

# Historic South Downtown Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Present: Nuria Hansen, Diane Le, Derek Lum, Quynh Pham,  
Dana Phelan, Stephanie Pure, Jessica Rubenacker,  
Jennifer Tam, Tuyen Than, Jessa Timmer

Staff: Kathleen Barry Johnson, MaryKate Ryan, Ellen Ta

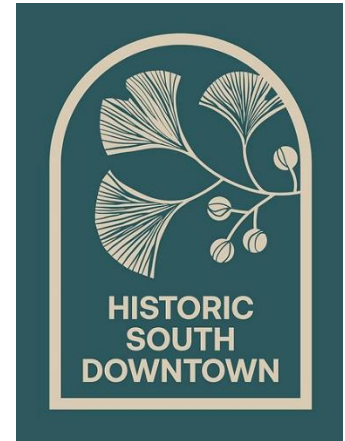
Public:

Alpana Banerjee

Betty Lau (Friends of Japantown and Transit Equity for All)

Daniel Pak (Totem Star)

Joe Reilly (Seattle Subway)



## **CALL TO ORDER** (Action)

Dana Phelan called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

## **Public comment**

Betty Lau – appreciated the DEIS comments and HSD parsing those out. Hopeful Sound Transit board will vote no on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave option.

*Motion by Jessica Rubenacker to accept the amended agenda – additions: 1) ratifying resolution for HSD health care for staff members and 2) including budget approval. Second from Derek Lum. Approved by all. Motion passes.*

## **CONSENT AGENDA** (Action)

Presenter: Dana Phalen

- *Meeting Minutes (June 2022)*
- *Treasurer's Reports (May 2022, June 2022)*
- *Ratify HCA Resolution 6/30/2022*

*Motion by Jessa Timmer to approve the consent agenda. Second from Tuyen Than. Approved by all. Motion passes.*

## **GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE** (Information)

*Totem Star* (Daniel Pak)

### **Totem Star**

- Founded in 2010 with Thadeus Turner

- Originally worked with 10 youth just released from juvenile detention. Recorded an album that was the result of a six-week work training program during which the youth were encouraged to make sense of what was happening to them on the streets; led to lots of other opportunities as an organization; over the next three years they learned about being a non-profit and applied for grants
- At that time, functioned out of a suitcase and never had a space and eventually moved to a small space at Youngstown in West Seattle
- In 2018, spoke with board about expanding and reaching even more youth
- Through Seattle Music Commission and Randy Engstrom, Totem Star will be able to build studio at King Street Station
  - Started fundraising in 2020 and received major funding from the City
  - Construction starts in October 2022, and will open in March 2023
  - Just received \$70k worth of recording equipment and working with some huge names to advise on building out the studio
  - Sellen Construction is their general contractor
- Example of youth who went through the program now creating programs that also serve youth
- Have worked with 5000+ aspiring youth recording artists, focus on meeting their students where they're at
- HSD was the first to fund Totem Star – very grateful; Round 4 for general operating

## WSBLE UPDATE (Information)

Presenters: MaryKate Ryan

- Homestretch of this phase of this project
- TH 7/28 Sound Transit Board will be meeting to vote on a resolution by the System Expansion Committee which calls for further study before determining preferred alternatives in the CID; includes a lot of info on other segments too
- HSD staff has been helping go through public comments to the DEIS to come up with numbers that mentioned CID segment; very literal about the counting – only counted if there was a clear stance
- 5196 comments on entire WSBLE project; 51% of comments were specific to CID or called out specifically; all the outreach efforts made a difference; people have questions and concerns; 4<sup>th</sup> Ave is complicated but 5<sup>th</sup> is still not an option period.
- Consultants have been working on updated messaging/talking points (referred to by meeting and sent via email):

### **HSD's WSBLE Preferred Alternative**

#### ***UPDATED Messages to the ST Board***

- We broadly support Sound Transit's WSBLE project.
- But the DEIS is inadequate.
- Sound Transit needs to take more time to truly study impacts and mitigations.
- **Sound Transit needs to clarify impacts and recommend mitigation.**
- **Let's invest now to save later.**
- The CID is unique and important.
- The CID and Pioneer Square community needs to be involved in refining the solution.
- **The 5th Avenue station's construction could create a stark wasteland in the heart of the CID for many years**
- Let's make Fourth fabulous!

- This is an equity issue.
- Next Steps: series of discussions with community partners about the next steps which have a lot of concurrent pieces. What do you want for mitigation? Series of discussions about “what is mitigation?” There are a lot of different pieces of package that get muddled together and HSD staff want to make sure all community members understand what ST staff means when they say specific terms in specific ways. Think about who from your orgs should be involved in the discussion.

