

HCNC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED
Tuesday, July 11, 2006
Helman Quon Building, El Pueblo Park

1. Call to order by Charlie Woo. 7:50 p.m.

Roll Call. Board Members: Danny Young, Jose Luis Sedano, Dominic Ehrler, Brian Kito, Charlie Woo, Hoover Tang, Tim Keating, Kim Benjamin, Martin Farfan, Ron Fong, Howard Nishimura, Mamie Weinberg, Kei Nagao, Lucy Jensen, Alan Kumamoto, Alicia Brown, Edmond Soo Hoo, Joe Wong, Al Soo Hoo (19 Members) .
Guests Present: Melvin Canas (DONE), Mike Fong (CD 1), Al Garcia, Ryan Timmreck, Raymond Yu, Qathryn Brehn, Tom Minkler

Charlie Woo moved Public Comments forward for Non-Agenda Items. CWIKB unanimous

2. Public Comments

E Soohoo stated that Chinatown community didn't receive notice of Tuesday's meeting via mail. Request was made that there be additional Board Members assigned to notifying community of upcoming meetings.

Announcement made by Melvin Canas regarding Community Beautification Office's matching grants program for the new fiscal year.

3. Approval of June 13 Minutes: **Motion CW/AB passed unanimously.**

4. Treasurer's Report: The 2006-2007 Budget was approved by DONE. Ehrler mentioned that DONE is now posting 'unused funds', by Council, on its website. It currently shows unused funds of approximately \$165,000 for the HCNC. In addition, it has a Checking Account, balance is \$5500, the Credit Card Balance \$5300, and \$202 Cash. Questions were raised by K Benjamin regarding the funds due from Jerald and additional funds deducted by DONE from our account at that time. Ehrler will look into it.

5. DWP Rate Increase: D Ehrler asked that the HCNC endorse DWP MOU view of the pending DWP rate increase. **Motion by DE, Alan K 2nd 15 in favor, 2 opposed.**

6. Elections -Final Determination of Seats Up for Election

C Woo presented a proposal to solve the problem of who shall be up for election. It involved selecting candidates in a random manner. K Benjamin made **motion** to pick names randomly from a hat by District. The people whose names are chosen would run for re-election. **KB/LJensen • Passed unanimously.** (Additional Documentation)

The following people were drawn, supervised by Melvin Canas:

Al Soo-Hoo	Non-Profit, El Pueblo
Dominic Ehrler	Business, Victor Heights
Edmund Soohoo	Non-Profit, Chinatown
Kei Nagao	Resident, Little Tokyo
Linda Wang Sr	At-Large, At-Large

The following people are automatically up for re-election.

Alicia Brown	Resident, Solano Canyon
Hoover Tang	Resident, Victor Heights
Joan Lee	Employee, At-Large
Joe Wong	Resident, Victor Heights
Jose Luis Sedano	Business, El Pueblo
Kelly Soo Hoo	At-Large, At-Large
Mamie Weinberg	Resident, Chinatown
Martin Farfan	Non-Profit, Solano Canyon
Ne Hay Tom	Resident, Chinatown
Ron Fong	Non-Profit, Little Tokyo
Tim Keating	Resident, Arts District

Motion made by K Benjamin to approve names above as being up for election . Martin 2nd • Motion approved unanimously.

7. Defining District Boundaries

Melvin presented a map with lines drawn dividing districts. It represented the same divisions as indicated on the HCNC website and the large drawing in the HCNC office with the following exceptions: The Chevez Ravine area on the north side of Victor Heights to be part of Solano Canyon (everything north of Stadium Way at the cliffs) and the block directly west of El Pueblo (Spring/Cesar Chavez/Main/101Freeway) to be part of El Pueblo. **Ehrler made a motion to approve the divisions. Martin 2nd • Passed unanimously.**

B Kito argued that the boundary between Little Tokyo and the Arts District should reflect the outline of the Little Tokyo B.I.D. Kim made **motion** that this matter be deliberated by individual representatives within the respective districts and be reported back to the Council. The boundaries as described on the map to be valid in the meantime. **Ron 2nd • 18 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion Passed**

8. Election Site

Alan made **motion** to hold elections November 29 pending approval of election site. If not November 29, then November 30. **Lucy 2nd • All in favor. Motion Passed**

Melvin suggested bringing back election site to El Pueblo as a compromised central location. Melvin stated this would avoid long delays and potential lawsuits. Melvin suggested that lawsuits may put election results on hold. Kim responded that the Council will not respond to threats. Lucy stated that the Council made a decision and needs to remain consistent.

9. Write-In Candidates

Alan made motion not to allow write-in candidates. Tim 2nd • 18 in favor, 1 abstained. Motion Passed

10. Board Member Attendance

K Benjamin made a motion for the removal of Board Members to those attending less than 10% of all posted meetings (1 meetings). Those to be removed would include Kelly 800 Hoo, Albert Domasin, Phi Luu, and Gordon Yu. Joe 2nd • 18 in favor, 1 abstain. Motion Passed

Ron asked whether substitutes were necessary for these newly vacant seats, before elections. Alan suggested the seats be filled because of the uncertainty surrounding the upcoming elections. Dominic agreed to check the by-laws regarding this matter and discuss next Council meeting.

