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**General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 09, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Art Share Los Angeles, 801 E. 4th Place, LA CA 90013**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin – called to order at 6:18pm
Present: Alicia Brown, Craig Havens, Danny Young, David Nagano, Don Toy, Edmund Soohoo, Gay Yuen, Gibson Han, Hoover Tang, Howard Nishimura, John Saslow, Joe Wong, Kim Benjamin, Mark Rothenberg, Martin Farfan, Ryan Timmreck, Tim Keating, Valerie Hanley
Absent: Al Soo-Hoo, Alan Kumamoto, Brian Kito, Charlie Woo, Hieu Van, Howard Fink, Kelsey Iino, Ne Hay Tom, Paul Bukowski, Peter Lau, Peter Woo, Ron Fong
Staff: Anne Walrath
2. Public Comments for youths and seniors: 5 minutes
Raymond Yu made public service announcements.
3. Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2009 – Jose Luis Sedano
Motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2009 made by Don Toy and seconded by John Saslow. Vote Unanimous. Minutes approved.
4. Vacant Board Seats – Discussion and Action
 - 4.1 Chinatown
Ms. Lai Ceez nominated by Don Toy, and seconded by Danny Young to take the vacant Chinatown Resident seat. Vote was unanimous. Ms. Lai Ceez seated on the board.
 - 4.2 Victor Heights At Large
Jimmy Miyoshi nominated by Ryan Timmreck and seconded by Hoover Tang to take vacant Victor Heights At-Large seat. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Jimmy Miyoshi seated on the board.
5. Bylaw/Election Committee Report and Action Items: Alan Kumamoto – not present.
 - 5.1 First vote on Bylaw changes.
Victor Heights At-Large. Motion to change seat Don, John. Unanimous
 - 5.2 City Clerk Lottery, no one wants to go.

6. Action Committee: Discussion and action items on neighborhood projects and expenditures, new and previously approved. Brian Kito
 - 6.1 Arts District Projects and Action Items. Tim Keating, writing \$10,000 grant to put trees around Joel Bloom's square. May be bringing to board for funds.
 - 6.2 Chinatown Projects and Action Items. Chinatown wants another \$12,000 for streetscape upgrades.
 - 6.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items. Public Address system for El Pueblo, in phases. Kim Benjamin also suggests security cameras connected to a pa system and reminded the board that Little Tokyo got a \$20,000 grant from the LAPD for their security cameras. City says there is already Wifi in El Pueblo but not up and running yet, David Nagano will inquire about the WiFi. Looking at about \$12,000 each phase for video and sound.
 - 6.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items.
 - 6.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items: Community wants \$7000 for Solano Canyon Monument Sign 2. Alicia went over the Solano Canyon Monument Sign 2. Smaller sign than the first one, southwest corner of Solano Ave & Amador St, across from pocket park that LaeRoc donated to the city. Dan is checking to see if they can use that corner since it's city property. If get approval from city will take to Action committee meeting.
 - 6.6 Victor Heights Projects and Action Items. Great Wall Youth Orchestra. Joint venture between Chinatown and Victor Heights. Traditional Chinese music. Gay has set aside tickets for HCNC, CBID. All board members can have 2. June 27, 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Castelar School, 840 Yale St, LA CA 90012. Highlight will be a famous Chinese opera performance.

One humanitarian plea, Laura Ling being held captive by Korea. Her mother has spoken to Gay, there is an email campaign for President Obama to intervene. Gay will send the link to Anne and she will forward onto the board.
 - 6.7 At-Large Projects and Action Items.
 - 6.7a Youth Outreach
 - 6.7b National Night out in July.

Motion to approve the allocation of \$850 for the National Night out for this year made by Valerie Handley and seconded by Danny Young. Vote Unanimous.
7. President's Report & Action Items, Kim Benjamin
 - 7.1 Development Project updates, CALL FOR PROJECTS, and HCNC Sponsored Community Project updates and action items for:
 - 7.1a Arts District
 - 7.1b Chinatown
 - 7.1c El Pueblo
 - 7.1d Little Tokyo

7.1e Solano Canyon: Update on Solano Canyon community problems. Letters of support went out and they've had responses. Kim says to get Mike Fong to get them a response.

7.1f Victor Heights: Bylaw change to make Non-Profit seat a Residential Seat.

7.1g At-Large

7.2 River Plan, Arroyo/Seco Plan, Chinatown Streetscape Program, Cornfields: Mike Fong

Kim says the possible loss of cornfields could be a monumental loss. We can now look back 10 years when the city took title on land. The train track was put at grade for The Mill, which is now closed, and now the community is bifurcated by the train track. It will be a deadzone. One of the reasons why the mounted unit is important and should be staged there. Gibson says he can get volunteers to clean up the park on a monthly basis.

Arroyo/Seco Specific Plan: city put an overlay over 75 acres, shows where you can have pocket parks, density, senior housing, mixed used, etc. A specific plan will be out soon. The new way cities are built. Tomorrow it will go for final approval.

8. Treasurer's Report: David Nagano. Action Items:

8.1 Don Toy report on Translator fees and solutions. Don spoke to people who do the translations and came up with a reduction of 30% so can cut budget by \$3500.

Motion to cut translator budget by \$3500 made by Don Toy and seconded by John Saslow. Vote Unanimous.

8.2 Meeting Refreshments: Pot luck going forward. Next meeting will try pot luck.

Motion to make meeting refreshments pot luck made by Don Toy and seconded by Martin Farfan. Vote was unanimous.

9. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: Brian Kito, research report and committee formation. Brian needs to hold a meeting on this. Can spend no money on any supplies but can spend money on printed materials.

Kim suggests that Brian combine the Action Committee meeting with the Public Safety meeting, as there may be materials costs etc for Emergency Preparedness.

10. Public Comments

11. Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items, possible bylaw change. August 11, 2009, location TBD.

12. New Business

13. Old Business

14. Adjournment

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