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Preliminary
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 16th, 7:30 p.m.
Maryknoll Center, 222 S. Hewitt Street
(between Second & Third Streets, 2 blocks east of Alameda in Little
Tokyo/Arts District)

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1. Call to Order

Ken Goldsworthy, Parliamentarian leading the meeting. Calls for roster of people attending meeting. The quorum for the board is 17. 19 are present. Begin meeting at 7:50pm.

Boardmembers Present: K SooHoo, A Domasin, J Jerald, L Wang, Don Toy, S Guerrero, E SooHoo, Kam Lee, Joan Lee, Kim B, Danny Y, C Woo, NH Tom, M Hong, A Brown, J Schutz, JL Sedano, P Woo and D Ehrler The following were late for the 1st motion: Fr Giovanni, Howard N and A Kumamoto. (22)

2. Opening Remarks by Parliamentarian

Reviewed the agenda.

Don Toy: didn't get minutes, received two different agendas, budget sub-committee report, DONE's report on people who leave area. Ken Goldsworthy says because these items weren't posted cannot discuss at this meeting but can add to next agenda, though some of these things are internal and borderline. Since agenda is full proposes putting on the next agenda for full discussion and action.

John Schultz: Would you accept a motion to put it on next's month agenda?

Ken Goldsworthy: Yes, that would be appropriate.

Motion to add these 4 items to next month's agenda: (John Schultz and Don Toy)

- 1. Come up with procedure and process to distribute minutes, agendas and related HCNC materials.**
- 2. Process to put things on the agenda and set the agenda.**
- 3. Report on budget sub-committee.**
- 4. DONE to get back to the City Attorney about board members whose status changes during their term, should they still represent their area?**

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passes, items to be added to next month's agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings.

There were not enough copies of the minutes for all Board members, nor enough time to read them, line by line.

Motion to postpone the approval of minutes of 7/31/03 and 8/5/03 to next meeting . (John Schultz and Don Toy) Approved by unanimous consent.

4. Comments from the public

Tom Minkler: Wants to volunteer to add things to the HCNC Web site. Also, the standard language was asked public to fill out speaker now it's you must fill out a speaker card.

Ken Goldsworthy: Legally, according to the Brown Act you don't have to identify yourself but pragmatically, in order for the chair to call on people, it works better if the public fills out a speaker card, you don't have to use your real name if you want to remain anonymous. The leader needs to give you a handle of some kind.

5. Discussion and Action: Candidates presented to fill vacant seats in Victor Heights and El Pueblo (Dominic Ehrler, Jose-Luis Sedano)

Motion to nominate Howard Fink to fill the Non-Profit El Pueblo seat vacancy. (El Pueblo Caucus).

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passes.

Mr. Fink spoke briefly. He gives tours around El Pueblo and does tours to educate people on Los Angeles history. Member of El Angeleno.

Motion to nominate Catherine Vu to fill the Non-profit Victor Heights seat vacancy. (Victor Heights Caucus). Catherine Vu spoke briefly. Resident of Victor Heights, Metropolitan Garden Association. Dominic Ehrler complained that the Victor Heights Association could not sponsor Vu due to the fact that J Jerald stated that only incorporated non-profits are recognized by the HCNC. He questioned his authority to make such a call.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passes.

Note: Vacancy by-law change has been approved by DONE per Thomas Soong.

6. Swearing in of new Board Members (Thomas Soong of DONE presiding)

Howard Fink and Catherine Vu were sworn in by Thomas Soong of DONE at 9:03pm.

7. Discussion and Action: Survey of Community Action Issues (Kim Benjamin)

Kim Benjamin read HCNC projects for City Budget to HCNC Board. List is attached. Appendix A.

George Poon: Chinatown, people very concerned about traffic and crossing the street. Signals too short for people to cross street. Buildings painted. Beautification of streets. Public Safety.

General discussion of safety issues in different areas. Speed bumps and lowered traffic speeds were suggested.

Motion: For next regular meeting Kim Benjamin will present a motion of the 5 or more top action issues with a plan for implementation. (Peter Woo, Jonathan Jerald) Vote: Unanimous

8. Discussion of Results of Survey of Community Priorities for City Budget (Peter Woo)

Mayor is calling for Neighborhood Councils to submit 5 action items each for the City Budget. We have until September 25th to submit our 5 priorities to their website. This request has to be very specific as to item and geographic location.

Peter Woo will work with Jonathan and Dominic to prioritize and choose the 5 top priorities. Get your items to one of them.

Affordable parking, affordable housing, libraries, parks the general concerns of most communities.

Peter Woo will give the priorities and what was turned in at next meeting.

9. Report on Senior Forum (Peter Woo)

George Poon requested a written report.

Peter Woo: Senior Forum held on August 8th at the Chinatown Branch of Public Library. Peter Woo attended for HCNC Community Outreach, to help their voice be heard.

George Poon, Edmond Soohoo and Fr Giovanni protested that they were not kept informed or asked to participate. Don Toy questioned the legality of holding the forum without the consent of the Board.

General Discussion of how to decide which Senior issues the HCNC Board will support.

Action: HCNC wrote letter of request to the MTA to add bus shelters.

10. Report of Election Committee and announcement regarding Third Party Election

Supervision and Monitoring (Jose-Luis Sedano)

11. Discussion and Action: Election location and date

Motion to postpone Items 10 and 11 until next HCNC Board meeting. (Don Toy, Kim Benjamin)

Vote Unanimous.

Public speakers will be held over to the next meeting except Tom Minkler who feels that time is too short to postpone.

12. Adjournment