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## *Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council*

905 E. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, 213 617 1353

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

St Peter's Italian Church

1039 N. Broadway, Solano Canyon

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1. Informational presentation: Proposed development of the Cornfields  
California Department of Parks and Recreation: Diane Martinez (San Diego Office) [dmartinez@parks.ca.gov](mailto:dmartinez@parks.ca.gov) 619-278-3777  
and Sean Woods [sawoods@parks.ca.gov](mailto:sawoods@parks.ca.gov) 213-620-6406  
A: Minimal approach, grass, one bathroom, one parking lot  
B: Medium Build-out, couple bathrooms, couple parking lots, grass  
C: Maximum Build-out: Reconstruct 3 historic sites

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Staff Parks and Recreation Specialist  
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2. Call to order

Kim Benjamin introduced Rene Jovel, Unofficial Youth Rep who said a few words. Martin Farfan, President of Cathedral High School, was introduced and said a few words. Cathedral is going to build a new gym and science building.

Jose Luis Sedano spoke about the Siqueiros Mural that is being restored in on the Italian Hall in El Pueblo.

Kim Goldsworthy, Parliamentarian, called the meeting to order.

3. Roll Call - Quorum

Members Present: Dominic Ehrler, Peter Woo, Jonathan Jerald, Alicia Brown, Mamie Hong, Kim Benjamin, Jose Luis Sedano, Howard Fink, Father Giovanni Bizzotto, Charlie Woo, Albert Domasin, Danny Young, Brian Kito, Al Soo Hoo, John Schutz, Nancy Yee, Howard Nishimura (17) Joe Wong – sworn in after quorum reached.

Guests: Diane Martinez (San Diego Office) and Sean Woods

Also present: Ken Goldberg, Martin Farfan, Flor Inestroza, Ulises Diaz, Holly Harper, Tom Soong, Rene Jovel,

4. Discussion and Action: Confirmation of Joe Wong

Joe Wong is replacing Philip Young who resigned. Joe Wong nominated from Victor Heights contingent and his name has been posted for the 30 days required. Al Domasin spoke highly of Joe Wong and recommends Joe Wong highly.

Motion to seat Joe Wong as Victor Heights Resident seat. Motion passes. Tom Soong, of DONE, swore Joe Wong in as a Board Member of the HCNC.

5. Report from Chairman of the Election Committee: Status of Election Results

Official Results will be published next Tuesday, or next Thursday by the latest. There are 5 challenges. One deals with Victor Heights. Election must be verified before we can seat new members. Issues of Election for Little Tokyo: no ballots in Japanese and no Japanese translator. Someone brought up that there had been a Japanese translator. Also: HCNC was expecting a bus and it wasn't until Tuesday that we found out there were no buses. Also, surprised to see LA County buses being used to bus people in to vote but they were not offered to Little Tokyo.

Tom Soong: All these issues, translators, buses, location, will be addressed. DONE is meeting with the Election Chair, Jose Luis Sedano and the committee members and then we will issue a full report on all these issues. And at the Election Committee meeting, Naleo and League of Women Voters will also be there.

6. Treasurer's Report

No report

7. Discussion: Proposed DWP rate hike

Kim Benjamin gave report on proposed DWP 18% rate hike. There will be a public meeting this Saturday at the DWP, 15<sup>th</sup> Fl, at 10am which Jonathan Jerald and Kim Benjamin will attend. Kim Benjamin will report on the DWP meeting to the HCNC Board Members. To be put on agenda for action by the HCNC.

8. Other Items

1. Agenda Item: Parker Center Project – add agenda item to next meeting to discuss and decide what action the HCNC will take on Parker Center Project.

2. Agenda Item: Tom Soong request a DWP representative to come to next HCNC meeting and give presentation on the Rate Hike.

3. Agenda Item: Brunswig-Vicory & attached Building. County owned. There is a movement spearheaded by Gloria Molina to tear down these two buildings. We don't want these historic buildings torn down, they can be rehabbed, and what happens here affects all areas and their historic buildings. Agenda item for next meeting for discussion and action.

4. Agenda Item: Cathedral High School building project – presentation only.

5. Agenda Item: Solano Canyon Presentation of key community issues by Alicia Brown.

6. Agenda Item: Election of Officers for next meeting.

7. Approval of minutes for 12/16/03 – Motion to approve the minutes (Brian Kito, Kim Benjamin) Minutes approved.

8. Agenda Item: Approval of minutes

9. Next Meeting: Second Tuesday of the Month, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Meeting venue TBD. Brian Kito to check sites in Little Tokyo, Mamie Hong to check on Alpine and Castelar in Chinatown, Jose Luis Sedano to check on Pico House in El Pueblo

9. Public Comment

No Comment

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.