## **APPROVE BUDGET** (Action)

Presenters: Dana Phalen, Kathleen Barry Johnson

- Kathleen: significant unknown elements we’re working with in the budget, i.e. public employment benefit board and PERS to nail down certain aspects; however, accounting manual says that if HSD exceeds the budgeted amount +/- 10%, staff will come back to the board to ask for an amended budget or line-item approval (after discussing with Finance Committee); this is what ties into those reports that we reviewed in the consent agenda; board members can also ask questions at any time
- Stephanie: is there a question we should be asking?
- Kathleen: staffing and staffing costs are intertwined with HR manual; want to make sure if things don’t add up, that you bring up; appreciate Finance Committee members (Jessa), asking specific questions – want to make sure HSD has the resources to do the work – too low or too high, let staff know
- Jessa: budget narrative very accessible and helpful; Finance Committee wants to tie back to this narrative throughout the year to make sure our work is aligned

*Motion by Jennifer Tam to approve the FY23 Budget as presented. Second from Nuria Hansen. Approved by all. Motion passes.*

## **PLANNING FOR ANNUAL MIXER** (Information)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- Nov 8, 2022 (Second Tuesday) Annual Mixer
- Have not confirmed time, typically starts at 4pm (hold 4-6pm on calendars)
- Will have discussions in the next couple weeks about whether or not it will be in-person; if in-person, it will be in Pioneer Square (where we were supposed to have it in 2020)
- Also note the election cycle included in the agenda, i.e. Stephanie’s seat is up for a new candidate – will interview Stephanie for social media feature to promote board seats along with others

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER** (Information)

Presenters: All

*Reminder: August Board Holiday*

- August Board Holiday: not meeting in August, a board break that month and will reconvene in September
- Those who attended had a great time at Nuria’s for Board Mixer Friday 7/15

- Quyen: August 20, Celebrate Little Saigon as well as CID Block Party, come out and hang out! Along with Seattle Asian American Festival screenings; Hai Japantown will have also started. Take the bus or train!
- MaryKate: Art at Plaza Above the ID Station – Historylink has an app where you can take a tour that just launched
- Jessica: JamFest this Thursday, July 28, 5-8pm, lots of performances
- Jessa: Pioneer Square musical *People in the Square*, runs 8/4-8/27 at The New Skid Road Theatre

## ADJOURN (Action)

Meeting adjourned by Dana Phelan at 6:00pm.

## ZOOM COMMENTS

17:21:49 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:  
We also funded Rhapsody Project. :-)

17:24:42 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:  
I'm trying to find my reactions button but yeah!!

17:28:55 From Tuyen (she/her) CID Resident to Everyone:  
so great!

17:29:02 From Tuyen (she/her) CID Resident to Everyone:  
Thank you Daniel!

17:29:02 From Daniel Pak (Totem Star) to Everyone:  
<https://youtu.be/Dw1czj0wlcM>

17:29:03 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:  
Inspiring!

17:29:37 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:  
Totem Star is also featured on our website

17:35:02 From Tuyen (she/her) CID Resident to Everyone:  
Thanks for making it so easy to digest (and to skim)!! I saw the IG post. Loving the charts.

17:35:53 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:  
Written comments are always appreciated. They do review those at each meeting.

17:36:49 From Nuria Hansen to Everyone:  
Love the visual too

17:39:24 From Jessa Timmer to Everyone:  
Thank you, MaryKate!

17:49:35 From Derek Lum to Everyone:  
can you put the day in the chat?

17:49:59 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:  
Tuesday Nov 8th, probably 4-6pm

17:50:00 From Ellen to Everyone:  
November 8th 4pm-6pm

17:50:05 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:  
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17:51:16 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:  
We would like to interview you, Stephanie, for our social media, to help promote your seat (and kick off our Board Members feature).

17:51:40 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

Sure.

17:52:08 From Quynh Pham, Friends of Little Saigon to Everyone:

sad to have missed it!

17:52:26 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her) to Everyone:

I'm bummed to have missed it too! Sounded like a lot of fun

17:53:41 From Tuyen (she/her) CID Resident to Everyone:

amazing view! a great place to have a mixer 🙄

17:53:59 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

Oooooo!

17:54:12 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

Thanks Joe.

17:54:42 From Joe Reilly, Seattle Subway to Everyone:

Here's Seattle Subway's 4 key recommendations for Sound Transit WSBLE. Please see Item 2 to view our CID/Pioneer Square Station proposal for a True Shallow 4th option.

17:54:55 From Joe Reilly, Seattle Subway to Everyone:

I can be reached at: 206.250.3354 and joer@seattlesubway.org

17:55:37 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

Just here to note that all Metro buses have air conditioning.

17:55:57 From Nuria Hansen to Everyone:

Thanks Stephanie

17:56:37 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

Does it talk about the Dim Sum Court?

17:56:44 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

Bummer.

17:57:49 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

Is there a link for more info on JamFest?

17:58:22 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her) to Everyone:

Yes! Here's the link 😊 <https://www.wingluke.org/events-calendar/2022-jamfest>

17:58:27 From Stephanie Pure to Everyone:

Thank you!

17:58:31 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her) to Everyone:

<https://www.wingluke.org/jamfest>

17:58:33 From Tuyen (she/her) CID Resident to Everyone:

ooh!

17:58:47 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

Link for that theatre performance??

17:59:56 From Jessa Timmer to Everyone:

<https://www.beneath-the-streets.com/about-4>; <https://www.martyrsauce.com/copy-of-martyr-sauce-1>