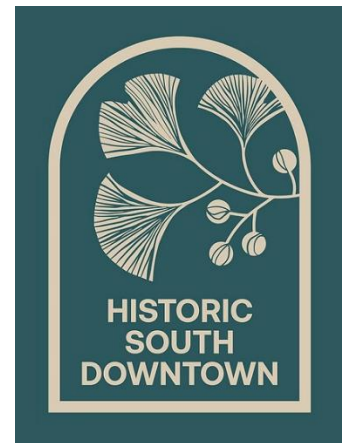


Historic South Downtown Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, November 28, 2023



Present: Aleksa Manila, Shava Lawson, Diane Le,
Derek Lum, Dana Phelan, Jessica Rubenacker,
Jennifer Tam, Tuyen Than, Jessa Timmer

Staff: Kathleen Barry Johnson, Ashley-Nichole Holland, MaryKate Ryan,

Public:
Betty Lau

CALL TO ORDER (Action)

Dana Phelan called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

Public Comment:

Betty Lau: Betty thanks HSD for persistence and advocacy for PS/CID at the ST meetings and that is it having an effect. She hopes people will continue to speak up at the next two meetings 12/14 and 12/15.

CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

Presenter: Dana Phalen

- *Meeting Minutes (October 2023)*
- *Treasurer's Reports (October 2023)*

Motion by Jessica Rubenacker to amend the agenda to add an executive session right before the consent agenda is approved. Second from Aleksa Manila. Approved by all. Motion passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5:12 – 5:27

Motion by Shava Lawson to amend the consent agenda to remove the approval of the October 2023 Treasurer's Report. Second by Diane Le. Approved by all. Motion passes

Motion by Jessa Timmer to approve the consent agenda. Second from Derek Lum. Approved by all. Motion passes.

ELECTION OF 2024 BOARD OFFICERS (Action)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- Slate of three officers:
 - Jessa Timmer, President
 - Derek Lum, Vice President (incumbent)
 - Jessica Rubenacker, Secretary (incumbent)
 - Treasurer is still vacant

Motion by Tuyen Than to approve the slate of HSD board officers. Second from Shava Lawson. Approved by all. Motion passes.

RATIFICATION OF E-VOTE (Action)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *"Shall the Board authorize Kathleen Barry Johnson to engage Teresa D. Johnson in accordance with the engagement letter submitted?"*
- Consider ratifying e-vote for Teresa D. Johnson as HSD's CPA.

Motion by Shava Lawson to ratify the e-vote to authorize Kathleen Barry Johnson to engage Teresa D. Johnson in accordance with the engagement letter submitted. Second from Tuyen Than. Approved by all. Motion passes.

POLICY AND ADVOCACY UPDATES (Information)

Presenter: Ashley-Nichole Holland

- *2024 Legislative Session Prep*
- *Pier 48 Status, Coalition*
- *Most Endangered Designation Video*
- **Session Prep:**
 - Ashley-Nichole: 2024 Legislative Session starts January 8, 2024. To prepare for legislative session, we have meetings scheduled with legislators in our district and surrounding areas, educating legislators about the work HSD does. This includes HB 1510, especially for why it's important for outside legislators to vote for this. Ashley will be meeting with other legislators to hear what other big bills are. Ramping up to get our bill over to the Governor's desk.
- **Pier 48 Status:**
 - The first coalition meeting was held November 17, 2023, with 10 people in attendance. They met to discuss the purpose and vision for the group. Staff debriefed the group with the governor's office and WA State Ferries: HSD staff were able to meet with the governor's office and Joy Shigaki (Friends of the Waterfront) to bring in community's concerns about Pier 48 and the future and vision; able to hear from WA State Ferries about their interest, they see opportunities for foot ferries for finger docks and different regions to connect to Seattle; also opportunity for electrification of ferry fleet (longer timeline, cheaper than electrifying bigger boats, hybridizing larger boats). Ferry system biggest polluter of Puget Sound, electrifying will help.

