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**General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 5:55 p.m.
Japanese American Community Cultural Center – Room 204
244 S San Pedro St, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin
Present: Al Soo-Hoo, Alan Kumamoto, Alicia Brown, Brian Kito, Charlie Woo, Danny Young, David Nagano, Don Toy, Edmund Soohoo, Gay Yuen, Gibson Han, Hoover Tang, Howard Fink, Howard Nishimura, Joe Wong, John Saslow, Jose Sedano, Kim Benjamin, Lai Ceez, Mark Rothenberg, Martin Farfan, Paul Bukowski, Ron Fong, Ryan Timmreck, Tim Keating, Valerie Hanley
Absent: Peter Woo, Peter Lau, Ne Hay Tom, Hieu Van, Kelsey Iino, Craig Havens, Jimmy Miyoshi
Guests: Chase Rummonds, Armando Vasquez, George Yu, Emily C. Martinez, Mandi Masai, Pete Martinez, Tonya Barrett, Paul Hanley, Norma Garcia
2. Public Comments for youths and seniors: 5 minutes – No public comments
General comments from President Benjamin. Did a self introduction around the room with late comers introducing themselves as they came in. President Benjamin made a special note to recognize members in the audience who had just been elected to the HCNC Board but not yet seated: Chase Rummonds, George Yu, Norma Garcia, Pete Martinez, Armando Vasques, and Mandi Masai. He further recognized the current Board Members for their dedication and hard work on behalf of their communities over the previous years and offered his congratulations to one and all for their years of service. President took this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected members of the board, many of whom are currently serving members of the board that have been re-elected. In addition, the President congratulated those newly elected members new to our board, some of whom are here tonight, and others who are not, including Steve Jiminez, George Poon, Shaojiao Luo, Steve Rice, Peter Lee, Yee Lim, Raymond Lopez, Ne Hay Hom, He Hung Hom. Congratulations to one and all and special congratulations to Shaojiao Luo, who won the At-Large Senior Representative seat and did so by collecting more votes than anyone else in our election, and a special congratulations to Raymond Lopez, who won on a Write-in Candidate Ballot, and beat a man twice his age, and by winning, to my knowledge, became the youngest person elected to a Los Angeles city authorized/sponsored election in the history of the city of Los Angeles, great job.
3. Approval of Minutes for March 09, 2010 – Jose Luis Sedano – page 3

Valerie Hanley noted in the Summary HCNC Budget Expenditures attachment handed out by David Nagano that the Sequieros Mural per discussion on 6/3/06 with proposed budget of \$16,000 was not implemented and the board recently voted to withdraw this project from the budget so should be removed from the budget.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2010 made by Don Toy and seconded by John Saslow. Unanimous. Motion approved.

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

4.1 By-law change:

Article VII, Section 3:

Existing: 3. Term of officers shall be for one year. No elected officer shall serve for more than two consecutive years in any office of a Certified Neighborhood Council's Governing Body.

Proposed Change:

Proposed: 3. Effective 7-1-10, Term of officers shall be for one year. No elected officer shall serve for more than four consecutive terms in any office.

General Discussion was had.

Motion to approve change in Article VII, Section 3 made by Mark Rothenberg and seconded by John Saslow. Unanimous with 1 abstention (Valery Hanley). Motion approved.

4.2 Discussion of prior approved changes to bylaws such as Victor Heights Non Profit seat, and the expansion of the seat's criteria, and addressing stakeholders eligibility to hold seats at 15 and vote at age 15 HCNC wide. To be discussed and as they were previously approved resubmitted to the City for acceptance.

"9-22-09 HCNC Board Meeting: Victor Heights Seat Change

5.2 2nd vote on Bylaw change: Victor Heights Seat Change from Nonprofit to At-Large.

(1st vote unanimous)

Motion to approve change in Victor Heights seat from Nonprofit to At-Large made by Don Toy and seconded by John Saslow. Vote was Unanimous. Motion approved."

General Discussion had on matter.

Motion made by Joe Wong and Hoover Tang to approve change in Victor Heights seat from Nonprofit to At-Large. Unanimous. Motion Approved. 2nd vote.

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.

Don Toy gave us updates on various projects in Chinatown including the Medallions and gateway projects. He noted that there is still not enough money to fund the entire medallion project. Further more there seems to be an issue of whether or not certain factions in El Pueblo are objecting to the projects being installed on the C Chavez street. The project may have to be adjusted in some manner to attend to these concerns.

5.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items.

5.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items.

Brian Kito gave the board an update on various projects in Little Tokyo include Tanabata.

5.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items

Alicia Brown gave us a brief update on the 2nd Solano Canyon Monument Sign. The president also noted he was contacted by representatives of the city relative to the sign and its dedication, and location. It looks to be a project that will be implemented later this year.

5.6 Victor Heights Projects and Action Items.

5.7 At-Large Projects and Action Items.

The horse patrol project has been approved by all parties, save the LAPD which is currently reviewing its insurance as its procedures for implementing this project. It is the hope that this project can be implemented later this year.

5.8 Youth Outreach

Gibson Han reports that he is working on the Youth Outreach Project. President suggested that he work with representatives at Cathedral High School, including our newly elected representative Raymond Lopez, and Martin Farfan in an effort to access the facilities of the school as the site to hold such an outreach program.

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

In addition to items noted above the President reported on **Project 101**, and specifically noted that Mark Rothenberg and Kim Benjamin had been appointed to a steering committee working on this project. The president noted that this proposed project's future impact on downtown LA could be as important as any other single project being considered or recently implemented such as LA Live, the Los Angeles River Program, or the new Land Use Program being considered within our HCNC surrounding the Los Angeles River.

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/travel/projects/park101/>

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

Attachment provided summarizing expenditures and projects to date. President noted that DONE previously said that we, as an NC, were not current on all our filings, but after further investigation David Nagano confirmed with the city that we were in fact current on all our filings, both quarterly and budget. David Nagano walked the board through each and every item on the attached summary of expenditures and projects. General discussion was had and action items relative to expenditures was postponed to the next the meeting. The President took this opportunity to thank David Nagano for his strong leadership and excellent service to the community as our treasurer for the past 2 ½ years. His job was done in a professionally competent manner, and as he has not been re-elected to a new board seat, a new treasurer must be chosen. David will be missed, both as our Treasurer, community member, and leader on our board. President Benjamin congratulated him for his service to our community and wished him the best.

8. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee (PSEPC): Brian Kito, research report and committee formation. Brian Kito outlined that numerous depts. Within the city of LA had existing preparedness emergency plans and that we might draw on these existing plans to craft one of our own. David Nagano and John Saslow made note that numerous corporations based in downtown LA also have their own plans. Martin Farfan noted that his school has his own plan, as must every other school, public or private, in the city of LA. Each plan is defined by its own users' needs and may not be applicable to the HCNC needs per se. The President recommended that Brian Kito hold a meeting on the PSEPC, and secure as many as these other plans as possible for discussion at this meeting. Perhaps we can even invite in some people that are responsible for these plans to help us design our own. Brian said he would call a meeting shortly and attend to this matter. Notice will be given when a meeting is set up.

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

13. Adjournment

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