

HSD Board Meeting
August 25, 2020

Attendees:

Board - Jamie Lee, Julie Fonseca de Borges, Stephanie Pure, Derek Lum, Ken Takahashi, Shava Lawson, Karen True, Jessica Rubenacker, Che Wong, Maria Batayola

Staff - Kathleen Johnson, James King, Jr

Community Members - Betty Lau (Friends of Japan Town), Carrie George (Helping Link), Melissa Bailey (CM McDermott's office), Jessa Timmer (Alliance for Pioneer Square), CJ Brochway (community member), Laura Rattner (Path with Art)

HISTORIC SOUTH DOWNTOWN
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Investing in the vitality of Seattle's historic Chinatown-International District and Pioneer Square.

Call to Order

5:01 pm By Jamie Lee

Welcome Guests/Public Comment

- Betty Lau - agenda interest = community needs: making cloth masks for residents with underlying health conditions, pocket mask is popular (b/c blue masks need to be replaced every two hours) — can HSD help distribute reusable masks (has already given 80 masks, 120 are almost ready to go out this weekend)
- Carrie George: Safety concerns in the C-ID - broken into last week Tuesday and Wednesday (25 computers/iPads taken) —> has not been able to talk to anyone at SPD, not getting help from them —> need ongoing to support policing in the neighborhood, can HSD help?

Consent Agenda

- Treasurer's Reports* -
 - Minutes of July 28, 2020 Meeting* -
- Questions? None

Motion to approve as is Karen True

Seconded by Stephanie Pure

Opposed/Abstentions: none

Motion carried.

Dept. of Revenue (DoR) Process

- DoR charged with researching and identifying a source for continual funding for HSD, due to legislature June 2021.
 - 13 preliminary sources identified (can share information and discussion options in detail with Kathleen),
- HSD Top Ideas:
 - State Retails/Use Tax, state impact but not locally felt
 - Admissions Tax
 - TIF - tax increment financial (like)
 - Food & Beverage Tax

- Stadium Tax
- Public Stadiums Authority (football related entities, not baseball) preference = Impact on Major Projects, TIF-like, and Impact Fees of Opportunity Zones
- DoR seeking additional feedback, especially key stakeholders
- Additional discussions will continue at DoR second meeting (likely delayed until at least the second week of Sept)
- Maria, REN & Jamie committee to convey to discuss Stadium responses and articulate further questions
- HSD Response*
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- Questions?
 - Stephanie: Equity and social justice evaluation needed on the proposed alternatives/options
 - specifically our top choices and those of the DoR

Community Needs

On-going board conversation regarding current and emerging needs of HSD neighborhoods

- Public Safety
 - Masks: ongoing effort by SCIDpda to provide masks to residents, masks give away to restaurants (disposables givens to customers who do not have them)
 - Interium also providing masks
 - Police Relationship - SCIDpda will connect with (Helping Link) to follow up about the breaking
 - CM McDermott's office also can provide masks
 - King County is also providing masks
- Pioneers Square: also experiencing lots of breaking; businesses are taking down the plywood, but some plywood is going back up in break-in spots
- How do we continue to support the communities who are experiencing a loss of businesses (especially in key visible areas)
 - Redevelopment happens, businesses are needing to relocate but find current rates high
 - Perhaps we're in stabilization mode (followed by recovery) but ongoing need is going to be significant (especially considering rent deferrals)
 - Can HSD support these needs? Or are we deferring the struggle?
- Encampment is also trespassing on private property without support from SPD, but are there other entities that can help? Public Defender organization has been reached out to, but they are low in resources —> Acknowledging that this is a much bigger issue that needs to continually be dealt with the City and local agencies/efforts. —> Shava to share info on new coalition who is working to address this issue.
- Grant Making Updates Kathleen Johnson & Status of Grants* James E. King, Jr. Grant Making
 - Funding organizations that are making an impact
 - Most approved grants have been funded (\$ out the door)
 - All approved projects, from last month's approval process, are working on scopes of work (pre-contract work)
 - Emergency Grants + Round Three funding contracts will be ready this weekend
 - Committed \$4M, paid out a little more than half

- Committee Public Process Recommendation
 - How do we ensure that the community review panel has enough information regarding public input for future projects (especially Round 4 funding)?
 - Perhaps we can post online info on projects/organizations that have submitted a grant application.
 - Short public response window? Limit # of public comments?
 - Send this info (public comment) to the Community Review Panel to take into consideration?
 - How would we ask for public comment? WHO's the audience? Soliciting both support and negative comments.
 - How would we resolve negative comments? Reach back out to the organization(s) who submitted.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - Consider: This solution is overbuilt, puts too much work on the review panel. Instead, provide full slate to this board, and then the board can share any pertinent info with the panel.
 - Would need more time for the board to respond.
 - SDI Team, reach out
 - Will go back and share with the grant making committee this conversation
 - Additional emergency round? Or a direct investment? To be discussed at next board mtg
 - Need to reach back out to Business Improvement Association who has helped support digital infrastructure support for small business, to they need additional support now? Kathleen and/or James to reach out ASAP.

Annual Meeting Ad Hoc Committee

- Request to Form ad hoc committee to organize virtual on-line meeting and board elections
- Given CoVID, we need an online —> November 10
 - Jessica, Karen, Stephanie , Shava, Julie, Kathleen

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- elections in November
- census is coming to a close in mid-September (WA surpassed 2010 already); C-ID is a little low
- Maria, Trustee Board, 6-year commitment to the Filipino American National Historical Society! (37 chapters across the country)
- Kathleen to send a status
- The Wing is currently working on plans to reopen under Phase II
- Anna Tamara (Seattle based) is currently leading NPS Klondike-Seattle while Charles Beall is supporting another park in Idaho through November.

Adjourn Jamie Lee at 6:22pm

