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**General Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 07, 2010, 5:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles Public Library – Chinatown Branch  
639 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin

Present: Angie An, Kim Benjamin, Alicia Brown, Ron fong, Norma Garcia, Gibson Han, Ne Hung Hom, Tim Keating, Brian Kito, Alan Kumamoto, Peter lee, Yee Lim, Raymond Lopez, Shaojiao Luo, Peter Martinez, George Poon, Steve Rice, Mark Rothenberg, Chase Rummonds, Hoover Tang, Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Alex Vasquez, Danny Young, George Yu

Absent: Ne hay Hom, Steven Jimenez, Peter Lau, Tak Hung Lau, Mandi Masai, Howard Nishimura, Charlie Woo

Resigned: John Saslow

Staff: Anne Walrath

Guests: David Nagano, Valerie Hanley, Emily Martinez, Lan Gieng, Grant & Vicki Iwata

Meeting called to order at 5:25pm with quorum. President Benjamin explained reason for Emergency meeting and the Budget deadline.

2. Public Comments for youths and seniors: 5 minutes

Ginny Brideau, The Robert Group: brief update on the Regional Connector project. Not present.

3. Approval of Minutes for August 10, 2010 – Mark Rothenberg

**Motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2010 with these corrections: Item 3, name is Tammy, by Don Toy and seconded by Alan Kumamoto. Unanimous. Motion approved.**

Don Toy also requests the recorder gets more of his statements. President Benjamin requested Mr. Toy to please fax any corrections he had and they would be put in the minutes.

4. Bylaw/Election Committee Report and Action Items: Peter Martinez

No report.

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.

John Saslow resigns as Arts District Resident Representative.

Vote on AD Resident Seat: Angie An, selected by Arts District Caucus.

Tim Keating introduced Angie An to the Board. President Benjamin invited her to tell the Board a little about herself. She is a resident of Arts District for 20 years and has owned Café Metropol in the Arts District for 10 years, she is also on the Arts District BID.

**Motion to seat Angie An on the HCNC Board by Tim Keating and seconded by Alan Kumamoto. Unanimous. Motion Passes**

President Benjamin thanked John Saslow for all his good works on the Board and in the community and welcomed Angie An to the HCNC Board.

5.1b 966-970 E 4<sup>th</sup> St LA 90013 convert warehouse to 6 living lofts. Grant Iwata presented.

Says they are working on a timeline, running through city right now and need our support to get the variance. Property is located in the Center of the Arts District. Grant & Vicky Iwata brought it to Vice President Brian Kito, who sent it on to the Arts District caucus. They are in favor of giving the Iwata's a letter of support from the HCNC for the project.

**Motion to support 966-977 E 4<sup>th</sup> St LA 90013 conversion of warehouse to 6 living lofts with a letter of support made by Brian Kito and seconded by Hoover Wong. For: 14 Against: 9 President Benjamin Abstained. Motion passes.**

Vice President Toy appreciates Brian's position but felt we should follow our procedures and that this has come up before. Thought the project should have been agendaized to vote on and requested that in the future we follow procedure and agendaize before we vote on projects. Vice President Brian Kito explained that all the steps had been followed but because of our emergency meeting being a week early it hadn't gotten on the agenda and since it was a letter of support which had time constraints and was not a request for money felt we could make an exception this time.

5.2 Chinatown Projects and Action Items.

5.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items.

5.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items.

5.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items

5.6 Victor Heights Projects and Action Items.

5.7 At-Large Projects and Action Items.

Horse patrol program update

5.8 Youth Outreach

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

7. Treasurer's Report: George Yu

Action Items:

Approval of amended 2009-2010 Budget. No action.

Approval of 2010-2011 Budget.

Board went over budget, discussion on approved amounts for Tanabata, Solano Canyon, Tyrus Wong, and Chinatown Medallions project. Questions on why some demands warrants sit for over 2 years without getting paid and other projects are put in and paid within a few months. President

Benjamin said he spoke to Roger Schmatzu and that he couldn't tell him why. President Benjamin went over all the projects in detail, citing which projects had demand warrants turned into DONE and which did not. Don Toy also suggests we contact our council People to get help with DONE's budgetary and Demand Warrant process. President Benjamin has spoken to many Council Members. President Benjamin says we'll take a group to speak to Council Members and to get them to make a motion to reinstate our monies.

**Motion made to approve the 2010-2011 Budget with correction of cutting Horse Project and Tyrus Wong project, keeping projects that have Demand Warrants and to adjust administration costs and add any left over monies to existing Projects made by Don Toy and seconded by Alan Kumamoto. Unanimous. Motion Passes**

8. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: Brian Kito, research report and committee formation. Brian said he scheduled a meeting and no one showed up. Brian will schedule another meeting in September or October and asks that at least one representative from each community be present. He was asked about an agenda and said that he wants the community members to tell him what the agenda should be, what each community feels they need in the way of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.
9. Public Comments  
Vice President Toy said some of the Board Members understood that emergencies pop up but felt we should always follow our schedule, several members were out of town and coming back next Monday especially for HCNC meeting, plus it interferes with Doctor's appt etc. Board Member said having information in a timely manner is important, especially when it's in English and needs to be translated. He would also like more in depth discussion on the budget. Suggests having less items on the agenda. Also requests we go slower as language is hard to understand.
10. Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items, possible bylaw change. October 12<sup>th</sup>. Location to be determined.
11. New Business
12. Old Business
13. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

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