HSD Board Meeting
September 22, 2020

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

Staff - Kathleen Johnson, James King, Jr

Community Members - An Huynh (SCIDpda), MaryKate Ryan (SCIDpda) Betty Lau (Friends of Japan Town), Laura Rattner (Path with Art)

Agenda & Minutes

Call to Order
5:02 pm by Jamie Lee

Welcome Guests/Public Comment
No comments

SCIDpda Grant Updates — An Huynh and MaryKate Ryan
• Lighting Our History: 100K grant, lighting for landmarks and sites with Chinatown-ID (see PowerPoint)
  • Pavilion, 2018 recommendation lighting study: July mock-up, just received design packet. Next step: get quote from electrician and need to coordinate with city parks & rec
  • Maynard Alley, 2019 study recommendation - upgrade and install new lights: early sept toured with electrician to meet with neighborhood partners - need to coordinate with all partners and get approval from city before moving forward
  • Dragon sculpture: 10 in total, 2018 lighting study recommendation - illuminate from below (managed by CIDBIA) - discussion happening around a need to relocate before lighting the dragons, next step is paused to allow time for community engagement to discuss if they should be moved
  • Stone Lantern in Kobe Terrence - 2018 lighting study recommendation - illuminate from the inside - appears to have been lit from within historically; approval process is needed now - reaching out to local groups to make sure what is being proposed is in line with community desires (parks contractors likely to complete the work)
• Jackson St Hub Art Project:
  • 2nd round of funding from HSD
  • Concept plan published last year - translation of plan completed in June 2020 (first round of funding) English/Chinese
  • 2nd Round of Funding = research art associated these project area
    • No proposed changes to the front, only to the east side
    • Artists need to be part of the reimagining process
      • Alice Adams, landscape architect
      • Sonya Ishil, visual artist
    • Currently focused on how best to present this info to the public (working with Alliance of Pioneer Square) for community engagement - plans are on hold
    • Sound Transit is planning on sharing with the public broadly later this fall, method tbd
• Q&A
• Sound Transit and Metro (originally held artist agreements) have been part of the discussions
• Similarities to decommissioning effort at the convention center - perhaps they may be able to offer some historical insight to reaching back out to the community and artists

Consent Agenda
• Treasurer’s Report
• Grant Tracking Report
• Minutes of August 25, 2020 meeting
• Action
  ◦ Questions/Concerns: none
  ◦ Motion to approve as is by Stephanie Pure
  ◦ Seconded by Karen True
  ◦ Opposed/Abstentions: none
  ◦ Motion carried.

Discussion on Current State of Neighborhoods
• Public Comment
  ◦ Betty Lau: a lot of the business are talking about what’s going to happen after the elections, and are hesitant to take down the boards from the windows
  ◦ Art project looks really wonderful! Pause for public input/feedback
  ◦ Restaurants experiencing window smashing
  ◦ Laura Rattner: Break in at restaurant on 2nd and Jackson
• Board Member Discussion
  ◦ Karen True: PSQ concerns with breaking and window smashing continuing - great success with small business support grants (beef up on-line presence); resilience, welcome back kits for businesses to show that the neighborhood is open
  ◦ Public realm, alley lighting project coming along. Matching fund grant opportunity to be released next week with support from HSD
  ◦ It’s quiet and frustrating - play structures were set on fire.
  ◦ Pavilion under construction
  ◦ Repair/construction on hold
  ◦ Outdoor seating permit for restaurants in occidental mall
  ◦ Mixed experience/feelings
  ◦ Dana Phelan: King County Admin Building (across from the county jail) will be vacated. Consolidation to King Street Center building in Pioneer Sq
  ◦ Jessica Rubenacker: GOOD news, reopening on Oct 7! Boards coming down once it reopens - Member appreciation on Oct 3
  ◦ Jamie Lee: C-ID, sharing that small business grants are out through state department of commerce & King County using CARES Act grants funding; Working to get more PPEs to businesses as we head into the winter; Small Business Saturday - planning for an event outdoors to build morale as we head into the holiday season
  ◦ Maria: International Examiner - encouraging people to donate early for annual fundraiser; 3 45-min events (Oct 29, Nov 5 & Nov 12) — See IE website for event details —> Partner to Build Community theme
  ◦ Acknowledge that moratorium on evocations for residential and business ends on Dec 31. Sticky situation is developing and on the horizon - as we think about our neighborhoods moving forward, how do we play a part in the solution?

Board Recruitment and Annual Mixer — November 2020
• Who is up for re-election?
• Karen True, Azar Koulibaly, CID Business Seat, CID Resident, Shava Lawson, Dana Phelan, Stephanie True
• Need to figure out how to vote & invite participation
• Maria wants to support based on recent experience

Update from Grant Making Committee
• Emergency grant for CIDBIA
  • Looking for COVID Direct Investment - CIDBIA requested to bridge the digital divide for business (immigrant own and non-English)
  • Idea is to quickly provide e-commerce infrastructure & provide 12-months technical assistance — evolve business models for about 100 individual businesses
• Equity + COVID response issue throughout the entire CID
• Qs/Concerns/Discussion:
  • Shava Lawson supports the effort
  • Japan town supported? Yes, though language may not be as much of a barrier as other parts
  • Who is prioritized to receive this funding?
    • there’s a grant from Comcast to support online capacity
    • Prioritize those business who currently do not have any digital access/presence
    • Dollar amount?
    • TBD by CIDBIA by Oct 6
• We do have funding to support. CIDBIA = only have 3 staff, this funding can ensure capacity
• Do the businesses want this support?
• CIDBIA Funding - builds capacity for outreach, intake and programming; ED did present at the Grant Making Committee earlier in the week
• Prior to voting, all express potential conflicts
  • Motion to request the CIDBIA submit a plan of action and budget to carry out the project as discussed by Julie Fonseca de Borges.
  • Seconded by Ken Takahashi
  • Opposed/Abstentions: none
  • Motion carried.
• Process Changes
  • Grant Making Committee - it there a way to have the committee to have a voice before the committee review panel? Still considering options, but before we commit to the next round of funding. Discussions are tabled for now.

For the Good of the Order
• Appreciation to all.

Adjourn at 6:22pm by Jamie