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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 12th, 7:30 p.m.
Maryknoll Center, 222 S. Hewitt Street
(between Second & Third Streets, two blocks east of Alameda in Little
Tokyo/Arts District)

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1. Call to Order

Peter Woo called meeting to order and general consensus to do the MTA presentation while waiting for a quorum.

2. Presentation by MTA representative Ginny-Marie Case regarding the run-through tracks project

Cal Trans and Amtrak Run-Through Tracks Project. Tom Kim from HCR also here with her. Chris Ropert. They want to take to train tracks out over the 101 Frwy. 35% projected increase in trains by 2025. Solution: Extend two tracks southward and provide new connection into main line near 1st st. An elevated structure, connecting at its north/west end to track platforms at Union Station and at its south/east end to the BNSF main line.

Rick Starzack – Richard Meyer & Assoc. Fremond Beck Bldg. 301. Doing environmental impact report, out next March. Will have one more public hearing.

Website www.runthroughtracks.com . 213-381-5700 Chris Ropert.

Susan Wong from Councilman Ed Reyes office introduced herself.

Announcement: Dec 18th Grand Opening of Chinese American Museum.

Peter Woo hands over meeting to Kim Goldsworthy, parliamentarian.

Secretary Dominic Ehrler says we have a quorum. We have 31 board members so a quorum would be 16 and have 17 signatures. As of 8:28pm have quorum and can officially start. Read off Agenda. From now on will date and time stamp the Agenda so

board members know they have the latest version. Will run agenda as is, with exception of Victor heights (item 6) and moving Item 7 to next month.

3. Approval of minutes of October meeting

Jose Luis Sedano: Item 14 of last month. correction of his comments of last month, recommended 2 sites and it was the recommendation of the committee that the committee's first choice was the Alpine Recreation Center in Chinatown and the second choice was the Pico House in El Pueblo, that both met the criteria. The committee also recommended there be multiple sites for the election in January, however, the chair thought that would be difficult to achieve given the logistics.

Motion to add the sentences to the minutes: Unanimous Motion Passes

Don Toy requested that he be recorded as abstaining on the vote.

Don Toy requests the floor for 1 minute to make a general comment on the minutes. Says he received Agenda and notice today but did not receive the minutes.

Minutes stand approved as corrected.

4. Public Comment

Technically, public comment must be allowed for each item. Will see if there is a lot of public comment on anything not on the agenda. Peter Woo says only 4 speaker cards and they are on agenda items.

Tom Minkler: Arts District: Web site. Lost our old domain name of lahenc.org but now have a new domain name: hcncla.org and web site should be back up in about a week.

Don Toy: Wants to comment on continually changing the meeting dates. The Bylaws say the second Tuesday of the month and we have yet to meet at that time, if we're not we should change the Bylaws to a new day and stick to it. My notice postmarked the 8th, we need better notice, in a more timely manner.

Dominic Erhler: Mentioned at last meeting or the one before, we had 7 days to get the notice out. Notice was mailed out, what you are referring to is the second notice.

Peter Woo: Understands your concern but still have limited resources and are working with volunteers and have minimum support from Tom Soong.

Albert Domason: Would like to see an amendment to the Bylaws to move this meeting to another date.

Jonathan requests that people email him with dates and then the board can vote the dates up or down and we can agree on one date.

5. Discussion and Action: Resignation of board members Philip Young and William Kramer and de facto resignation of Daniel Gudino.

Tom Minkler: If not changing the missing 3 meetings, then have no comment.

Peter Woo received a letter from Philip Young saying he's moved out of the area and wants to resign his seat. Dominic Erhler says Joe Wong wants to take the seat and his name has been posted for the 30 day requirement. Peter Woo says we will accept Philip Young's resignation.

Motion to accept the resignation of Philip Young. Chair rules resignation accepted.

William Kramer: sent a resignation email to Jonathan Jerald, and publish in Garment & ,has a job out in Pomona and his new business relationship precludes him from further participation in the HCNC.

Motion to accept the resignation of William Kramer. Chair rules resignation accepted.

Daniel Gudino: Per Dominic, he hasn't been to a meeting in over 6 months, Dominic spoke to Daniel Gudino and he told Dominic he has no interest in continuing on the HCNC Board.

Motion to accept the de facto resignation of Daniel Gudino. One no, motion passes.

Moved and seconded a motion by the Chairman Peter Woo to write a letter to the three people who resigned thanking them for their contribution and giving them a certificate of appreciation from the HCNC. Motion adopted. Letter and Certificate to be done by Chairman Peter Woo

6. Discussion and Action: Filling vacant seats from Arts District and Victor Heights. Cannot fill Victor Heights seat because we are 5 days shy of the 30 day period. Albert Domason makes the request to do what we can to get more young people on the board.

Arts District: Posted a call for candidates. Recommending Tim Keating, resident of the Arts District. Tim Keating says a few words to the board.

Tom Minkler: Wants to congratulate Tim, feels he's a good choice for the seat.

Motion to seat Tim Keating in the resident seat of the Arts District. Motion is adopted. Tom Soong swears in Tim Keating.

7. Report from Budget Committee (Howard Nishimura)

Howard Nishimura is out of town so will move Item 7 to next Agenda. Peter Woo informed board that there will be a financial report next month whether or not Howard Nishimura is present.

8. Discussion and Action: Proposed bylaw creating board procedure to deal with board members whose status changes (Jonathan Jerald)

Bylaw Proposal for Board Members Whose Status Changes While in Office

"In the event that a board member's status changes in such a way that it no longer reflects the nature of his or her seat (such as when a resident representative moves out of the community), the board member is required to resign his or her seat. The resignation shall be confirmed by a majority vote of a quorum of the board."

Parliamentarian Kim Goldsworthy informed board that resignations are voluntary.

Article 6, page 5, item 5.

General consensus to send to Bylaw committee for further clarification and to take the chairs comment under advisement. Bylaw committee will report at next Board Meeting.

9. Discussion and Action: proposed top five action issues (Kim Benjamin -- continued from October meeting)

Policy Statement has been revised per comments from the last meeting and is attached to these minutes (Appendix A). Kim Benjamin read the Proposed Action Items for the HCNC Board for 2004-5. General Discussion. Change title to Guiding Principals of the HCNC for 2004-5. Item 3 take out the word all, support mixed use.

Motion to adopt the Guiding Principals of the HCNC for 2004-5 as the HCNC policy and forward to the City of Los Angeles. Adopted unanimously.

10. Discussion and Action: proposed resolution in support of planned changes to LAX (Peter Woo -- continued from October meeting)

Appendix B attached. General Discussion.

Motion to adopt this resolution in support of LAX Modernization Project.

Vote: For: 10 Against: 5 Majority, motion is adopted.

Motion to hold a special meeting for next Wednesday at 7:30pm at Mary Knoll (to be confirmed) to clear agenda items 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13. Unanimous.

11. Discussion and Action: Election procedures proposed by election committee (Jose-Luis Sedano)

12. Random drawing to determine term lengths of all board seats

13. Discussion and Action: Creation of nominating committee as required by HCNC bylaws (Article VI, Nominations and Elections)

14. Discussion and Action: New Agenda items.

15. Other Business

16. Adjournment.