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**General Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 5:30 p.m.  
Hellman Quon Building (Next to Firehouse)  
Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin

Meeting called to order at 5:45pm

Attended: Alicia Brown, Brian Kito, Danny Young, David Nagano, Don Toy, Edmund Soohoo, Hoover Tang, Howard Fink, Howard Nishimura, John Saslow, Jose Sedano, Joe Wong, Kelsey Iino, Kim Benjamin, Lai Ceez, Mark Rothenberg, Ron Fong, Ryan Timmreck, Tim Keating, Valerie, Hanley  
Absent: Al Soohoo, Alan Kumamoto, Charlie Woo, Craig Havens, Gay Yuen, Gibson Han, Hieu Van, Jimmy Miyoshi, Martin Farfan, Ne Hay Tom, Paul Bukowski, Peter Lau, Peter Woo

Staff: Anne Walrath

Guests: Matthew Stiller, Lisa Tang, Ne Hung Hom

2. Public Comments for youths and seniors: 5 minutes

Raymond Yu: Public Service Announcements (1 minute) Not present

3. Approval of Minutes for January 12, 2010 – Jose Luis Sedano

**Motion to approve the minutes provisionally, with election in general discussion expanded, made by Don Toy and seconded by John Saslow. Unanimous. Approved**

4. Bylaw/Election Committee Report and Action Items: Alan Kumamoto.

Action Item: City Clerk: Region G Stakeholder/Candidate Informational (SCI) Meetings.

Languages: 1 Korean, 2 Japanese, 1 Spanish, 4 Toishanese, 3 Cantonese, 2 Mandarin, 1 Chiuchow

Clerk's Office notification that HCNC's appeal was denied but that they discovered in their vetting process that the El Pueblo Pico House was available and was free and that would be the Voting Site. The Election is on 4/29/2010, stakeholders get to vote in their area and for At-Large Seats. City Clerk will be coming out with their paperwork shortly. They are requesting our Translation and Language assistance forms, President Benjamin spoke with Don Toy and Gay Yuen and others and we need Toishanese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese, and Spanish. Requested any other languages, Korean and Chichow was put forward. President Benjamin informed the board that the City Clerk has

told him that they are hard pressed for interpreters with all the elections and would probably only be able to provide one for any language.

Election meeting: Valerie attended and brought a couple packets, another meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>, at Piper Tech. President Benjamin thanked Valerie Hanley for going to the meeting and bringing back copies and directed Anne to take a copy and to scan to pdf and email to everyone with the website address.

Don Toy wants to be on the record, City not doing a good job of doing the elections, too many barriers, not enough interpreters, etc. Thinks it's an effort to exclude. President Benjamin replied that he didn't think it was an effort to exclude, though that is the outcome, thinks the City Clerk is disorganized and spread thin and missing a lot of beats. An example of that was a formal request put to Sandra in writing three times and her compatriots to make sure someone would be at this meeting and that was a denial, no one available.

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. Next Action Committee meeting, Thursday 2/23 6pm.

12 projects completed and done and need to get all the warrants submitted, check with David and make sure he has all the documentation for your project. David to figure out what projects were done and warrants turned in.

Need to finish Tyrus Wong project (needs to be vetted by the area caucus before Action Committee meeting) and Don Toy's Chinatown 36 Medallions project (\$25,000) with funds to be matched by the CRA. Solano Canyon 2<sup>nd</sup> Monument Sign already vetted at Action Committee.

If project paperwork for any project is not in by March meeting it is void.

- 6.1 Arts District Projects and Action Items.
- 6.2 Chinatown Projects and Action Items.
- 6.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items.
- 6.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items.
- 6.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items
- 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 Neighborhood Councils

- 7.1a Be allowed to spend what NC's have voted on and that they have been given thru 6-30-10 and keep rollover funds... all previous unfunded dollars should be allowed to be spent
- 7.1b Effective 7-1-10 NC's should have \$ 10,000 each for the next 3 fiscal years and on 4<sup>th</sup> year go back to \$45K. this will save the city \$ 3,000,000 a year or \$ 9 million over 3 years.
- 7.1c Stop the NC elections – postpone elections for 2 years. this will save the city another \$ 4 million or more.

**Motion to approve items 7.1 a,b, and c as official HCNC policy made by David Nagano and seconded by Joe Wong. Unanimous. Approved.**

Meeting in City Council today that concerned Neighborhood Council's, Item 10. See Attached. CAO directed to come back in 30 days with recommendations on the item that's probably going to say, effectively over a three year plan we're going to study the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment being dissolved and sectioned off, Elections going to the

Clerk, Monetary issues and checks going to the rules office City Controller, and Council Office and other departments so when they get called for questions they can vet it, and DONE basically downsized to a skeleton staff. Two, they're probably going to tell you anything you haven't spent, hopefully by 6/30 of this year, warrant requested, warrant uploaded and processed, it's all going back, and you're probably going to get a recommendation that NC Funding get cut from \$45,000 to either \$20,000 or \$25,000, without any clarification whether it goes back up at a future date.

- 7.2 Councilman Ed Reyes Office. River Plan, Arroyo/Seco Plan, Chinatown Streetscape Program, Cornfields. Marisol Salguery.
- 7.3 Development Project updates, CALL FOR PROJECTS, and HCNC Sponsored Community Project updates and action items for:
  - 7.3a Arts District
  - 7.3b Chinatown
  - 7.3c El Pueblo
  - 7.3d Little Tokyo
  - 7.3e Solano Canyon: Update on Solano Canyon community problems.
  - 7.3f Victor Heights
  - 7.3g At-Large
8. Treasurer's Report: David Nagano. Action Items:

DONE asked for all current warrants and paperwork to be redone so David Nagano has to redo and turn in all warrants that haven't been paid to date. David said he will have almost all warrants re-issued this week.

The 2 new projects should be completely ready to issue warrants after approved at March HCNC meeting. All projects need to be vetted by area caucus before it goes to Action Committee.
9. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: Brian Kito, research report and committee formation. Will meet after the Action Committee meeting on 2/23 6:45pm.
10. Public Comments
11. Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items, possible bylaw change. 3/9/10 at 5:30pm
12. New Business
13. Old Business
14. Adjournment

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