



## **Minutes for Historic South Downtown Board Meeting; Tuesday, October 25, 2016**

**Grand Central Conference Room, 3rd floor, 216 1st Ave. S. Seattle, WA**

**Attendance:** Brendan Donckers called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

*Board members present:* Chris Arkills, Brendan Donckers, Tom Sang-gu Im, Maiko Winkler-Chin, Wren Wheeler, Heidi Hall, Karl Mueller, Al Poole, Liz Stenning, Lisa Quinn

*Board members absent:* Jim Kelly

**Approval of September 2016 Minutes:** With one amendment of a data point, the minutes were unanimously approved. Karl Mueller abstained.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karl Mueller reported that HSD funds have stayed fairly stable at \$100,000. Work conducted on the Connections project for the Office of the Waterfront has been fully reimbursed by the City of Seattle. He suggested that the organization look for a new CPA in the coming year, as the current contractor has been somewhat unresponsive. Brendan Donckers called for suggestions. Wren Wheeler was nominated to assume Karl's position as Treasurer. With the infusion of funds from HB 1223, Liz Stenning called for a more formal budgeting process and a board retreat in February. Chris Arkills suggested working towards an annual budget for 2017-2018, beginning in July of next year.

**Recruitment of New Board Members:** Kevin Geiger, Partner of Blue Wave Political Partners, has been nominated for Position #1: Business Owner, Pioneer Square now held by Karl Mueller. Edlira Kuka of Vulcan, who joined the board last month, has been nominated to fill Phil Fuji's place for Position #2: Business, Chinatown/ID. Brendan Donckers will vacate Position #3: Resident, Pioneer Square, and several residents expressed interest. Since Elaine Ikoma Ko stepped down, Position #10: History/Culture, has been open. Board members agreed to invite any recruits to the upcoming Annual HSD Mixer.

**Update on Pacific Hospital PDA Partnership and HB 1223:** Brendan Donckers had another conversation with Mark Ellerbrook, Regional Housing and Community Development Manager for King County, who remained vague about a timeline for releasing HB 1223 funds to HSD. He did confirm that \$2,000,000 will be transferred for 2017, with \$1,700,000 earmarked for support of the PACE project with PHPDA and \$300,000 for HSD projects and administrative expenses.

**Debrief of Community Conversation with Pioneer Square Stakeholders:** Heidi Hall led a conversation with an engaged group of stakeholders on October 5 at 4Culture. She reported that the group understood the opportunity and focused on public realm enhancements, connectivity with the Waterfront, and place-making with arts and culture. She concluded that the group encouraged HSD to support more "impactful projects" with a "wow factor." Stakeholders asked HSD to think about funds as three different pots, with an even split between Pioneer Square and the International District along with flexible funds to cover projects of intersection between the two neighborhoods. They named numerous

reports that articulate neighborhood priorities and urged HSD to avoid creating another process. Instead, HSD needs to create a master list and work to build capacity with neighborhood organizations, leveraging existing funds whenever possible. Tom Im raised the issue of guidelines for choosing projects. All acknowledge that HSD needs to formalize a decision-making process. Heidi Hall added that HSD needs more conversation about the scale of projects. Wren Wheeler, Tom Im, and Maiko Winkler-Chin agreed to lead a similar conversation with stakeholder in the ID at the beginning of December. To further and formalize selection criteria, HSD needs to articulate intent at several layers: general process as well as scope and scale. Given the lack of information about a payment schedule from the County, HSD can assume that projects will be funded in multiple rounds as part of a multi-year initiative. Right now, the assumption is that \$200,000 to \$300,000 will be available for projects in 2017.

**Highlights of Connections Meeting with Marshall Foster:** Lisa Quinn and Liz Stenning met with Marshall Foster, Director of the Office of the Waterfront, and Lesley Bain to review the Jackson Street Connections report and the community-targeted recommended projects. Additional funds of \$100,000 are available through the Office of the Waterfront to implement projects recommended in the Connections report. Marshall Foster described that the main criteria is to select projects that equitably serve both neighborhoods and funds should be spent by June 2017. HSD was asked to submit a letter by the beginning of December to signal our intent to leverage \$100,000 from the Office of the Waterfront with matching HSD funds. The conversation focused on King Street-Union Station, a key point of intersection for both neighborhoods. The current Connections report lays out a number of fundable options to activate that space, from near-term improvements to plazas and "fun" new crosswalks to funding plans for redesign. Board members agreed that the more cross over, the better, so projects must look at the entire stretch from King Street to Union Station. After further deliberation, Brendan Donckers proposed the following motion, "Historic South Downtown approves drafting a letter that will authorize and allocate up to \$100,000 in matching funds for a joint project with the City of Seattle's Office of the Waterfront." Chris Arkills seconded the motion. All board members approved the motion.

**Update on Annual Mixer:** Liz Stenning distributed copies of the invitation and urged all board members to distribute these widely to key contacts. She also created an Outlook invite that can be shared with others. Brendan Donckers invited Marshall Foster, Representative Eric Pettigrew, Council Member Lorena Gonzalez, and both the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor. He encouraged other board members to submit names of speakers and invitees ASAP.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 PM**

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**2016 Meeting Schedule | 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Each Month @ 5PM | Grand Central Conference Room**

<b>January</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>15 Annual Meeting</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>13 New Board Orientation &amp; Regular Board Meeting</b>