

## **HSD Board Meeting Notes**

February 23, 2021

### Board Members:

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

Community Members: Betty Lau (Friends of Japan Town); Min Chang (Kin On), Laura Rattner (Path with Art), Lisa Howard (Alliance for Pioneer Square)

Staff: Kathleen Johnson, James E. King, Jr

### Agenda & Minutes

**Call to Order at 5:02 pm by Jamie Lee.**

### **Welcome Guests/Public Comment**

- none

### **Consent Agenda:**

- Jan minutes + financials —> correction needed on two names
- Move to approve as amended by Maria Batayola seconded by Karen True
- Questions/Concerns: none
- Abstentions and Oppositions? none
- **Motion passes.**

### **Meeting topics:**

Grant Updates - Min Chang

Major fire in building, grant allows us to remain in C-ID. Furnishing space and hooking up technology now... ready for operations (3 of 7 business enterprises will be located from this new office + new community services); will be located in the Pacific Rim building on the second floor.

### Grant Update Report:

- balances of zero have all gone out
- All of round 1 will be done very soon,
- Round 2, all but one is already done
- Round 3, is moving along well
- Three grants of concern-
- Distributed roughly \$3 million
- James is grateful to collect with the grantees and hear about their success in supporting their work in the neighborhoods.
- It was more efficient to schedule a sit-down meeting to develop a scope of work (as in previous rounds) but this third round, we tried to draft an initial scope before meeting with the grantees based on applications. This practice was limiting and needed much more follow up. Will go back to previous practice for future rounds.

## Equitable distribution of grant funds

-\$1.7 m in Pioneer Square (more residents than C-ID)

-\$2.7 m in C-ID

-Department of neighborhoods snapshots data sent to board members prior to meeting

-Discussion: Neighborhood equity

- Ideal is 50/50 goal for funding

- Azar: better to look at a even 50-50 funding without need for formula - is this a process issue?

- Maria: previous assessment is that there are more organizations in C-ID, with the ability to advocate and apply for the grants - not a process issue, but equity is really the heart of the need

- Diane: do we have 50-50 applications? *Kathleen - we get more applications from the C-ID even though technically there are more organizations in Pioneer Square (but not all meet our funding criteria)*

- Karen: remember, the Alliance represents a merger of many non-profits in the neighborhood who came together for efficiency

- Dana: 50-50 goal makes sense, but I do appreciate the community review process- reluctant to move away from that model or supersede their work

- Stephanie: based on metro experience - 40-40-20 split - but this didn't work, moved on deeper dive using guidelines for equity and need (not easy to explain but it does make more sense); elegant to strive for 50-50 split but the situation isn't that simple

- Ken: applicants can submit more than one application per cycle, is this widely known? *James - prior to application deadlines, we do have conversations with potential applicants and share this information. We could do better outreach in Pioneer Square. In the past, a few organizations didn't think that they could apply to us for funding. Ultimate solution? Knock on doors, will need to do this for both neighborhoods*

- Kathleen: please think on this topic more, we will discuss again next month and during the retreat

- Maria: perhaps we should consultant an attorney to make sure we are being as equitable as possible

- Julie: Perhaps we take a step back and assess both neighborhoods about their challenges, and needs and then move forward

- Jamie: hold the conversation for the retreat for an in-depth conversation. Grant making committee can continue this conversation. All agreed.

## Legislative Updates:

- Hired Orland Cano as a consultant and lobbyist on emergency basis.

- Will need board's approval for final contract.

-Update: Rep. Santos will take the language our attorney wrote to define us as an instrument of the state and amend current legislation up for consideration —> may change all of our terms to 3-year terms from 2-year terms.

- These changes will also affect other CPDAs.

- Motion made to approve contract by Maria Batayola; seconded by Stephanie Pure.

- Oppositions or abstentions? none

- **Motion carries.**

## South Transit 3 Update:

- Project delayed by pandemic but working forward to releasing environmental impact statement (re: rail line from west Seattle to Ballard)

- Originally due in March, now perhaps August
- Need to continue work in both neighborhoods assessing values/views/expectations/needs, but both neighborhoods are tired of answering these questions
- Will look to the Jackson St Hub plan, and solidify this plan from the city that articulates the public's thoughts (to answer this question)

#### Retreat Planning

- Small group got together last week: survey to establish agenda
- Facilitator is taking a look at the survey
- What goals would like to set for your committee and others
- What support is needed?
- Ice breaker
- Tent. 10am-1pm on April 10th
- 2022-2024 strategic plan also on the agenda

#### Good of the order

- Neighborhood Updates moved to this section of the meeting.
- Happy New Year; food walk this weekend; HIng Hay park had lots of people
- public vaccinations at community health center for elderly residents in C-ID
- Potential for Lumin field public vaccines sometime in March - city is in the lead
- CDCPDA may also be a site for public vaccines, currently being considered
- Impact to the community from Mariner's leadership's comments (who resigned yesterday) - nothing in particular since he resigned
- King County Vaccines Updates: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/vaccination.aspx>

**Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm by Jamie Lee.**