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**General Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 2007, 6:00pm  
Reikai's Kitchen  
455 E 3rd St, Little Tokyo**

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1) Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin

Meeting opened at 6:08pm. President Benjamin CONGRATULATED the HCNC Board members noting that attendance has been excellent, all scheduled meetings have had a quorum, complicated issues have been vetted and nearly every agenda action item has been voted on. In addition fiscal responsibility by the board has been exercised and we should be proud of what we have accomplished together in 2007. There is still more to be done and the balance of the year focuses on projects, finances, and community outreach and board action should be the order of the day.

Roll Call: Al Soo-Hoo, Alan Galiano, Alan Kumamoto, Alicia Brown, Craig Havens, Danny Young, David Nagano, Don Toy, Edmund Soohoo, Gay Yuen, Hieu Van, Hoover Tang, Howard Nishimura, Joe Wong, Kam Lee, Kim Benjamin, Richard Nozaki, Ron Fong, Ryan Timmreck, Tim Keating, Yukiko Yamahata.

Absent: Alfonse Marquez, Ann Kim, Brian Kito, Charlie Woo, Howard Fink, Joe Wong, John Saslow, Jose Sedano, Martin Farfan, Ne Tom, Peter Lau, Peter Woo.

Vacant Seats: Resident Little Tokyo.

Staff: Anne Walrath

Guests: Cathleen Chavez, Dept of Public Works-Multifamily Residential Recycling Program Manager.

2) Public Comments for youths and seniors: 10 minutes – No speakers

3) Approval of Minutes May 15, 2007 – Jose Luis Sedano

**Motion to approve minutes made by Alicia Brown and seconded by Danny Young. Minutes approved.**

4) President's Report & Action Items, Kim Benjamin

Guiding Principals 2007-2008: President Benjamin submitted proposed changes to Guiding Principals for 2007-08. General Discussion on all points. See attached.

**Motion to approve the updated and revised "Guiding Principals 2007-2008" (see attached as approved by the board during the meeting). Motion made by Tim Keating and seconded by Don Toy. Motion Approved unanimously.**

El Pueblo Project. **Motion to support revitalization of the El Pueblo and specifically the concept (as outlined in the attached) “El Pueblo De Los Angeles, a Mixed Use Proposal in Los Angeles, California, concept by LaeRoc and sponsored by HCNC, designs and drawings by RSA. Motion made by Don Toy and seconded by Gay Yuen. Motion approved unanimously.**

MTA Call for Projects update, CRA North Chinatown Industrial Specific Plan, River Plan City Approval, Misc Project updates. Tabled to next meeting.

5) Treasurers Report - David Nagano

Approve 2007-2008 HCNC Budget to submit by June 15, 2007.

**Motion to approve the 2007-2008 HCNC Budget as presented made by Alan Kumamoto and seconded by Hoover Tang. Motion approved unanimously.**

HCNC funds previously at risk have been fully allocated and are protected from being given back to DONE. Specific projects approved in 2007 include:

- a. Arts District joint venture with Laraba: LaDAD/Padua Playwrights – Demonstration Project Community Art Center for Downtown Arts District. HCNC Grant: \$11,500.
- b. El Pueblo Way Finding and Monument Signage Project – El Pueblo with City of LA/El Pueblo Park. HCNC Grant: \$21,200.
- c. Little Tokyo Security Cameras Project – LT with LAPD. HCNC Grant: \$22,600.
- d. Solano Canyon Monument Signage Project – Solano Canyon with City Parks Department. HCNC Grant: \$15,000 (of which \$10,283.75 has been allocated to date).
- e. Victor Heights Neighborhood Watch Signs Project – VH with LADOT. HCNC Grant: \$3,000.
- f. Youth/Senior Citizen and general outreach program. HCNC Grant: \$3,000.

6) Elections/By-Laws Committee Report – Alan Kumamoto – next meeting

7) Action Committee: Discussion and action items on neighborhood projects and expenditures, Brian Kito - next meeting

8) Vacant Board Seats – Discussion and Action

Little Tokyo Resident - Next meeting.

Alfonso Martinez has gone to college and Youth At Large seat going to be vacated.

9) Report from Solano Canyon, Alicia Brown

New people coming into Solano Canyon, buying old homes and renovating them. Dodgers adopted Solano Canyon Elementary School years ago and this year spent \$35,000 on new computers. Because of traffic impact to Solano Canyon for the Dodger Games, traffic has doubled, but the Dodgers hired extra police to direct traffic during the rush. Solano Canyon looking forward to the new monument sign. Due to Dodgers fans using our residential streets to park their cars and then catch rides to game we are going to make placards to put inside cars of local resident saying “Solano Canyon Resident” to discourage people going to the game from parking on our neighborhood streets.

Arts District: Tim Keating met with architect, Michael Maltzan, for One Sante Fe, who would like to come and talk to us about this project. Will be put on next meeting’s agenda.

10) Update and action on any funding project previously discussed at the last 3 board meetings not previously approved - next meeting

11) Los Angeles City Bureau – Report on recycling bins for multi-unit residences – Cathleen Chavez  
Due to time constraints Cathleen did not present a report but she passed out flyers on recycling to the board.

- 12) Approval of DWP MOU – Jack Humphreville - Next meeting.
- 13) Public Comments – Raymond Yu made public announcements.
- 14) Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items, possible bylaw change.  
Hiatus for July and August, 2007. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of September, the 11<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Chinatown Library.  
Meeting moved to Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, still at Chinatown Library at 6pm.
- 15) New Business
- 16) Old Business
- 17) Adjournment

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