- This coalition will be meeting every 6 weeks and Ashley will be giving updates from joint transportation committee and give updates on what legislature is thinking all things transportation
- **C40 Cities:**
 - The overwater portion overwater portion of Pier 48 needs to be removed for environmental remediation. Electrification coming over across the sound to Pier 48 and this can't be done until overwater portion is gone. Currently looking for additional funding. City of Seattle had an idea that Pier 48 could be submitted to C40 Cities, Reinventing Cities competition. It's a design competition and Pier 48 already has a lot of design but we could still submit. The hope is to work with the Pier 48 coalition to figure out strategically what the best approach is. The winner of the competition gains site control.
 - From Aleksa: wouldn't this put us in competition for funding with other neighborhood groups that we would normally support? Kathleen: normally, we wouldn't apply if other neighborhood groups were applying. Staff will check with the Coalition to confirm and/or see if we could do it in collaboration or see if one of the other orgs would want to go for it.
- **Most Endangered Place Video:**
 - Madrona Bureau has been working on this video, which is an opportunity for the community to share their stories, partners to share their stories. The plan is to roll out the video in mid-December on 12/11. Currently building a landing page on the website for the video which will include resources for the community. There will be a section for folks to leave their story and connect with HSD, space for multilingual resources for access, testimony and a timeline of past government and policy harms. Staff is working to prepare community and partners so no one is surprised when we roll out the video. Collecting short testimony about designation and bright lights in the CID, what is worth celebrating and exciting and wonderful of a place. If you know anyone who has a short testimony (2-3 sentences) or would like to provide a testimony, please reach out to Ashley.

DECEMBER 11 – BIG DAY! (Information)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Holiday lunch at Jade Garden: 1:30-2:30pm*
- *Strategic Partner Planning with Norma Timbang: 2:30-4pm*
- Many have already RSVP'ed for the lunch; casual time to connect; hoping to do more in-person in 2024
- Immediately after, those who have been meeting with Norma for strategic partner planning will meet at Hing Hay Coworks. Looking into those we would want to pursue further partnerships in 2024.

SOUND TRANSIT UPDATE (Information)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson; MaryKate Ryan

- *November 15 Workshop*
- *Other updates*
- No updates on scoping for new DEIS

- Nov 15 Workshop/Open House: public comment on posters/ST ideas from the past two years and where they think they're going next
- Timeline updates
 - Looking at planned workshops for preferred alternatives ST is studying. Update on naming: North of CID station now called Pioneer Square Midtown Station. South of CID Station is being called Dearborn St Station.
 - There will be five workshops in 2024-2025, allow for deeper dives in to the projects, where people can ask more pointed questions.
 - Currently 2025 is when we should expect to see new draft EIS. This is a long process.
 - Early 2025 would be final EIS. Summer 2026 Final project chosen. Opened by 2039.
- Thriving Communities Grant, HSD submitted grant letter of interest. This is a Federal Program we're able to apply for as an entity that the state created. We're not usually grant applicants, but in this case we're not competing with local organizations because there are only a few organizations who are eligible to apply. HSD staff spoke with those few and they're fine being partners. We will know some time in 2024 about the grant status. This will allow HSD to hire people and do work with community partners on all of our transportation planning related efforts, should address wholistically how people live. It would be exciting if we get the funding.

UNREINFORCED MASONRY (Information)

Presenter: MaryKate Ryan

- Unreinforced Masonry, passed an alternate pathway that is supported by a director's rule: if you retrofit your building voluntarily to this director's rule, they will not make you go back and do this work.
- Map: unreinforced masonry buildings within CID and PS:
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1OvXI7HzjQPvtJ8cSm0mJo5TWwZdctGs&usp=sharing>
- Everything in green is a substantial alternation doesn't need more work; blue is a permitted retrofit, probably okay now as well; yellow/pink, no visible retrofit or a visible retrofit on the outside of the building, many of those don't meet modern standards for retrofitting
- HSD can help: ways to help do some soils and vibrations testing block by block, invest in giving information to property owners in our neighborhoods to move forward with retrofitting engineering to work on outfitting their buildings.
- What are the funding options that would allow them to retrofit their buildings without evicting current tenants? Would like to have those financing options in place before moving forward with retrofitting
- Needing to cultivate a city council member champion

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (Information)

Presenters: All

- Wing Luke Museum, 2023 C-ID SANTA, Saturday, December 9, 2023, 12:00 PM- 3:00 PM and Maker's Market: <https://www.wingluke.org/eventscalendar/cidsanta>
- Aleksa: celebrating 20-year anniversary of Miss Gay Seattle, oldest drag title on the West Coast
- Filipino Town Holiday Market at the Filipino Community Center, Sunday December 3 from 1pm to 5pm <https://partiful.com/e/3EiehyLN8Vkd5Kb6Jtqw>

- PSQ Holiday Market in Occidental, Dec 8 & 9
- Lots of fun events in Pioneer Sq 12/7-12/10: Holiday Market; Ice Skating; <https://www.pioneersquare.org/calendar/month/2023/12/>
- Folks can send holiday event info to Ashley and will send out to email list to promote
- Cultural Access WA (Doors Open at county level), King County supporting additional funding for 4Culture, Doors Open passed through regional policy committee of KC Council, goes to committee of the whole tomorrow, then full KC Council vote on 12/5; \$70 million dollars for County, would start in Spring 2024; \$100 millions dollars in 2025

ADJOURN (Action)

Meeting adjourned by Dana Phelan at 6:15pm.

