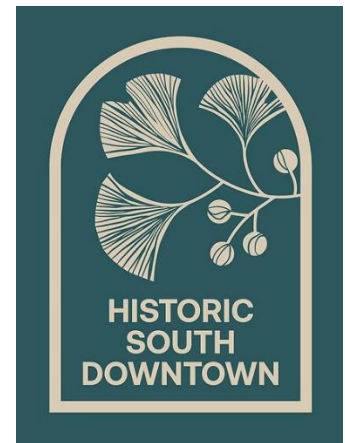


Historic South Downtown Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, October 24, 2023



Present: Leesa Kunke, Shava Lawson, Quynh Pham, Dana Phelan, Jessica Rubenacker, Jennifer Tam, Tuyen Than, Jessa Timmer

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

Public:
None

CALL TO ORDER (Action)

Dana Phelan called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Public Comment: None

CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

Presenter: Dana Phalen,

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

Motion by Jessica Rubenacker to approve the consent agenda. Second from Tuyen Than. Approved by all. Motion passes.

Annual Mixer Debrief (Information)

Presenter: Ellen Ta, Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Board Office Elections Schedule (Nov. Meeting)*
- *Board Position Openings*
- *Board Member Orientation*

- See Annual Mixer Report
- 116 RSVPs, 86 people total attended (73 RSVPs attended, 13 non-RSVP guests)
- 41 people voted: 7 residents, 4 business owners, 22 employees, 4 property owners (similar breakdown to last year)
- \$9,238 actual event cost
- King Street Station for next year's event

- General feedback: Great venue and view, a bit hard to find, great event overall, is there a way to better emphasize voting for next year? Moving event to October worked well (better weather and not as dark)
- Shava's seat (Seat 9 PS History and Culture) will be vacant as of December
- King County Legislative Position still vacant
- Treasurer and President seats will be vacant
- New Board Member Orientation: Monday, October 30 at 12pm

POLICY AND ADVOCACY UPDATES (Information)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson, Ashley-Nichole Holland

- *2024 Legislative Session Prep*
- *Pier 48 Status, Coalition*
- *Most Endangered Designation Video*
- **Pier 48 Status** (Kathleen):
 - Sensing some movement and interest from the community; also looking at policy implementation side; a lot of ideas of what could be done with the pier; legislation for P3 – Pier 48 isn't included in it; plan to bring together neighborhood constituents that have shown interest and talk to coalition to push for some energy around this; hoping to get clarification on this P3 legislation
- **Session Prep** (Ashley-Nichole):
 - Pier 48, will be doing some behind the scenes work to update newer folks about HSD and what we do and what we want to do with the future, education work in our legislature that our electeds know who we are and what we do; if you would like to join the coalition, reach out to HSD staff, plan to start convening soon
 - Requested meetings with Rep Street (District 37) and Rep Alvarado (District 34) to talk about upcoming projects
 - 1510: not much as far as movement; Orlando will be meeting with Rep Tomiko Santos in November to talk about Pier 48 and 1510 (permanent funding and flexible funding, less restrictions); proviso for sales tax credit; last year bill made it through finance committee and stuck in "rules"; hoping to pick up in this session; will also be talking to senators about a companion bill to push through on the senate side
- **Most Endangered Place Video:** Chinatown named to National Trusts' Most Endangered Place (2023), have been working with consultants to create a video that helps to understand the designation and what might be done to save the neighborhood; looking at investment in the neighborhood; hoping to push a conversation about what the endangered designation means; will be working on this for the next 6 weeks and will start rolling out content; start pushing a conversation about it to advocate for the community; Madrona Group is producing; not sure yet on how it will be distributed – socials, TikTok, working with developing website content; HSD newsletter

SOUND TRANSIT UPDATE (Information)

Presenter: Kathleen Barry Johnson; MaryKate Ryan

- *Two-Track Outreach Process*
- *New Scoping Period*
- Executive Director Report: there will be a SDT open house run by ST on **Wednesday, November 15, 4:30 – 6:30pm at Union Station**

