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BOARD MEETING MEETING

Tuesday, August 10th 7:30 p.m.

Reikai's Kitchen (Little Tokyo Towers)

455 E. Third Street

(one and one-half blocks west of Alameda between Central and San Pedro Streets)

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1. Call to Order

7:43pm Quorum met. Charlie Woo opens the meeting.

Public Comments

Tom Guiton: The SCI-ARC has been illegally fenced. We don't want it fenced because there are 3 previous easements and a fire lane is closed off. The closure of Avery Street is contingent upon the lot were talking about being open.

Gabor Kalman: Most artists own dogs and SCI-ARC has been one of the few places we could run dogs, now there is no place in the Arts District where dogs can run. Can we explore setting up a dog park within walking distance where people could walk their dogs? It doesn't necessarily have to be in the Arts district.

2. Roll Call

Charlie Woo, Kim Benjamin, Jonathan Jerald, Mamie Hong, Al Soo-Hoo, Peter Woo, John Schutz, Alicia Brown, Tim Keating, Brian Kito, Al Kumamoto, Kelly SooHoo, Mary Amason, Danny Young, Howard Nishimura, Jose Luis Sedano, Gordon Yu, Kam Lee, Dominic, Joe Wong, Don Toy, Ron Fong, Rene Jovel, Peter Lau, Joan Lee,

Also present: Kim Goldworthy, parliamentarian
Anne Walrath, recorder

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting

4. President's Opening Remarks

President Woo has been speaking to stakeholders about various issues, like the SCI-ARC problem and to stakeholders about the police headquarters. Feels it was a major accomplishment of the HCNC to help change government policy regarding the headquarters.

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On the issue of Non-profit definition, the non-profit reps formed an adhoc committee and forwarded a report to the Executive Committee who discussed the report and asked the non-profit reps to come up with a more specific definition. The reason we have a problem now is because the definition is too ambiguous. The adhoc committee will forward their new report to the Election and Bylaws committee. If you have comments please get them to Jose Luis Sedano, the Election Committee, or Jonathan Jerald, the Bylaws committee, as these committees will be looking at this issue.

5. Report on Solano Canyon and Elyisan Park Master Plan (Alicia Brown, 5 minutes)

Alicia Brown has been representing the HCNC at the Master Plan meetings. Directed by the people from Recreation and Parks. The Committee was called the Oversight Committee. Had 4 workshops which were very successful: Fun and Recreation, Getting around the Park, Taking care of the park, and The Parkland itself. Radio Hill needs a lot of work and the longer we let it go the more homeless people will be camped there and the more the roads will be in disrepair. Wants to be know if needs to be designated as the official HCNC representative. President Woo designated Alicia Brown as the official HCNC representative. The Master Plan is online at:

6. Discussion and Action: Resolution in Support of Preserving Historic Structures (the Brunswig building) in El Pueblo (Jose Luis Sedano). The Democratic Convention used these buildings four years ago and now they are in grave danger of being torn down. There are 2 plans, one of which will preserve them (Plan B). Plan A will demolish them and it will cost more money than the plan to save the buildings.

Jose Luis Sedano read letter of report he wants to send to the city. Report attached.

Motion to accept the letter [Jose Luis Sedano, Alicia Brown]. Motion approved unanimously

7. Report and Discussion: Proposed DWP/NC Partnership (John Schutz & Joe Wong, 5 minutes)

Went to both meetings and went on the tour and also attending the Saturday commission meetings. John Schutz went in opposition to what they were doing and came away in support and impressed with what the DWP plans on doing. Feels the commission is doing a good job, about a third of the Neighborhood Councils are represented and those that are there are very interested. Joe Wong's also feels the DWP is doing a good job and has a good plan.

8. Report and Discussion: Inclusionary Zoning (Kim Benjamin, 5 minutes)

Meeting with Kim Benjamin, Jose Luis Sedano, Ron Fong, Charlie Woo, and Jonathan Jerald.

Most of the members of City Council support that we need more housing at all levels but a single rule just doesn't work, along with not wanting to engineer social policy. Inclusionary Housing should be just that, Inclusionary, not exclusionary. City council's proposal was to start a dialogue, which it has. Kim met with 4 council members today and they feel the proposal will not pass as it is. The plan is in a state of flux but everyone agrees we need more housing. We have to find a plan that shares the burden of Inclusionary housing, possibly some kind of tax. We cannot place the burden just on the developer or the other tenants or home owners. Kim Benjamin recommends the committee meets again maybe with some more member and a few others from other areas and plans, and go over the plan and the options. Ron Fong and Kim Benjamin will arrange for something in 2 or 3 weeks. No consensus from City Council about when they will consider the issue, could be as soon as October. President Woo feels the HCNC should have a position on housing.

9. Budget Report (Howard Nishimura)

The telephone setup is going to cost us \$1,800 and had to make a change in the budget so needs the board to vote on the change. Motion to accept the change in the budget [Al Kumamoto, Jonathan Jerald] Motion passes.

The next item is the proposed budget that he will take to the finance committee. General Discussion on translation equipment, DONE translation services and equipment and secretarial services and staffing.

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Motion to change translation equipment from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and move the \$5,000 to secretarial services. [Peter woo, Jose Luis Sedano] For: 11 Against: 10 Abstain: 0 [21 members present] Motion passes.

Joe Wong doing council business cards: thru the city and it's \$20.40 for 200 cards and can order in 200 cards increment, so each member should order 400 at a time and then we are still under budget. Members can order cards: <http://members.printable.com/lacity/cityofla/>

Motion to eliminate allocation for business cards, allow members to buy their own and use allocate the funds for neighborhood youth and senior outreach. [Kelly SooHoo, Gordon Yu] Motion doesn't pass

Finance committee will meet in two weeks. Need Committee assignments.

10. Report and Recommendation to Community Caucuses: Committee Appointments

Election Committee, Bylaw Committee, Program Committee, and Budget & Finance Committee needs members who represent the full board so want 6 members plus one alternate, who are from each area, and they do not have to be HCNC Board members. Can also have more members than the 6 representatives. President Woo would prefer that the committee chairs name their own members so asks that they get the names to him within two weeks, otherwise he will appoint the committee members.

11. Additional Items

Mamie Hong: Would like to ask everyone to respect each other and if we disagree to do so with respect.

Website: Tom Minkler: will be putting committee announcements on the website, along with the url address for the business cards.

Michele Cuevas is no longer with DONE. No one from the HCNC attended the Mayor's Budget Day. The event happened two Saturdays ago, DONE needs to know if the HCNC is going to participate in this process, if so, DONE asks the Board to make a motion to participate. Sept 15 is when the Mayor needs to hear from the Neighborhood Councils and the end of September is the deadline to submit their budget suggestions to the Mayor. Suggests we call a special meeting in order to participate in the budget discussion. General Comment of Board members were that we did a hugh amount of work on this last year, very board categories and got very little back from the Mayor's office.

12. Public Comment

Moved to beginning of the meeting.

13. Adjournment – Adjourned at 9:41pm