

HSD Board Meeting
September 28, 2021

Attendees:

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

Staff - Kathleen Johnson, Mary Kate Ryan, James King, Jr

Community Members: Stephan Mak (Sound Transit), Leda Chaim, Peter Rogoff, Don Billen, Cathal Ridge, Alexis Lair, Betty Lau (Friends of Japan Town), Daniel Pak (Totem Star)

Agenda & Minutes

Call to Order at 5:01 pm by Jamie lee.

Welcome Guests/Public Comment

Betty: Commend ST for taking surface tracks off the plan in favor of four tunnels. Signage and maps need to be corrected to align with City ordinance to reflect the full correct name of the C-ID neighborhood.

Amend Agenda Item Discussion

Instead of July financial report, we will look at August 2021 financials. August 2021 meeting notes will be on the agenda next month.

Jessica Rubenacker motions to accept meeting agenda as amended, Shava Lawson seconds - no abstentions or nays, amended agenda passes

Consent Agenda

August 2021 financials - no questions/comments from board

Karen True motions to accept consent agenda, Dana Phelan seconds - no abstentions or nays, consent agenda approved

Grant Update: Totem Star (totemstar.org)

Daniel Pak, co-founder of local recording studio Star Totem in 2010; funded in Round 3 to build a studio in King Street Station. Work with over 3,000 young recording artists to date; participating youth indicated a preference for a studio in C-ID or Beacon Hill; currently in design/construction production phase, funding from HSD served as a catapult for their fundraising/capital campaign to design and build this studio that provides 8x the amount of space they currently have. Fortunate to be part of a complex/movement of arts + cultural funding - historical musical connection to this site

Conversation with Sound Transit

2nd night of a two board presentation. Last month, ST staff provided an update presentation. Tonight's presentation is a conversation with the board to answer community and board questions.

Director Rogoff provide introductory remarks: shared ST job training program that serves youth and planning for future extensions of ST (reaching as far as federal way) to create more of a hub for these neighborhoods; acknowledge the impacts of these project to the neighborhoods but are working to mitigate negative impacts; stressed that ST and Metro are not merging but acknowledged discussions to transfer some property/routes between the two agency.

Cathal Ridge shared ST project timeline. Currently in planning phase through 2023; draft EIS report expected this fall with a 45-day public comment period. EIS = environmental impact statement. Leda Chaim (public engagement) relationship building in preparation for draft EIS public feedback period

Questions

- Do you anticipate having to delay going to the ST board given the delay in releasing the draft EIS? No, but we are waiting on release of current draft from third party
- EIS available in multiple languages? Language and accessibility is important to us - will have EIS available on website, which can be translated into different languages - but just a summary
- What's planned for public engagement for EIS review? Email blasts (sign up: wsblink.participate.online), social media channels, send info out to partners who can push out the info, present at community events
- EIS include environmental justice review? Yes, along with NEPA review
- ST moving offices away from Union building? Current leases go through 2024-2027, we love the community we're in
- Climate Change mitigations? Expansion of regional transit system is a response to climate change (reduces carbon emissions); make services and construction as green as possible; first in the nation to be electrified (carbon free); designs go through a climate vulnerability analysis
- What can ST staff do and don't during the comment period? All and any questions can be asked - please reach as we can help you understand the draft document as much as possible. We need to hear what people like and all the things they don't like about the different options. We won't be able to take anything off the table; further review/evaluations will be needed.
- Opportunities to read other public comments during the process?
- Incorporating local artists in the design? art program as part of ST, design phase traditionally include local artists, use ST art budget to support local artists and promote local voices
- What Mitigations are possible to offset the construction impacts to the neighborhoods? Part of the EIS comment period, need public feedback
- Help improve relationship began City and ST? Continuing to work at improving communications and will reach out to new administration
- Moving people in a greenway and supporting our fragile communities beyond construction for business support? Need to discuss as part impact of overall project
- Public questions will be added at the end of discussion - questions submitted prior to this meeting have been answered.
- Can you mitigate by correcting names on signage and maps? We'll take a careful look.
- Gratitude from HSD to ST for attending and answering the questions. ST: the conversation will continue.

ED'd Report + For the Good of the Order

- ED Report: sent last night
- Round 4 of Grants set to go out tomorrow at 8am, website will be updated early tomorrow morning! It has been a smooth transition to the new tracking software. Let us know if anything

glitches. Board members are asked to share the grant application release! Applications close on November 10th at 5pm.

- Community review panel will complete work by November 21st.
- The board will need to meet sometime during Thanksgiving Week.
- Annual mixer is December 1st. Election of new board members.
- Karen True is retiring! This is my last meeting. Retirement date is at the end of October.
- Officer nominations: Dana Phelan as Chair, Derek Lum as Vice-chair, Jessica Rubenacker as Secretary, *TBD* as Treasure; let Kathleen or Jamie know if you are interested in serving as a board officer.

Adjourned by Jamie Lee at 6:34pm