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General Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, 9 September 2008, 18:00
Chinatown Branch – LA Public Library – Meeting Room
639 N Hill St, LA CA 90012

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin

Present: Al Soo-Hoo, Alan Kumamoto, Alicia Brown, Brian Kito, Craig Havens, Danny Young, David Nagano, Don Toy, Edmund Soohoo, Gay Yuen, Hieu Van, Hoover Tang, Howard Fink, John Saslow, Jose Sedano, Joe Wong, Kim Benjamin, Mark Rothenberg, Peter Iau, Ron Fong, Ryan Timmreck.

Absent: Ann Kim, Charlie Woo, Howard Nishimura, Kam Lee, Kelsey Iino, Martin Farfan, Ne Hay Tom, Paul Bukowski, Peter Woo, Tim Keating.

Staff: Anne Walrath

Guests: Greg Bartz: NC Liaison, DWP; Bruce Ehrlich: Loeb & Loeb; Jonathan Breen: David Gray Architects; Susan Wong & Mike Fong: Councilman Ed Reyes Office; Valerie Hanley: Casa California; Dominic Ehrler: Victor Heights; Sky Henry: Victor Heights; Nat Hayward: Chinatown; Lillian DeLoza-Gutierrez: Consensus Planning Group; Jimmy Miyoshi: Victor Heights; Betty Wong: Victor Heights; Reverend David Bang: Holy Hills Community Church.

2. Public Comments for youths and seniors: 5 minutes

Raymond gave public service announcements.

3. Approval of Minutes July 15, 2008 – Jose Luis Sedano

Motion to approve minutes of July 15th, 2008 made by Howard Fink and seconded by Alan Kumamoto. Vote unanimous. Motion passes.

4. Vacant Board Seats – Discussion and Action

4.1 At-Large Youth: We are seriously looking for an At-Large Youth, age 15 to 20.

4.2 El Pueblo Business: Posted September 2nd No one yet, but we're looking. Valerie Hanley of Casa California at W-10 Olvera St was present and expressed interest in the seat, gave her resume to the El Pueblo caucus.

5. President's Report & Action Items, Kim Benjamin
- 5.1 River Plan, Arroyo/Seco Plan, Chinatown Streetscape Program, Cornfields: Mike Fong
Preserve America Community 9/13 7⁰⁰-30 Central Plaza. Thanks to Victor Heights for a great job on their community faire. Claire Bowen will be having a community meeting for Corn fields in November, a flyer will be out soon. The Chinatown Streetscape project is moving along, tree wells being put in, they hope to have trees in by the end of the year. Benches and trash receptacles will come last after tree wells are installed. Los Angeles 227th Birthday celebration was well attended, several Councilmembers were present and it was recognized by the Mayor, HCNC was acknowledged several times, HCNC paid for the costumes, Kim Benjamin & LaeRoc donated the train rides.
- 5.2 Development Project updates, CALL FOR PROJECTS, and HCNC Sponsored Community Project updates and action items for:
 - 5.2a Arts District
 - 5.2b Chinatown
 - 5.2c El Pueblo
 - 5.2d Little Tokyo
 - 5.2e Solano Canyon
 - 5.2f Victor Heights: Bylaw change to make Non-Profit seat a Residential Seat.
 - 5.2g At-Large:
- 5.3 1111 Sunset Blvd Project. Bruce Ehrlich of Loeb & Loeb & Jonathan Breen of David Gray Architects (davidgrayarchitects.com).
The Project is an Adaptive Reuse residential conversion of the existing but empty MWD office building. The Project is currently approved for 71 residential units, with a parking requirement of 107 spaces. The Owner is currently requesting a revision to the original; approval to allow for 92 residential units with a parking requirement of 138 spaces. The Project will improve the neighborhood by making use of the existing MWD office building which has remained empty for a number of years, while adding much needed residential units to the City's housing stock. Victor Heights Caucus is for the project, happy that the development is providing parking spaces rather than parking on the street. Note: some board members have problem with traffic and no affordable housing.
Motion to approve a letter of support for 1111 Sunset Project made by Joe Wong and seconded by Ryan Timmreck. Vote: 11 Yes, 6 No. Motion carries.
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. Chinatown looking to see if there are additional funds and partners for additional projects.
- 6.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items.
- 6.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items. Aoyomo Tree Dedication. The Aoyoma Tree is now a city historic monument. Kim Benjamin spoke at the dedication, Huell Howser was there and there will be a show. The story ran in the LA Times and in 35 other papers, it was well recognized. The magnolia tree is 100 years old and lives for about 300 years.
- 6.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items: Monument Projects, everything is ready to go, spraying lines, will have ground breaking ceremony before the end of the year. Want to have the Councilman there. Craig and Alicia will keep us posted.
- 6.6 Victor Heights Projects and Action Items. Gay Yuen. Wendy sick and can't be here, she was project coordinator, Aug 24th, Sunday, parking lot of the credit union. Very hot day, very glad they rented umbrellas, Councilman Reyes office very helpful in covering costs for portapotties, tables etc. The church was a very big supporter in the event, they even cancelled an afternoon

service so their members could come and provided performers and food. About 300 people attended. Event was very diverse. Had translators for Spanish and Chinese. Had activities for children and for seniors. Lion dancing, Folklorico, Hawaiian Hula dancers. Some challenges, the funding came after the event, so had to spend less. Financial report to David Nagano to go over. Some members felt we paid too much to the coordinator for too small a turnout.

6.7 At-Large Projects and Action Items. John Saslow, National Night out was in LT this year, about 3,000 to 5,000 people, well attended. Fun event, lots of vendors, food, boxing. Good event.

6.7a Youth Outreach

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

7. Election Committee Report and Action Items: Alan Kumamoto. We need to have a bylaws and elections committee and to take all the actions we've taken and put it in DONE's format so they can authorize our changes. Need to have ready for next board meeting and agenda for the 2 votes needed. Committee meeting will be on the 24th of September at the Koban, free parking in lot 7. Tim Keating on elections committee, Edmund Soohoo, Al Soo-Hoo, Danny Young. DONE has put everything into a draft format so we just put in the numbers. Put bylaws changes on the agenda so can vote on at the next two board meetings.

8. Treasurer's Report: David Nagano. The amount we have for new projects should be about \$42,000, (not counting the \$37,000 already encumbered by Chinatown and other encumbered monies). We have about 9 months to spend these funds. Expenses is part of the \$42,000, but should be less than \$5,000. Kim suggests that all the communities come back with some projects.

9. Public Comments

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

11. New Business

12. Old Business: Rev David Bang. Holy Hills Community Church opposes the 1111 Sunset development project. Rev Bang feels that their development is very dangerous for and destroying their religious life. He says they will have no parking space for their congregation. He is asking us to please give them a chance to speak for their side, to let us bring their lawyer to speak to us.

Kim Benjamin asked Mike Fong and Susan Wong what the Councilman's position is. Their response is that they have asked the administration to hold this case under advisement for 30 days. They don't have a position yet, the 30 days will expire on Oct. 7th.

13. Adjournment

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