

HSD Board Meeting
Minutes
July 28, 2020

Via Zoom

Attendees

Board: Julie Fonseca de Borges, Jamie Lee, Ken Takahashi, Karen True, Jessica Rubenacker, Che Wong, Dana Phelan, Shava Lawson, Maria Batayola, Azar Koulibaly

Staff: Kathleen Johnson, James King, Jr

Guests: Betty Lau (Chong Wa Education Society), Laura Rattner (Path with Art), Herman Tam (Kin On)

Call to Order at 5:02 pm by Jamie Lee

Welcome Guests/Public Comment

- Betty Lau: emergency grant question, informed that submitted grant has gone through the process
- No other public comments

Consent Agenda

- Treasurer's Reports
 - Minutes of June 23, 2020 Meeting
- No questions from the board
Motion to approve as is Karen True
Seconded by Shava Lawson
Opposed/Abstentions: none
Motion carried.

Discussion: Community Needs

- Major Employer return to work statuses — most public employers are keeping staff working remotely until 2021
 - Dow Constantine's office reached out about discussing affects to neighborhood business - more to come.
 - King County Department of Natural Resources announced all staff will work remotely, vacating offices in Jackson building
- Tourism, sports and office workers are not returning to the neighborhoods - huge impact on local businesses
- Port of Seattle canceled RFP for cruise ship terminal
- Digital Divide
 - Asian Pacific Director's Coalition: Request of jump start grant funds to support businesses to develop an online presence
 - Alliance for Pioneer Square is supporting small business with a wide-base web support is a model that would like to replicated
 - BIA to support small business by providing access and technical assistance

- Seeking about \$80,000 to go into staff capacity as well as resources for language translations
- Potential for additional grant process funds maybe needed
- Moved discussion to the Grant Making Committee for next steps, to come back to the full board with recommendations to move forward
- Schooling moving to online likely this fall; access wifi continues to be problem for residents (Pioneer Square may already be serviced by Comcast but has not yet reached C-ID); some access/support had been provided this past Spring, fall support is uncertain
- Public Safety in the C-ID:
 - Plywood on businesses throughout the C-ID was originally scheduled to come down on Monday, but removal is being delayed because of recent break-in activity. At this time, plywood is being taken down via individual business requests/capacity/discretion.
 - Murals are being stored at the business's discretion.
 - The Wing is trying to collect representative samples of works (based on storage capacity).
 - Plywood has already been removed from most Pioneer Square businesses
- Night watch happening since June in two shifts from 10pm to 2am each evening.

Review and approval of Community Review Panel Grant (CRP) Recommendations

- Emergency Grants = total of \$175,000 funding recommended
 - 8 received, 6 recommended for funding: 5 C-ID; 1 - Pioneer Square
 - one application was withdrawn
 - one application was from a private business (not eligible)
 - Conflicts of Interests:
 - Azar Koulibaly : on the board of the Alliance for Pioneer Square
 - Jessica Rubenacker, employee of Wing
 - Jamie Lee, employee of SCIPDA
 - Karen True, employee of the Alliance for Pioneer square
- Motion to approve slate of recommendations by Julie Fonseca de Borges
- Seconded by Maria Batayola
- Discussion:
 - Why is the award less than requested amount in the last two entries? Recommendation is based on available funds.
- Opposed/Abstentions: None
- **Motion carries.**
- Round 3 Grants
 - 20 application requests, all recommended for some level of funding
 - Motion to send slate of recommendations back to the community review panel for more information by Karen True; slate to come back to the board next month for consideration.
 - Discussion: The proposal in question and submitting organization (Totem Star) has full support from two board members raising questions. However, they are requesting more information from the City (based on previous agreements for open communications and community engagement pertaining to King Street Station) before funds are awarded for a project that will support tenant spaces in a public space. Further discussions (in the grant making committee and the board) are needed on implications of funding capital projects in

public spaces, which raises issues of site control and ownership - likely, the grant making process will need to be updated. Further discussions with the City are needed regarding public involvement with regards to King Street Statement use.

- Motion rescinded.
- Motion by Maria Batayola to approve the recommended slate with the request to the Grant Making Committee to recommend improvements the grant making policy/process to the board.
- Seconded by Azar Koulibaly
- Discussion: no further discussion
- Opposed/Abstentions: None
- **Motion carries.**

Appreciation for the Community Review Panel members for continually supporting and implementing the values of HSD.

Department of Revenue Process

Request for board attendance in meeting (July 29, 10 to Noon) with stakeholders to begin negotiations on finding long-term funding solutions for HSD and its work in the community. This is the first of several meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm by Jamie Lee.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on _____.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Secretary, Historic South Downtown Board of Directors