ZOOM COMMENTS

17:09:14 From jessa to Everyone:

I like the new hair, Betty!

17:12:05 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "I like the new hair,..." with 👍

17:28:31 From Derek Lum, he/him, InterIm CDA to Everyone:

transitioning to off camera, eating dinner

17:28:47 From Derek Lum, he/him, InterIm CDA to Everyone:

huzzah!

17:50:11 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

ashley@historicsouthdowntown.com

17:58:06 From bettylau to Everyone:

My sense is that ST is stalling, hoping community get tired and go away. Brien Chow and I have committed to attending all SEC and full board meetings as a minimum. Plus we meet w/ electeds as we can. So now the 37th Democrats are on board and have passed a Resolution supporting the 4th Avenue Hub.

17:59:20 From bettylau to Everyone:

Great to have the company!

17:59:37 From jessa to Everyone:

Just bring popcorn!

18:02:20 From Ashley Holland to Everyone:

Reacted to "Great to have the co..." with ❤️

18:02:25 From Ashley Holland to Everyone:

Reacted to "Just bring popcorn!" with 😂

18:02:30 From Jessica Rubenacker (she/her) to Everyone:

MaryKate, would you be able to to share the link to the map

18:03:40 From Tuyen (she) CID Resident to Everyone:

Our office in the NP Hotel building on 6th Ave S is going through a retrofit currently

18:03:53 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "Just bring popcorn!" with 😂

18:04:02 From Dana Phelan to Everyone:

Reacted to "Our office in the NP..." with 👍

18:04:26 From Tuyen (she) CID Resident to Everyone:

Great map!

18:05:36 From bettylau to Everyone:

Chong Wa Hall has been retrofitted and passed city inspection.

18:07:08 From Tuyen (she) CID Resident to Everyone:

Jean at Maneki is worried that their workers might not come back after their retrofit is complete.

18:08:03 From bettylau to Everyone:

Thanks! To HSD and fund raising....

18:08:07 From Derek Lum, he/him, InterIm CDA to Everyone:

I do not know why my audio cut out! I would need to ask about what level of retrofit the NP and Eastern are doing. After things are done, I'm sure Leslie could talk with us about the process.

18:08:13 From Ashley Holland to Everyone:

Reacted to "Thanks! To HSD and f..." with ❤️

18:08:35 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

Does anyone know when to expect the Meneki building to be complete?

18:08:56 From Tuyen (she) CID Resident to Everyone:

i don't know either

18:09:04 From MaryKate (she/her), HSD to Everyone:

That would be great, Derek -- hearing from InterIm would help so much as property owners start to approach this work.

18:09:05 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

Reacted to "That would be great,..." with 👍

18:09:08 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

Removed a 👍 reaction from "That would be great,..."

18:09:14 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

Reacted to "i don't know either" with 👍

18:09:24 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Jessica Rubenacker (she/her)(Direct Message):

Can I come by your house in about 30 minutes with two checks to sign?

18:09:57 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

<https://www.wingluke.org/eventscalendar/cidsanta>

18:10:10 From Tuyen (she) CID Resident to Everyone:

Filipinotown Holiday Market at the Filipino Community Center, Sunday December 3 from 1pm to 5pm

18:10:12 From Derek Lum, he/him, InterIm CDA to Everyone:

Also unsure, the best person to reach out to would be Leslie or Julie to ask that question.

18:10:22 From jessa to Everyone:

PSQ Holiday Market in Occidental, Dec 8 & 9

18:10:30 From Derek Lum, he/him, InterIm CDA to Everyone:

Love CID Santa!

18:10:40 From Diane Le to Everyone:

Lots of fun events in Pioneer Sq 12/7-12/10

- Holiday Market

- Ice Skating

<https://www.pioneersquare.org/calendar/month/2023/12/>

18:12:10 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

Wondering we've ever thought to send out special events to our email list and promote via a calendar link too?

18:12:14 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

Tuyen do you have a link to the holiday market for the chat?

18:13:03 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) to Everyone:

FYI we always include the chat material in the minutes every month and save the chat, if you'd like to have that sent to you.

18:13:14 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation to Everyone:

Reacted to "FYI we always includ..." with 👍

18:13:40 From Tuyen (she) CID Resident to Everyone:

Replying to "Flyer.jpg"

<https://partiful.com/e/3EiehyLN8Vkd5Kb6Jtqw>