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**General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
Pico House
Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin

In attendance: Al Soo-Hoo, Brian Kito, Charlie Woo, Danny Young, David Nagano, Don Toy, Edmund Soohoo, Gay Yuen, Gibson Han, Hoover Tang, Howard Fink, Howard Nishimura, Jimmy Miyoshi, John Saslow, Jose Sedano, Joe Wong, Kim Benjamin, Lai Ceez, Mark Rothenberg, Paul Bukowski, Ryan Timmreck, Tim Keating, Valerie Hanley

Absent: Alan Kumamoto, Alicia Brown, Craig Havens, Hieu Van, Martin Farfan, Ne Hay Tom, Peter Lau, Peter Woo, Ron Fong.

Guests: Kathryn Hargreaves, Paul Hanley, Tang Wai Chu, Chung Wong, Tonya Barrett, Curtis Gibbs.
Staff: Anne Walrath

2. Public Comments for youths and seniors: 5 minutes

3. Approval of Minutes for February 09, 2010 – Jose Luis Sedano – page 3

Motion to approve the minutes for February 9th, 2010 made by Don Toy and seconded by Tim Keating. Unanimous.

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

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

5.1 Arts District Projects and Action Items.

5.2 Chinatown Projects and Action Items.

Medallion Project \$25,000 Don Toy. CRA, City of LA and HCNC matching funds. Michael Lamenska is the artist selected by a contest done by the CRA. Bureau of Street Lighting is ready to commit to project. Medallions are huge and very noticeable on the street.

Motion made to approve the \$12,500 for the Chinatown Medallion Project made by John Saslow and seconded by Tim Keating with the caveat etc, etc. Unanimous except Gibson is a no.

5.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items.

5.3a Tyrus Wong Project \$5,000 David Louie. Much of Chinatown destroyed when Union Station put in. 1950 to 1995 all remnants of any Chinese participation in El Pueblo destroyed, this would help bring back some of the history that was lost. Requesting \$5,000 but need \$50K or more to complete the project. El Pueblo will be recognized as where Tyrus grew up. Will be launched in conjunction with CAM, where there will be showings of his work. Public showing of the film on PBS. HCNC will be recognized as one of the sponsors, within the credits of the documentary.

Motion made to approve the \$5,000 for the Tyrus Wong Project made by David Nagano and seconded by Joe Wong. Unanimous with 1 abstention (Valerie Hanley)

5.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items.

Tanabata Project 2010 \$5,000. 3000 to 5000 people involved in the last one, one of the biggest community projects ever done in Little Tokyo which is why bringing it back. Project made some money but still not enough to be self-supporting, hoping to be next year. 1st year very successful but this year if HCNC would sponsor it and get name involved it would be a good use of HCNC monies. Expecting even more participants than last year so costs will be more but still asking only \$5,000.

Motion made to approve the \$5,000 for the Tanabata Project made by Don Toy and seconded by Valerie Hanley . Unanimous with exception of 2 abstentions: David Nagano and Brian Kito.

5.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items

Solano Canyon 2nd Monument Sign \$5,000. Same as 1st Monument but smaller and to commemorate the other side of the community on a park that we voted to support that LaeRoc donated to the City. They want to commemorate the park with a small monument. Ed Reyes supports it. Thinks they'll be funds from the City and the Parks. This is partial funding.

Motion to approve the \$5,000 for the Solano Canyon 2nd Monument Sign made by Valerie Hanley and seconded by Don Toy with the caveat that if there are more funds we raise the amount to \$10,000.

Special Motion:

Taking into account the individual motions which have just been passed for each of the 4 projects namely:

- 1) Solano Canyon Monument sign at \$ 5,000**
- 2) Tanabata 2010 project for \$ 5,000**
- 3) Tyrus Wong project for \$ 5,000**
- 4) Chinatown 45 Medallions Project for \$ 12,500**

The board voted to approve additional funding for the Solano Canyon monument sign in the amount of \$ 5,000 and \$ 12,500 more for the Chinatown Medallion project subject to the funds noted above in items 1 thru 4 are all fully funded, and subject to additional funds becoming available. In the event the 9 warrant projects are not fully approved by the city by 6-30-10 (please note, if the city puts a moratorium on the funding of projects this will extend the 6-30-10 deadline accordingly) but if there is no moratorium and one or more of the 9 warrants requested are not funded by 6-30-10 then these un-issued funds will come back to the full board and be made available to the 4 projects noted above, first, and then subject to funds being available be allocated on a prorated basis between the Solano Canyon monument sign and the Chinatown medallion on an equal basis.. for example if \$ 15,000 is all that is available for these possible additional allocations then the monument sign in SC will be afforded 30% of these additional funds or \$ 4,290 while the Chinatown medallions would get \$ 10,710... and so on until they were fully funded.

