

Minutes for DDDG Monthly Meeting October 9th, 2014

4:30pm **Call to Order:** Janice McNeal, President Dome District Development Group

Attendees: David D'Aniello- Celebrity Cake Studio where meeting was held, Brian Borgelt, guest of Brain's, Jori Adkins, Rick Semple, Tralayne Myers-Sound Transit, Carol Wolfe - City's Neighborhood Econ. Dev. Specialist, Colin De Forrest, Homeless Services Mgr., Ian Munce, Long Range Planning Special Projects, Pam Rush - CLO

City information

Colin DeForrest – the team including PATH, BOSS, TPD, and himself have concluded the first round of monitoring around Freighthouse Sq. They will meet separately with owner and his manager but gave a sample of some of the types of issues found and ways to possibly deal with them.

DDDG thinks that a page of #s to contact and some of the most common changes (CPTED - Crime Prevention thru Environmental Design) that can be made to dissuade transients from congregating in certain areas, may be helpful for all. We would put in our website and send out an email to district businesses. Colin is also looking beyond FH Sq. is talking to Storage Box with issues behind their building, also noticed some clean up going on along the track down near Portland Ave. DDDG thinks it may be Sound Transit as they now own that land along the track (purchased from the City).

Pam Rush – Discussed with Board how much involvement at meeting is expected. We decided only as needed not every meeting, unless she has something she needs to tell us about. Pam has been working with Colin on the assessment around FH Sq.

Tralayne Myers- Sound Transit will have an OpenHouse for the Trestle Project on November 13th from 11am until 2pm location to be announced soon.

Carol Wolfe - Arts Initiative Grant Program application available and due . This is different from the Mural Program application which comes out later, Jori will use that one for the proposed Murals on the columns under 705, since it is for reducing graffiti and blight. She will be working with WSDOT's Tacoma Maint. Office to apply for it.

Food Truck Event has been asked to come to the Dome District. Odette D'Aniello of Celebrity Cake Studio, one of the original organizers is working on this. LeMay Car Museum hasn't any problems with the event...

New Businesses

Possible **Charter School**, Summit Schools, going into the old Nalley Pickle headquarters /DTI Soccer building at the corner of E “D” St. and Puyallup Ave.

The FWDA is proposing the renaming of 21st St. Park or **officially naming the park, George H.**

Weyerhaeuser, Jr. . George was very involved in the Foss Waterway in every way; on the Boards of the FWDA and the Museum of Glass, fought to save Albers Mill, his efforts and knowledge were paramount in attracting over \$240 million in private investment to numerous sites on the Foss.

The DDDG unanimously agreed to write a letter of support. Jori offered to write.

On-Going Business

Update on the **AirSpace Building** (the blue shed) – There was only one Letter of interest to the RFI put out by the city for Pierce Transit 2 months ago. It was from the Tacoma Housing Authority for subsidized housing. The Dome District as well as the City both agree that the first housing project in the Dome District needs to be Market Rate, to encourage more developers to come here. The Economic Development Dept has taken on the promotion of the site and has at this time several leads.

DDDG would like a letter written to Econ Dev Dept asking advise on promoting site and the Dome District as a whole. Jori offered to write.

Announcements and Concerns

How can we connect to the existing trails around us, like the Prairie Line Trail, Water Ditch Trail and to the PipeLine Trail? Get copy of Mobility Master Plan from Diane Waitr and copy of our South Downtown Plan's section on connections to other neighborhoods, to look at at next meeting.

Adjourn – 6:30pm

next meeting is a SOCIAL ! - 2nd Thurs., Nov. 13th 2014