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**General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin called meeting to order at 6:11pm with quorum.
Attended: Al Soo-Hoo, Alan Kumamoto, Alicia Brown, Brian Kito, David Nagano, Don Toy, Edmund Soohoo, Gay Yuen, Hoover Tang, Howard Fink, Jimmy Miyoshi, John Saslow, Jose Sedano, Joe Wong, Kelsey Iino, Kim Benjamin, Lai Ceez, Mark Rothenberg, Ne Hay Tom, Paul Bukowski, Ron Fong, Tim Keating, Valerie Hanley
Absent: Charlie Woo, Craig Havens, Danny Young, Gibson Han, Hieu Van, Howard Nishimura, Martin Farfan, Peter Lau, Peter Woo, Ryan Timmreck
Guests: Tony Barrett, Steven Bowers, Ginny Brideau, Lisa Tang, Marisol Salguero, Sandra Mendoza

2. Public Comments for youths and seniors: 5 minutes
Raymond Yu: Public Service Announcements (1 minute)
Ginny Brideau – The Robert Group – Metro Regional Connector – extend light rail track from LT to metro center. Would like to be on next agenda to do presentation. KB would like to arrange a sub-committee meeting with Brian Kito and action committee.

Lisa Tang – East West Players. Marquee Project – marquee has actually fallen down. Would like to revive project and get the Marquee fixed. David said problems with paperwork and DONE.

3. Approval of Minutes for September 22, 2009 – Jose Luis Sedano
Motion to approve the minutes for September 22, 2009 made by Don Toy and seconded by John Saslow. Vote was Unanimous. Motion approved.

4. Bylaw/Election Committee Report and Action Items: Alan Kumamoto.
Action Item: City Clerk: Election Procedures. Sandra Mendoza
Thursday, April 29th is our Election Date, hours 1pm to 7pm. Sandra Mendoza presented the 2010 Neighborhood Council Election Procedures for Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council. See attachment. Processes based on 2008 Elections. 7 Ballots, one for each of your districts and one for At-Large.

Sandra Mendoza announced that neither of our selections for Polling Place were available, St Francis Xavier Church (Maryknoll) was not available and Pico House said the fee was \$4,000. Mendoza said they went to a sister department to get the Alpine Rec Center. She also said that we needed to have picked three places to file an appeal. President Benjamin made several points: that Pico House had never charged to use their facility before; that we were not notified that neither of our Polling Places were picked; and that we were not told that we needed to make at least 3 choices (nor was that designated on the form) in order to file an appeal. Mendoza said recruitment has closed but she will try and get approval for us to file an appeal to change our Polling Place.

Need to pick what languages and translators. Need to do Polling Location appeal and Voting Model.

5. Vacant Board Seats – Discussion and Action

6. Action Committee: Discussion and action items on neighborhood projects and expenditures, new and previously approved. Brian Kito

Will not vote to approve any projects until March when we know what money we'll have to disburse.

6.1 Arts District Projects and Action Items.

6.2 Chinatown Projects and Action Items.

6.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items.

6.3a Tyrus Wong Film Project

Tyrus Wong: Brushstrokes in Hollywood is a feature-length documentary film that explores the remarkable life and work of pioneering Chinese American painter and Disney concept artist, Tyrus Wong. Born in China in 1910, Tyrus arrived in America at the age of nine accompanied only by his father and a passion for drawing. How this young boy from Southern China overcame a life of poverty and racial discrimination to become a renowned painter, muralist, lithographer, kite maker, Hollywood sketch artist, and *Disney Legend* is the subject of ***Tyrus Wong: Brushstrokes in Hollywood***.

Not vetted at Action Committee, next agenda.

6.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items.

6.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items

6.5a Craig Havens: Solano Canyon 2nd Monument Sign presentation (vetted thru Action Committee) for final approval. On hold.

6.6 Victor Heights Projects and Action Items.

6.7 At-Large Projects and Action Items.

6.7a Youth Outreach

7. President's Report & Action Items, Kim Benjamin

7.1 Introduction of Marisol Salguery, our new Liaison with Councilman Ed Reyes Office. River Plan, Arroyo/Seco Plan, Chinatown Streetscape Program, Cornfields.

7.2 Development Project updates, CALL FOR PROJECTS, and HCNC Sponsored Community Project updates and action items for:

7.2a Arts District

7.2b Chinatown

7.2c El Pueblo

7.2d Little Tokyo

7.2e Solano Canyon: Update on Solano Canyon community problems.

7.2f Victor Heights

7.2g At-Large

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

Treasurer's report on what HCNC has spent so far. Discussion on projects that were approved but haven't gotten off the ground. Siqueiros Mural project never approved. Mounted Police – is dead?

Approval of HCNC Business Cards for Jimmy Miyoshi and Gibson Han.

Motion to call for reports at the March meeting from caucuses on already approved projects that have had no activity yet (have N/C by them on the financial report) to see if they are still viable made by Don Toy and seconded by John Saslow. Unanimous. Approved.

Motion that once a project has been approved it must be begun within 12 months or it has to come back to the board for re-approval made by Brian Kito and seconded by Alan Kumamoto. Unanimous. Approved.

9. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: Brian Kito, research report and committee formation. Brian asked for volunteers from each area. John Saslow volunteered. Valerie mentioned the Seapack meetings. Alicia Brown volunteered. Valerie Hanley volunteered.

10. Public Comments

11. Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items, possible bylaw change. February 9th.

12. New Business

Valerie Hanley thinks we need to focus on what we need to do and meet. Howard Fink thinks we should meet even if we don't have a quorum.

13. Old Business

14. Adjournment

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