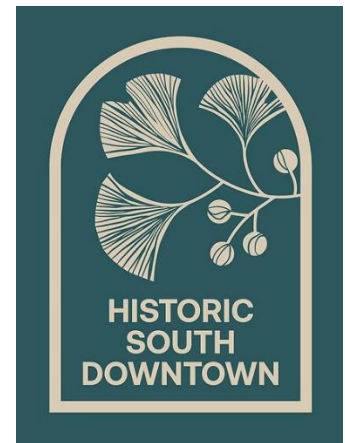


Historic South Downtown Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2024



Present: Emily Kim, Diane Le, Derek Lum, Dana Phelan,
Jessica Rubenacker, Tuyen Than, Jessa Timmer

Staff: Ashley-Nichole Holland, MaryKate Ryan, Ellen Ta

Public:
None

CALL TO ORDER (Action)

Jessa Timmer called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Public Comment:
None

~~**CONSENT AGENDA**~~ (Action)

Presenter: Jessa Timmer and Leesa Kunke

- ~~Meeting Minutes (February 2024)~~
- ~~Treasurer's Reports (February 2024)~~

~~Motion by XXX to pass the consent agenda. Second from XXX. Approved by all. Motion passes.~~

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND INTERIM PLAN (Action)

Presenter: Ashley-Nichole Holland

- Unfortunately HB 1510, our bill for sustained HSD funding, died in the concurrence process this legislative session
 - This is the farthest a funding bill has made it in the legislature since HSD's inception; Bill sponsor Rep. Santos has been fighting to get us funding since the beginning
 - Passed the House and the Senate with an amendment – then needed to go back to the House and House needed to agree to the amendment; Bill sponsor did not agree to amendment, so the bill died.
- Strategizing for next session
 - Relationships and education work done over the session will go a long way next session
 - Will work with Senate sponsor and champions to have a sister bill in the Senate as well

- Will perfect this policy and bill and get our champions in Senate ready to rally around us and bolster our power in the legislature next year

UPDATE ON RETREAT PLANNING (Information)

Presenter: MaryKate Ryan

- *Review Strategic Plan*
- Retreat has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 4, 12-5pm, Columbia City Branch of Seattle Public Library
- Kathleen will be meeting soon with Norma Timbang to work on draft agenda and will send out shortly
- Updated calendar invite will go out soon, by the end of this week
- Will be reviewing the Strategic Plan during the retreat, primary goal
 - Staff will resend Strategic Plan ahead of the retreat for board members' review

BLE UPDATES (Information)

Presenter: MaryKate Ryan

- **Two parallel ST workshop series**
- **First workshop series** is focused on Transit Hub: Formerly called Jackson Hub, now South Downtown Hub – between King Street Station and Union Station and all the transit connections that happen there. Planning to do three to four of these workshops, a joint ST and City process looking at public realm improvement, not ST Expansion Project. This was the workshop that happened on February 28 (first of the series).
- **Second workshop series**, a deeper dive on DEIS: Not going to address station locations but hope they will get into the differences in the options in the DEIS drafts and the options on the table now, because they are different.
 - First session – this Thursday, March 28 – will focus on how ST define equity and how that plays out in their process.
 - Following session (date TBD) will look at regional connections, e.g. if you work in the area, but live elsewhere, how will those connections work?
 - MaryKate is not sure what will happen after these two sessions, but the first session is this Thursday, March 28, 4-6pm at the CID Community Center.
 - Encourage folks to come to these various workshops to find out what's happening. If they can't make it, HSD staff will do their best to get the info to them.
- **No date yet for DEIS update:** likely not until after the May meeting, perhaps in June for publication of next DEIS.
- **Future advocacy:** we will need the HSD board to advocate for an extended comment period for community input on the next DEIS. Just because ST keeps pushing timeline doesn't mean we don't need time to respond. This DEIS report will be even bigger, and we will need a 90-day minimum response time.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (Information)

Presenters: All

- Dana: for folks who are eligible for Doors Open funding and interested in 2024 funding options, 4Culture will offer a webinar with more granting info on April 2 at 12pm. Visit 4Culture website to sign up: <https://www.4culture.org/doors-open/>
- Kathleen is doing well post-surgery!

- Wing Luke Museum had a successful auction last Saturday – thanks for attending on behalf of HSD, Ashley!

ADJOURN (Action)

Meeting adjourned by Jessa Timmer at 5:25pm.

ZOOM COMMENTS

17:05:47 From Dana Phelan to Everyone:

Hi folks, I'm joining in transit and not able to introduce myself