11. Budget Committee

Dominic stated he is forming a budget committee and that Ron Fong volunteered. Alan said he will also join this committee. No other responses. Ehrler invited all those interested to contact him.

Lucy asked when the deadline was for spending the Council's funds. Dominic responded that \$200,000 was given to start. The Council spent \$35,000 and has approximately \$165,000 remaining. Of this amount, \$65,000 needs to be spent, not just earmarked, by June 30, 2007.

12. Public Comments -Additional

Mike Fong from CD 1: Councilmember Reyes will be hosting off-site Council meeting July 19 at MacArthur Park 6-8 p.m. "Ready LA" Emergency Preparedness Meeting will be held on September 30 at four different locations throughout Los Angeles. Community Beautification Office is offering up to \$10,000 in grants. Information available at www.laocb.org -workshops to be held throughout the city.

Father Giovanni resigned from his post. He will be residing in the San Fernando Valley and two new priests will arrive to replace him at St. Peters.

Raymond Yu announced Nisei Week Parade. More information available at www.niseiweek.org.

Ron announced Tofu Festival August 12-13.

13. Closing

Alan Made motion to adjourn. Lucy 2nd. All in favor.

Seats up for Election

July 11, 2006

Attached are my recommendations as to who is up for election this year and who is up in 08. Please refer to the attached form.

In November of 2003, we had a draw to split all the seats into 3 groups, 1, 2, and 3. The 1's were up for election in 2004, 2's were up in 2005 and 3's were up for election in 2006.

The 1's were all elected in 2004. We then changed the system into 2year cycle with half of board up every 2 years.

What we need to do now is to have all 2's up for election in 2006. All 1's should be up in 2008 again.

All the 3's should be further divided to fit into 1's and 2's to fit into the half and half formula. So we need another draw among the 3's.

If you look further into the each district, I came up with this:

Arts District has two 1's (Lucy and myself), one 2 (Tim) and one 3 (Alan). In order to be even among members up for election, we could put Alan into a 2 without a draw so that we have half the members up every two year.

Chinatown has two 1's (Don and Peter Lau), two 2's (Mamie Hong and Ne Hay Tom) and also two 3's (Kam Lee and Edmund SooHoo), We should simply have a draw among the 3's to determine which one goes this year and which one goes in 08.

El Pueblo: there is one 1, one 2 and one 3. There has to be a draw to determine whether Al Soo Hoo goes into 2 (election in 06) or a 3(Election in 08).

Little Tokyo There is one 1(Brian Kito) one 2 (Ron Fong), two 3's (Kei and Howard). We need a draw to determine among these two 3's.

Solano Canyon: There is a 1 (Fr Giovanni), two 2's (Alicia and Martin Farfan) and a 3 (Danny Young)If we do not want a draw, we can put Danny into the 1 to have the balance of two members up every other year.

Victor Heights: two 1's (Gordon Yu and Phi Luu), two 2's (Joe Wong and Hoover Tang), two 3's (Albert Damasian and Dominic). Have a draw between Dominic and Albert.

At Large. Two 1's (Kim and Steve Perez), two 2's (Joan Lee and Kelly SooHoo), two 3's (Linda Chien Wang and Peter Woo) . Draw between Linda and Peter.

The problem with this proposal is that both Alan and Tim will be up for election this year. That really screws up the Election Committee composition.

We can have a draw between Danny and Alan the two odd 3's to determine which one is up in 06 or 08, but there is still no guarantee that the election committee wouldn't get screwed up.

I hope you understand what I have said., the Board must act on this as soon as possible to prevent any further delays.

Charlie Woo,

President

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Random Drawing to Determine Term Lengths for Board Members of HCNC

District	Board Members	Terms Length (years)	Election
1. Arts District	Jensen, Lucy	1	2008
	Tim Keating	2	2006
	Kumamoto, Alan	3	2006 or 08
	Charlie Woo	1	2008
2. Chinatown	Hong, Mamie	2	2006
	Lee, Kam	3	2006 or 08
	Ne Hay, Tom	2	2006
	Soo Hoo, Edmund	3	2006 or 08
	Toy, Don	1	2008
	Peter Lau	1	2008
3. El Pueblo	Sedano, Jose Luis	2	2006
	Soo-Hoo, Al	3	2006 or 08
	Howard, Fink	1	2008
4. Little Tokyo	Kei Nagano	3	2006 or 08
	Rong Fong	2	2006
	Kito, Brain	1	2008
	Nishimura, Howard	3	2006 or 08
5. Solano Canyon	Bizzotto, Fr. Giovanni	1	2008
	Brown, Alicia	2	2006
	Martin Farfan	2	2006
	Young, Danny	3	2006 or 08
6. Victor Heights	Domasin, Albert	3	2006 or 08
	Ehrler, Dominic	3	2006 or 08
	Joe Wong	2	2006
	Phi Luu	1	2008
	Hoover Tang	2	2006
	Gordon Yu	1	2008
7. At Large	Benjamin, Kim	1	2008
	Steve Perez	1	2008
	Lee, Joan	2	2006
	Soo Hoo, Kelly	2	2006
	Wang, Chein Linda	3	2006 or 08
	Woo, Peter	3	2006 or 08