating overhead
  - —> finance committee will look at this and provide comment
- Also receiving City and State funds no it included in the projections, board will be presented with a more comprehensive look at the budget projections in the coming months

Motion to approve 2020-2021 budget as presented made by Shave Lawson, seconded by Maria Batayola

- No abstentions or objections
- Motion carries

### **Update on Sustainability Project**

Request For Quote to go out soon to hire a consultant to help us navigate our funding request through the state legislature. Purpose is to help tell our story in the most compelling/relevant way to a variety of target audiences.

We are expecting to have a stakeholder meeting with the Department of Commerce in July. Special Session for the State pending in August.

### **Executive Director Report**

Moving forward with the grant from the city. Started in 2019 to help south downtown community to advocate for locally-determined priorities and needs in connection with the Sound Transit projects taking place. Projects are moving forward, but are taking some time to regroup/adjust to the new realities of impact from pandemic.

- Current thought is to “Finish the spine”, to include the C-ID station without full-attention/thought/care to meeting the needs of these neighborhoods)
- Originally, the plan was to hold a 3-day session with key agency representatives and community members to yield a clear understanding of the neighborhoods’ needs and desires.
- Result was a 2-hour session last week with several of the key representatives. Focus on Jackson St Hub area and the 10-minute walk radius from the C-ID station. The group analyzed over two decades worth of data from the community. The meeting ended with Sound Transit asking us to prioritize the community’s six areas of concern.
- Our goal now is to encourage the agency to slow down since meaningful outreach is not possible and we do not feel it is our place to make a prioritize the communities stated priorities.
- HSD will also keep Sound Transit’s commitment to its race and social justice values at the forefront of the conversation.

We have two grant funding rounds open:

- Emergency Grant closes on June 26
- Round 3 closes on July 1
- James will provide updated numbers by the end of the week, Community Review Panel will meet on July 12 for Round 3 reviews.
- Date to meet on Emergency Grant requests is tbd.

### **For the Good of the Order**

- referenced the KUOW story regarding business and government offices may not calling back employees back to Pioneer Square any time soon, no other information is currently available

Adjourned at 5:47pm

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

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

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

Secretary, Historic South Downtown Board of Directors