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**General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 5:30 p.m.
Japanese American Cultural Center
244 S San Pedro St, LA CA 90012
Garden Room A, Basement**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin. Meeting called to order at 5:45pm with quorum.
Present: Al Soo-Hoo, Alicia Brown, Brian Kito, Danny Young, David Nagano, Don Toy, Edmund Soohoo, Hieu Van, Hoover Tang, Howard Nishimura, Jose Luis Sedano, Joseph Wong, Kim Benjamin, Mark Rothenberg, Martin Farfan, Ron Fong, Ryan Timmreck, Tim Keating, Yukiko Yamahata
New Member: Paul Bukowski
Absent: Alan Kumamoto, Ann Kim, Charlie Woo, Craig Havens, Gay Yuen, Howard Fink, John Saslow, Kam Lee, Kelsey Iino, Ne Hay Tom, Peter Lau, Peter Woo
Staff: Anne Walrath
Guests: Dreau Robbins, Paul Rodriguez, Elizabeth Peterson, Gideon Rotzer, Wendy Anderson, Steve Rice
2. Public Comments for youths and seniors: 5 minutes
Raymond Yu made public service announcements.
Jose Sedano talked about CityWatch and LaeRoc's Ad congratulating HCNC and CBID.
Kim Benjamin made announcement that Kam Lee took a fall and is at Good Samaritan Hospital. She has been an HCNC Board Member since the beginning, attends every meeting and is 102 years old. We're all wishing her well and a speedy recovery.
3. Approval of Minutes May 13, 2008 – Jose Luis Sedano
Motion to approve minutes with the correction of changing Captain Wakefield to Sergeant Pete Foster made by Don Toy and seconded by Tim Keating. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Vacant Board Seats – Discussion and Action
 - 4.1 At-Large Youth
 - 4.2 Victor Heights Resident: Paul Bukowski

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Motion to approve Paul Bukowski as the Victor Heights Resident HCNC Board Member made by Ryan Timmreck and seconded by Joe Wong. Motion approved unanimously.

5. President's Report & Action Items, Kim Benjamin
 - 5.1 River Plan City Approval: Mike Fong
 - 5.2 Development Project updates, CALL FOR PROJECTS, and HCNC Sponsored Community Project updates and action items for:
 - 5.2a Arts District: 814-828 Traction Ave: Brandon Finch. Where Crazy Gideon's store is. **Motion to approve project by full board. Motion allows caucus to meet with developer and make modifications acceptable to caucus. Motion made by Kim Benjamin and seconded by Tim Keating. Motion approved unanimously.**
 - 5.2b Chinatown: Spring & Naud Project: Dreau Robbins. Beginning of project and here to formally present it to the HCNC. Looking for beginning feedback. Mixed-use, 90% live/work, 10% retail. Tenants require a business license to live in project as a live/work space.
 - 5.2c El Pueblo: Kim Benjamin is speaking to Bill Lansford and Congresswoman Lucille Royball-Allard regarding the Commemorative war memorial, and will report back.
 - 5.2d Little Tokyo
 - 5.2e Solano Canyon
 - 5.2f Victor Heights
Dreau Robbins spoke about White Knoll and the street vacating and easements. Meeting tomorrow night at Victor Heights at 7pm.
6. Action Committee: Discussion and action items on neighborhood projects and expenditures, new and previously approved (see minutes of 5/13/08 and prior agendas). Brian Kito
 - 6.1 Arts District Projects and Action Items.
 - 6.2 Chinatown Projects and Action Items.
CRA is matching funds from the HCNC. HCNC has already approved \$25,000, so Chinatown caucus is asking for \$12,500 more which will give Chinatown \$37,500 to match with CRA for \$75,000 for Chinatown project.
Motion to amend previously approved \$25,000 with an additional \$12,500 to make total amount \$37,500 made by Don Toy and seconded by Joe Wong. Motion approved unanimously.
 - 6.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items.
 - 6.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items.
 - 6.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items.
Alicia Brown: Representing all Solano Canyon regarding the beautification project. Talk about the misunderstandings among the Parks & Recreation Department and the problems of staff turn-over at both the Parks & Recreation Department and DONE and that Solano Canyon was becoming unhappy with the delay in their funds for the beautification project. Kim Benjamin has spoken to Ed Reyes' office on this matter and with Morrie Goldman regarding the problems and delays and they are working on it. Should know something in a few days and will let Alicia know.

6.6 Victor Heights Projects and Action Items.

Wendy went over the Community Outreach project. Spoke about having an HCNC booth. They are looking at a couple of sites near East Side Deli, the MWD parking structure close to the Church. Kim urged them to speak to the Church to see if they could get their support and/or cooperation. Looking for sites at the base of the hill. Suggested they check with the Dodgers about using 821 Figueroa. Looking at August 24 for the target date. Target MWD first about using their parking lot. Wendy also responded to question regarding what portion of the funds went to her personally as payment for her services and she responded 50% went to her.

6.7 At-Large Projects and Action Items.

6.7a Youth Outreach

6.7b At-Large contingent community programs that cover whole HCNC.

7. Election Committee Report and Action Items: Alan Kumamoto: Election bylaw changes.

8. Treasurer's Report: David Nagano. Approval of new budget.

David Nagano went over the new budget for 2008-2009. Most of our money now goes for community outreach and community development programs.

Motion to approve budget for 2008-2009 made by Ron Fong and seconded by Howard Nishimura. Motion approved unanimously.

9. Public Comments

10. Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items, possible bylaw change.

July 15th, 3rd Tuesday of the month.

11. New Business

12. Old Business

13. Adjournment

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