

HSD Board Meeting
June 22, 2021

Attendees:

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

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

Community Members: Betty Lau (Friends of Japan Town)

Agenda & Minutes

Call to Order at 5:01 pm by Jamie Lee

Welcome Guests/Public Comment

What's the difference between a consent agenda and an agenda?

- Consent agenda contains items that the board needs to approve.
- Agenda: the broader schedule of topics that are up for discussion and possible action

Consent Agenda

No discussion.

Ken moved to approve. Azar seconded. Jamie and Azar abstentions, no nays. Motion carries.

Grant Program Updates

- Round IV
 - Organizing a grant making committee to schedule round 4, but looking at early fourth quarter this year.
 - Expected to exhaust initial funding through this round.
- Grant Tracker
 - Will resent to ensure all board members receive
 - Pending amounts are associated with installment grants
- Pride & Resilience Grant — 2019 Investment in Pioneer Square update
 - Lots of community involvement: Steering Committee & 4 different work groups (property owners, managers, business, residents, service providers)
 - Technical assistance support
 - Small business support programs
 - 2 active workgroups: events and activations, and public realm
 - Summer time events
 - Looking to engage upper level businesses to bring people back to pioneer square
 - Public Art, Broken Window Fund (\$45K initial amount)
 - Funding exhausted, but looking for additional funds

2022 Budget Approval Vote

- Kathleen presented proposed budget for FY2022 again
- HSD's fiscal year = July-June
- Updated actuals from last draft, including salaries (CDC PDA support reflected)

- Questions.
 - Dana - payroll tax only on HSD position or total salary? Total, Kathleen will update.
 - No other questions.
 - Appreciation for added notes to better understand budget plan.
- Motion to approve budget as presented by Dana. Seconded by Karen. No abstentions, no nays. Motion passes.

Board Development

- In Person Meetings
 - Survey sent out earlier today to board to query about thoughts on returning to in-person meetings in anticipation of the state's lifting of COVID restrictions
 - Kathleen would like to return to in-person as soon as feasible. Main space at Hing Hay would be made available.
 - Zoom to remain an option for those who would prefer to continue virtual attendance?
 - Potentially, but technology may be an issue
 - Conversation:
 - Children who can't get vaccinated, would prefer to wait.
 - Some are nervous, would prefer to meet outdoors.
 - Would prefer a hybrid model to continue accessible/engagement public participation —> but need to ensure there's no disadvantage to those participating either way
 - Stephanie to connect Kathleen with someone who can help figure out best practices for a hybrid model
 - Need to also figure out a process model as well as a technology model
 - Vaccinated people only at in-person meetings?
 - Need to see what state guidance is at this point.
 - Need to also see how other organizations are negotiating this questions.
 - See guidance from local health organizations.
 - Will remain on Zoom for next meeting. Research to be conducted.
- Annual Mixer
 - Proposed to host the mixer later in November or early December
 - Target is for Wednesday, December 1 @ 5pm
 - Planning for an in-person event
- OPMA Training
 - Open Public Meetings Act (state act)
 - 15-minute video available, potential for a group training at the beginning or end of a board mtg
 - Potential for August session, or offer opportunity twice
- Succession
 - If you are leaving this year, share with Kathleen who might fill your seat.
 - Mary Kate will start recruitment activities in September.

Good of the Order

- Stephanie: Congrats to Wing Luke for recent grant! Mackenzie Scott and Dan Jewett selected theWing as one of a number of organizations to receive su substantial funding support.
- Welcome back weeks are being planned throughout the city. More information will be sent by Kathleen to the board.
- Mary Kate is coordinating committee meetings - see email from last week. Goal is to meet within the next two weeks.
- Food walk this Saturday in the C-ID.

Adjourned at 6:10 pm by Azar Koulibaly.