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Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 30, 2007

Hellman Quon Building, El Pueblo Park
Parking Lot 4, Across from Chinese Museum
Call to order: 6:45 p.m.

1. Call to order by Charlie Woo
2. Roll Call. Board Members: Kim Benjamin, Alicia Brown, Martin Farfan, Howard Fink, Ron Fong, Lucy Jensen, Tim Keating, Ann Kim, Brian Kito, Alfonso Marquez, David Nagano, Howard Nishimura, Richard Nozaki, Jose Luis Sedano, Al SooHoo, Edmund SooHoo, Hoover Tang, Ryan Timmreck, Joe Wong, Charlie Woo, Yukiko Yamahata, Danny Young, Gay Yuen. Guests: J. Russell Brown, Melvin Canas, Dominic Ehrler, Michael Fong, Susan Kim, Jake Tringali, Raymond Yu.
3. E SooHoo stated that he and other Chinatown Rep's did not receive any emails/mailed notices for this meeting & there were no postings at Chinatown Library or at Eastside Deli/Market; thus, were not notified about meeting in a timely manner. K Benjamin confirmed that he made such postings at the areas mentioned.

C Woo explained that due to election challenges and an extension in the city's Human Relations Commission (HRC) in rendering their decision, this month's meeting was delayed to this date.

4. Dec 12, 2006 Minutes. C Woo made a motion to accept the minutes as written. T Keating 2nd. Vote taken & unanimously approved.
5. Melvin Canas of DONE made announcements. The Nov 2006 HCNC election is now certified. See attached list for results.
6. Election Results/Challenges. C Woo discussed results with members. A challenge was made concerning the business seat in El Pueblo and the Executive Board will address the issue.

A Brown also commented on the challenges made about the election in general, and specifically concerning Solano Canyon and the alleged lack of transportation provided by HCNC. The HRC found the allegation was without merit, as a shuttle bus ran on a regular schedule throughout all six of the districts.

7. K Benjamin congratulated T Keating and the rest of the Election Committee on their hard work.
8. New/Re-Elected Board members. Matter to be addressed in February for swearing in Ceremony.

9. Vacant Board seats. Matter to be addressed at a future meeting.

10. Election of Executive Officers. C Woo explained the duties of each position.

President - H Tang nominated K Benjamin. C Woo 2nd. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

1st Vice President - K Benjamin nominated B Kito. H Fink 2nd. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

2nd Vice President - A Marquez nominated M Farfan. C Woo 2nd. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

3rd Vice President - R Fong nominated a Kumamoto. A Brown 2nd. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

4th Vice President - A Brown nominated R Nozaky. A Marquez 2nd. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

Treasurer - H Nishimura nominated D Nagano. M Farfan 2nd. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

Secretary - D Young nominated J L Sedano. 2nd by A Marquez. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

Historian - K Benjamin appointed A Brown. Mrs. Brown Accepted.

11. M Fong, of Councilman Ed Reyes' office made announcements concerning The L.A. River Master Plan, Chinese New Year festivities, The Mayor's Big Sunday event for 2007, The Million Trees L.A. Initiative & a new L.A. Housing Dept office in Lincoln Heights.

12. By-Law Amendment – Meeting Notice Requirements. Discussion. The HCNC By-Laws currently state regular meeting notices must be posted (5) days in advance. The Brown Act requires a [3] day posted notice. C Woo made a motion to amend HCNC By-Laws to conform to the Brown Act meeting requirement. M Farfan 2nd. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

13. Treasurer's Report. D Ehrler gave a hand-out and presented a report Concerning the council's financial position. He also handed-out a letter from DONE that HCNC is facing a potential return of funds from previous fiscal Years if not spent by June 30, 2007; an amount of approximately \$56K.

14. District Projects/Funding Requests:

Little Tokyo - R Fong & B Kito discussed projects funded; such as Japantown Landmark Proj. & printing of a Little Tokyo Historic Neighborhood Brochure.

Solano Canyon - A Brown discussed the Solano beautification and sign/marker project. K Benjamin & A Brown also mentioned that a horse for the park ranger to patrol the area around Solano Canyon and Elysian Park is a viable idea. More specifics at a later date.

Arts District - T Keating made a presentation about the funding HCNC gave to help print the Uncommon Ground Report. Copies given out.

El Pueblo - J L Sedano discussed the Siqueros Mural Project.

Chinatown - No speaker present.

Victor Heights - No project in progress. District Rep's will make a proposal at a future meeting.

15. Mayor's Budget Day Report. A Brown & A Marquez presented. Discussion on constituent's priorities for fiscal 2007/2008.
16. Development Projects. Agenda Items 11, 12 & 13 Discussed and acted upon Together.
 - a. Blossom Plaza. Presentation previously made by Ms. Reagan Flagler from Bond Companies at 12/12/06 meeting. Hand-outs given.
 - b. Figueroa Terrace. Project to be developed by LaeRoc Funds; which K Benjamin is President. Hand-out of the project given.
 - c. Brewery/Restaurant. Mr. Jake Tringali made a presentation. He gave A similar presentation at the 10-24-06 meeting. The site is at 800 E. 3rd St., across the Street from Mary Knoll Catholic Church. He also mentioned that the church is in support of the project.

Brief discussion. T Keating made a motion to have HCNC write a letter of Support of these projects. 2nd by C Woo. Vote taken. K Benjamin abstained from voting, due to a disclosed conflict of interest. Motion passed with 21 votes Yea & no Nays.

17. Board Member Poor Attendance. Matter tabled to next meeting.

18. Public Comment/Announcements. Raymond Yu made announcements concerning upcoming Chinese New Year festivities.

J Russell Brown, President of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (DLANC), introduced himself to the board and suggested a partnership in participating in projects/activities together.

Ms. Susan Kim, of the Mayor's office introduced herself to the board. She is the Area Director, Neighborhood and Community Services and HCNC is one of 17 NC's she covers.

K Benjamin thanked the out going Executive Officers for their Service: Charlie Woo for 2 years as President, Dominic Ehrler, Tim Keating, Danny Young, and Mamie Hong Weinberg for their dedication and hard work as officers of the HCNC.

In addition, Mr. Benjamin specifically thanked Dominic Ehrler, Lucy Jensen, Mamie Hong Weinberg & George Yu for service to the community by serving on the board.

A Kumamoto, K Benjamin, A Brown and J L Sedano will continue to serve on the Executive Board this year for fiscal year 2007/2008.

19. Adjournment at 9 p.m.

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