- Two Track: ST is conducting brand new, formal DEIS process for Ballard Link Extension; this new DEIS will begin with a new Notice of Intent (NOI) to be released in spring or summer 2024. Second track of community meetings started Nov. 15th with community input on a variety of issues, including Jackson Hub type work, street improvements, etc.
- MaryKate: mostly know what we don't know right now, still a lot of questions on timeline that hopefully ST will start answering for everyone on Nov. 15

POTENTIAL FEDERAL GRANT (Information)

Presenters: Kathleen Barry Johnson

- *Context of HSD as Application*
- *Recommended Practice*
- *USDOT Thriving Communities Program*
- USDOT Thriving Communities Program: Transportation planning, specifically attempting to tie transportation to other outcomes (like additional housing capacity), a lot of the daily in and out material; application due November 28, 2023.
- HSD has not submitted grant applications since 2017 (?); staff has had a couple conversations between board members, it's not our goal to be a grant-seeking organization, to not be in competition. However this particular grant – USDOT Thriving Communities Program—only certain entities are qualified to apply, quasi-government entities. Talking to SCIDpda and Historic Seattle since they are PDAs and would qualify. Another discussion now to reaffirm that in general this application would not change our traditional perspective, that we wouldn't want to apply instead of supporting other orgs. Come up with a policy for future instances like this; would we need additional staff? Would need to be covered by the grant
- Curious about digging into that, that it's something HSD wants to take on. It does fit mission, vision, and goals, making sure that it's not a mission creep thing?

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (Information)

Presenters: All

- Quynh: Friends of Little Saigon purchased property for mixed used development for families and a Vietnamese Cultural Space; FLS will own and manage the approximately 7,500 sq. ft. for the Vietnamese Culture and Economic Center, which should contain commercial kitchen(s), space for vendor stalls, open seating, office space, and flexible space for cultural activations. FLS has been working on this for over a decade.

ADJOURN (Action)

Meeting adjourned by Dana Phelan at 6:00pm.

ZOOM COMMENTS

17:02:09 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation To Everyone:

Hi all, I'm making dinner, so will keep my camera off for now.

17:02:56 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) To Everyone:

Hi all, who is on the 253 area code number?

17:03:18 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) To Everyone:

While we wait for a quorum, I want to note that Ellen and I are in the official HSD Uniform.

17:03:43 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation To Everyone:

Reacted to "While we wait for a ..." with 👍

17:04:43 From jessa To Everyone:

Need to quick run in and pick up Nino.

17:05:30 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) To Everyone:

Reacted to "Need to quick run in..." with 👍

17:08:39 From Tuyen, HSD CID Resident (she/her) To Everyone:

what a great looking report!

17:08:49 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) To Everyone:

Reacted to "what a great looking..." with 👍

17:08:53 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) To Everyone:

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17:16:34 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) To Everyone:

Convening a local town hall meeting with its constituency on an annual basis to: (i) Report its activities and accomplishments from the previous year; (ii) present and receive input from members of the impacted community regarding its proposed strategic plan and activities for the upcoming year; and (iii) hold board member elections as necessary; and

17:18:12 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation To Everyone:

agreed, having it in October was great!

17:18:56 From Dana Phelan To Everyone:

I like the sound of emeritus

17:33:00 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) To Everyone:

<https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2023-24/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1510-S.pdf?q=20231024173239>

17:33:38 From jessa To Everyone:

Awesome! Thank you, Ashley!

17:47:57 From Dana Phelan To Everyone:

Historic Seattle is a city-chartered PDA

17:51:09 From Ashley Holland To Everyone:

BABY!! @jessa

17:51:09 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation To Everyone:

Cuuuute baby, Jessa!

17:52:07 From Tuyen, HSD CID Resident (she/her) To Everyone:

Reacted to "Cuuuute baby, Jess..." with ❤️

17:58:34 From Jenn Tam To Everyone:

Yay Quynh!

17:58:42 From Dana Phelan To Everyone:

<https://crosscut.com/news/2023/10/seattle-will-be-home-regions-first-vietnamese-community-center>

17:58:44 From Kathleen Johnson HSD (she/her) To Everyone:

<https://flsseattle.org/what-we-do/economic-development/landmark-project/>

17:59:15 From Shava Lawson (she/her) Seattle Parks Foundation To Everyone:

That's amazing news!