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Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council



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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 12 7:30 p.m.

Location: Hellman Qoun Building, on the Plaza, El Pueblo

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1. Meeting Called to Order by President Charlie Woo at 8:00 p.m.
2. Members agreed to adjust agenda, hear speakers and be presented information issues in the absence of a quorum. Action items will not addressed until a quorum is achieved.
3. Public Comment: Question from Victor Heights stakeholder: can agendas be translated into Chinese and can translation be made available at meetings?  
Answer (Jonathan): logistically, financially difficult if not impossible to translate agendas given the time frame in which they are currently generated (ten days/week) before meetings. Translation at meetings can be provided when sufficient notice of the need is given by the specific community. Suggested community members create outreach network to bring in interested stakeholders and notify council members about translation needs.
4. Guest speakers:
  - a. Jake Motta of Mayor Hahn's Office of Constituent Services invited all to the opening of the city's Constituent Services Office at Hollywood Neighborhood City Hall Wed., April 13. This new office can help with neighborhood infrastructure problems, such as sanitation problems, fixing pot holes, repairing street lamps, etc.
  - b. Sheryl Thomas on behalf of LAX government affairs - explained status of master plan (awaiting federal response -- see lawa.org regarding status, employment, internships, meeting facilities, museum).
5. Announcements:
  - a. Invitations distributed to Mayor Hahn's state of city address
  - b. DONE representative Melvin Canas listed upcoming DONE workshops
6. Report: Clarification of funding requests from Little Tokyo (Brian Kito):
  - ❖ \$2000.00 allocation for structural engineer fees

7. Report: Clarification of funding requests from El Pueblo:
  - ❖ amount is tentatively agreed to be \$5000.00. Jose Luis not present: details as per budget and finance committee to be presented at next meeting.
8. Report on Cornfield by Alicia: Artists Loren Bond's (sp?) ephemeral art project – she will be growing corn in the Cornfield. Project is already underway: “Field of Corn” will include a Harvest Festival and other corn-related projects. After harvest, the Cornfields will be returned to its current state. Kim described how corn acts as a sponge that draws up nutrients and pollutants (suggesting potential problems regarding the edibility of corn grown in downtown Los Angeles). He noted this is the first time private money has been spent in this urban “wasteland” and hopes there will be future similar projects. Howard: more remnants of original zanja madre (literally “mother trench” significant early aqueduct) discovered in the area. Kim: the artifacts referred to were not discovered on the site where the art project is happening. Rene: how do you maintain security at night? Kim: expressed concerns about sanitation, rats.
9. Roll Call at 8:33: A quorum of board members were present: Dominic Ehrler, Kim Benjamin, Charlie Woo, Jonathan Jerald, Mamie Hong Weinberg, Howard Fink, Joe Wong, Brian Kito, Mary Ahmason, Ron Fong, Tim Keating, Linda Wang, Peter Woo, Rene Joval, Alicia Brown, Danny Young, Alan Kumamoto, Al Soohoo. Melvin Canas of DONE, Jake Motta of Mayor's office and a number of stakeholders were also present.
10. Jonathan moves to approve Minutes of previous meeting:  
Unanimously approved.
11. Treasurers Report: Treasurer not present: item deferred to next meeting. A member of the Budget and Finance Committee (Kim or Joe?) noted spending is almost nil.
12. Election of New Officers (parliamentarian Kim Goldsworthy presides):  
Prior to calling for nominations for each position, Parliamentarian (Kim Goldsworthy), read out the roles and responsibilities of each position as defined in the HCNC bylaws. He then declared the floor open for nominations, beginning with President. Secretary confirmed each nomination and Parliamentarian then called for a vote:
  - a. President: Kim nominates Charlie, Jonathan seconds.  
Unanimous
  - b. 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President: Kim nominates Alan Kumamoto, Joe seconds  
Unanimous
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Jonathan nominates Kim, Joe seconds  
Unanimous
  - d. 3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Charlie nominates Tim Keating, Kim seconds  
Unanimous
  - e. 4<sup>th</sup> VP: Alan Kumamoto nominates Alicia, Kim seconds  
Unanimous
  - f. Secretary: Mamie nominates Jonathan, Dominic seconds  
Unanimous

- g. Treasurer: Melvin Canas reminded Board that in addition to duties enumerated, Treasurer must attend DONE training. The next training is in a week's time. Ron Fong nominates Brian Kito. Discussion of responsibilities ensued. Brian declined, nominated Ron, Ron declined, Jonathan asks if anyone is interested in the job. Dominic volunteers (ruled by parliamentarian to be an appropriate self-nomination)

Unanimous

13. Additional Items:

- a. Outgoing officers thanked with round of applause. Alicia suggested we thank Ann Walrath. Discussion of some gift more appropriate than the certificate voted to her at a previous meeting. Brian suggests board members chip in a fixed amount (\$10 or so each for a gift rather than vote money from the HCNC fund). Donations to be voluntary. No objections.
- b. Rene announced Red Cross Blood drive at Cathedral High School this Friday, encouraged everyone to come and give blood.
- c. Howard Fink announced celebration honoring founding of Olvera Street will take place this coming Saturday, encouraged everyone to come.
- d. Kim talked about Chinatown sculpture commemorating Dr Feng Shan Ho (1901-97), Chinese consul-general in Vienna, who saved several thousand Jews in Nazi-occupied Austria from the Holocaust by issuing them with Chinese visas in 1938 and 1939. This would be the first of 12 such monuments around Chinatown honoring other appropriate individuals. Kim requested partial funding of Ho sculpture be added to next agenda
- e. Tim announced a Farmer's Market in Arts District has been approved and requests a request for funds to be added to next agenda.
- f. Alicia proposed request for funds for Solano Avenue elementary school (non-LAUSD budget items). Discussion ensued of process for submitting funding requests. Item to be added to next agenda.
- g. Discussion of clarification of role of budget and finance committee: DONE's rule's reiterated from past discussion. (i.e, money allocated for a particular project is paid out only upon receipt of receipts, not paid as a lump to a particular group). Clarification from DONE requested. Discussion of items appropriate to fund followed. Kim quoted fundable items listed in bylaws. Brian suggested budget and Finance Committee come up with a list or requirements when funds are requested. Alicia concerned that process for allocating funds takes too long. Kim wants to know status of funds dedicated to youth outreach. Rene says nothing spent yet. More general discussion of funding criteria. General consensus that list of Budget and Finance Committee criteria should be distributed at next meeting.

14. Adjournment: 9:30