Special Motion made by Gay Yuen and seconded by Mark Rothenberg. Unanimous. Motion Approved.

On another note, the Purple Silk project is still in suspension pending the city's approval of the proper vendor request form from the HCNC. If this is provided by 6-30-10 then this will reduce the 4 projects noted above in items 1 to 4, by \$625 each so as to pay for the \$ 2,500 previously approved.

- 5.6 Victor Heights Projects and Action Items.
- 5.7 At-Large Projects and Action Items.
- 5.8 Youth Outreach

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

7.1 At-Large

7.1a Curtis Gibbs, CRA/LA: a short presentation on their upcoming Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel for the Clean Tech Corridor. ULI funded by CRA and DWP will be bringing in a national panel of experts in mid-May to produce a report on the Clean Tech Corridor. The Corridor will be parts of Chinatown, El Pueblo, Arts District, etc. It will help existing business to incorporate Green Techology. There will be a public presentation on the findings during the morning of May 21, 2010, location pending. They are going to allow the stakeholders to provide their views and allow them to consult with the Consultants. An Urban Land Institute is being assembled now to help guide us on what to do on the Clean Tech Corridor. They'll be pulling key people out of the LA economy to get their views. They have a consultant team under contract preparing a briefing book for the ULI panel. A huge investment is taking place in clean tech and LA wants to attract some of these businesses. There is still a significant industrial base here, even though we've lost some jobs and businesses.

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Gibbs note on the Cameras: projects almost live. Partially deployed but not active right now, waiting for the LAPD to use the new CRA Funds. As close as we've ever been to finalize this project.

Question: David N, will there be a press release, naming us as part of project? Yes.

Will also be a website.

\$22,600 funds given by HCNC to spearhead this project.

7. Treasurer's Report: David Nagano. Action Items: page 6

HCNC Outstanding projects and Status of approved projects, see HCNC Project Comparison sheet. David has submitted warrants for all projects except these three: the Little Tokyo Garden Restoration sign (\$2,000) which is not going to happen, Arts District Neighborhood Watch Signs which was suppose to be for \$3,000 not \$1,300, and Purple Silk because we cannot get a vendor. We have \$50K left but submitted warrants for \$63K.

President Benjamin took 10 minutes to summarize the finances of the HCNC. Based on the reports available an executive summary was provided By David Nagano with attachments provided (some from the city web site) which outlined that the HCNC has spend \$ 245,084.54 on all projects and expenses to date since inception. That would leave the HCNC with \$49,915.46 left to spend subject to city rules and requirements etc. We have approved and submitted 9 warrants for projects which total \$62,850. These 9 projects are shown on the list provided to you per the agenda and minutes by the Treasure, see attached, and they are:

APPROVED 5-11-10

Arts District	Lighting	\$ 4,000
Arts District	Neighborhood Watch Signs	\$ 3,000
Chinatown	Signage Fabrication	\$ 13,000
El Pueblo	Video project Miguel Garcia	\$ 3,000
Little Tokyo	East West Players	\$ 10,850
Little Tokyo	Tanabata 2009 project	\$ 5,000
At Large	Discovery Computer Program	\$ 12,000
At Large	State Park Horse Mounted Police	\$ 12,500
At Large	LAPD night out	\$ 850
Total of 9 project warrants		\$ 62,850

If all 9 are approved by city and funds issued the HCNC will have effectively spent a total of \$ 307,934.54 or about \$ 12,934.54 over budget.

In the event one or more of these projects is not approved by city and sent back to us it will adjust this billing accordingly. And these projects and their paperwork can be resubmitted to the city later to qualify under the next fiscal year budget of July 1, 2010 thru 6-30-11, subject to funds being available.

Assuming these 9 projects are all issued checks then and assuming the city budget of \$ 45,000 (this year's budget) is maintained at the same levels of \$ 45,000 for next year that will leave the board with just about \$ 32,000 to spend going forward.

8. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: Brian Kito, research report and committee formation.
9. Public Comments
Kathryn Hargreaves: Feral cats. (Treasurer of LARABA) Asking for a letter of support like the one she got from LARABA in support of the Trap-Neuter-Return Policy. The Autobahn Society has sued the city so the city can no longer trap, neuter and return the feral cats to their areas. No one working for the pound can even tell the public about the trap and return policy because of the injunction by the Autobahn Society. Cats don't kill enough birds to decimate the bird population, this has been vetted by the Arroyo Seco lawyers. But not being able to trap,-Neuter and Motion to approve a letter of support for the Trap-Neuter-Return policy. Don Toy Hoover Abstain, Howard Fink no. Approved. Valerie objected to vote so will put on the agenda for next month for HCNC letter of support.
10. Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items, possible bylaw change. 2nd Tuesday next Month, 13th of April.
11. New Business
12. Old Business
13. Adjournment

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