

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 - is 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