

Board Meeting Minutes
Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council
Holiday Board Meeting & Reception
Tuesday Dec 13, 2005

Casa Italiana, North Broadway
Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call. Board Members: Kim Benjamin, *Fr. Giovanni Bizzotto, Alicia Brown, Dominic Ehrler, Martin Farfan, Howard Fink, Ron Fong, Lucy Jensen, Tim Keating, Peter Lau, Kei Nagao, @Steve Perez, Jose Luis Sedano, *Al SooHoo, Edmund SooHoo, @Hoover Tang, Don Toy, Linda Wang, Joseph Wong, Charlie Woo, Danny Young.
2. Public Comments. P. Lau made comments for translators at meetings in Chinese. D. Toy and E. SooHoo also made comments. Discussion. D. toy will try to obtain translator alternatives and cost info to provide at next HCNC meeting. Melvin, of DONE, suggested that people from the neighborhood should be used if possible.
3. Fill vacant Youth Rep Position. Discussion & Action. M. Farfan presented Steve Perez. Exec Board had made a recommendation to accept candidate. K. Benjamin made motion to accept candidate. H. Fink 2nd. Vote taken & was unanimously approved. Mr. Perez is elected to complete remaining term.
4. Fill Vacant Victor Hts. Resident Rep Position. D. Ehrler presented Hoover Tang. Discussion. D. Ehrler made motion and JL Sedano 2nd. Vote taken and Mr. Tang unanimously elected to complete remaining term.
5. **Proposed By-Law Amendment. Discussion & Action. T. Keating made presentation. Discussion. All Directors received copy of proposed By-Law Amendment for a district [alternate]. K. Benjamin called for a vote and M. Farfan 2nd. Vote taken. 18 Yes and 1 No. By-Law Amendment requires a 2/3 vote to pass. By-Law Amendment passed.**

[Amendment] reads as follows: “Starting with the next election, the person receiving the next highest vote will be an alternate board member of their district. At each meeting, the alternate board member may sit with the elected board and be part of the discussion. Alternate may vote only if a district representative is not present. The alternate can only represent one district seat at the meeting. No alternates for the At-Large positions. Alternate will be certified after each election.”

6. R. Fong recommended K. Nagao to replace him on elections committee representing Little Tokyo. E. SooHoo also recommended he replace K. SooHoo representing Chinatown. Discussion. Vote taken and unanimously approved.
7. Funding Requests. Discussion & Action. T. Keating said Arts Dist. Farmer's Market no longer operating and may be moving to Little Tokyo area next year.

R. Fong mentioned that he will be making funding proposals soon for the Little Tokyo Dist.

K. Benjamin proposed HCNC contribute \$30,000 to create "Stanchions" in the Arts District Angel's Walk. Discussion. K. Benjamin makes motion to have HCNC Spend \$30K and have M.T.A. provide the remaining costs, approx \$500,000. This would have to be proposed by city council person(s) to M.T.A. L. Jensen commented that Arts Dist Rep's need to discuss/approve. Motion was amended to include subject to review and approval of Arts Dist Rep's. M. Farfan 2nd. Vote taken: 16 Yes and 1 No vote. Motion passed.

Budget Day 2006/2007 Discussion/Action. A. Brown discussed. L. Jensen and K. Nagao request they represent HCNC on Mayor's Budget Committee. Vote taken & approved unanimously.

L. Jensen asked what items of business they should present on behalf of HCNC at upcoming Mayor's Budget Committee meeting.

In response JL Sedano reported he represented HCNC at meeting on December 2, 2005 El Pueblo hosted Alejandro Encinas, Mayor of Mexico City. The Mayor was given tour of Olvera Street and shown Sepulveda House, Avila Adobe, Italian Hall and the site of America Tropical. He then suggested that Lucy and Kei in their meeting with the Mayor request he name a Deputy Mayor for the Arts working closely with the Department of Cultural Affairs to fund and promote the Arts in Los Angeles.

K. Benjamin then made a motion to urge the Mayor to create a Deputy Mayor position to promote the Arts throughout the city. Discussion. D. Ehrler 2nd. Vote taken & unanimously passed.

K. Benjamin also proposed that unspent District funds from prior year's that is unspent by June 30, 2006 be put back in the general fund to be spent as the full board decides on the future use subject to a future vote on such matters or projects, etc. Any funds not spent in the future in the same fiscal year be reallocated in the same way. Discussion. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

8. Treasurer's Report: D. Ehrler made report of current financial status.

Melvin commented that HCNC should try to spend it's funds on projects in the community as soon as possible or possibly risk having funds allocated from prior fiscal year's being returned back to the city.

9. Street Paving/Resurfacing. Discussion & Action. K. Benjamin and M. Farfan presented proposed sites & amounts accordingly. Discussion. Members made recommendation to substitute [Boston St.] for: Park Row Dr., Merrick St. and Bishops Rd. on the proposed Bureau of Street Services Resurfacing Program. Vote taken & unanimously passed.

10. Announcements. Michael Fong, Field Dep. for Councilman Ed Reyes of CD 1 made announcements concerning recent Clean-Up Proj. in Solano Cyn., Orcini Const. Proj., 3RD and final StreetScape Proj. meeting at Castelar School on 01/18/06, Not a Corn Field Proj. and Policing issues.

11. Community member Raymond Yu made announcements about street maintenance, street lighting and upcoming Chinese New Year festivities in Chinatown.

Fr. G. Bizzotto announced an Immigrants Day Celebration at the Cathedral of our Lady of Angels on January 15, 2006.

12. Adjournment at 8:25 p.m.

* Members: A. SooHoo and Fr. G. Bizzotto arrived later in the evening.

@Members: S. Perez and H. Tang elected to HCNC Board

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