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**General Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 09, 2010, 5:30 p.m.  
Metropol Café, 923 E 3rd St, Los Angeles, CA 90013**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin

President Benjamin called meeting to order at 5:45pm with a quorum.

Present: Angie An, Kim Benjamin, Norma Garcia, Ne Hay Hom, Ne Hung Hom, Steven Jimenez, Tim Keating, Brian Kito, Alan Kumamoto, Raymond Lopez, Peter Martinez, Mandi Masai, George Poon, Chase Rummonds, Hoover Tang, Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Alex Vasquez, Danny Young.

Absent: Alicia Brown, Ron Fong, Peter Lau, Tak Hung Lau, Peter Lee, Yee Lim, Shaojiao Luo, Howard Nishimura, Steve Rice, Mark Rothenberg, Charlie Woo, George Yu.

Staff: Anne Walrath

Guests: David Louie, Steve Ferguson, Rudy Martinez, Don Scott, Alejandra Flores, Daniel Andalon, Al Soo-Hoo, Sara Costin.

2. Public Comments: 5 minutes

Special Notice: **City Council District 14 candidate Rudy Martinez**

President Benjamin introduced Rudy Martinez. Rudy Martinez introduced himself and told the board he's a parent, a business owner and a concerned citizen. He has a TV Show, Flip This House, along with owning two restaurants, Mia's and Marty's and his company Piedmont Financial. He wants to change things. He's raising money and support and been out in the community quite a bit and is finding that the people are concerned with access. Rudy can be reached at rudy@rudy2011.org.

**California High-Speed Rail: Sara Costin**, Palmdale- Los Angeles Outreach Director for the California High-Speed Rail. President Benjamin introduced Sara Costin. The High-Speed Rail project will create many jobs and take many cars off the road. Sara passed around a clipboard and asked the board to give their contact information. Voters of California approved proposition 1A in 2008 to fund High Speed Rail, a little under \$10 billion dollars. The project will entail an 800 mile system of all new track and designed to travel up to 220 miles per hour through rural areas. The high-speed train will operate on clean electric power. It will be safe, easy and environmentally responsible. It is expected to create over 600,000 construction-related jobs over the life of the project. The project is expected to create 450,000 permanent new jobs created by the economic growth high-speed rail will bring over the next 25 years. The Authority has chosen a new CEO, Roelof van Ark, who has extensive experience leading high-speed transit projects. The California

High-Speed Rail will offer an alternative method of transportation that will help meet the demands of the large population growth that California will see in the upcoming years.

CHSRA received \$1.85 billion dollars through the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. The board has decided the ARRA funding will go towards construction in the Central Valley and will decide between two sections: Merced-Fresno or Fresno-Bakersfield. In addition, the CHSRA is seeking \$10-12 billion in public-private partnership to fund the entire system. The entire project is expected to cost about \$43 billion. CHSRA is also currently applying for state and federal grants to receive more funding. <http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/>

**Park 101:** Don Scott: Park 101: Don Scott reported on Park 101 and how it relates to HSR. Phase I (landscaping from Union Station out to El Pueblo) and Phase II (a small cap park over the freeway between Los Angeles and Main Streets connecting El Pueblo to the civic center) would cost about \$36 million and free up 2 acres of land which could be used for development. This would yield \$27 million in private sector offsets which reduces the cost down to \$11 million.

He encouraged people to join this effort and find out more about what we're doing. He asked the HCNC to pass a resolution authorizing letters of support for the concept.

The current proposal calls for eliminating the LA Street loop or even the ramp entirely and upgrade the exchange on the east side of Alameda Street.

In response to a question from Brian Kito, Don Scott responded that they know the ramp usage is light but don't know the exact vehicle count and are planning a study of all the traffic in the area at a cost of \$250,000. Brian Kito pointed out that when LA Street onramp is closed then the Alameda is completely backed up. Gloria Molina would love to build over the onramps and make the area more vibrant. Mr. Scott emphasized that this is still a work in progress and no decisions have been made. We are all waiting for High-Speed Rail to determine its approach to Union Station to the south and the new traffic and parking needs for the future. For more information: [www.Park101.org](http://www.Park101.org).

President Benjamin wants Action Committee meeting to go over both the High Speed Rail and the Park 101 projects and report back with recommendations. President Benjamin also invited Councilman Huizar and any other elected official or candidate for other offices affecting the HCNC to come speak at a future meeting of the HCNC.

3. Approval of Minutes for October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – Mark Rothenberg  
**Motion to approve the minutes of October 12<sup>th</sup> made by George Poon and seconded by Danny Young. Unanimous. Motion Approved.**
4. Bylaw/Election Committee Report and Action Items: Peter Martinez  
The Election committee: Alan Kumamoto, Danny Young, Angie An, Ray Lopez, Brian Kito, George Yu. Don Toy pointed out that there was no one representing Victor Heights or Chinatown. President Benjamin asked Peter Martinez to add reps for Victor Heights and Chinatown and said the Election Committee should begin meeting in January or February.
- 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. Still working on Tree project, 38 street trees. Market Block is continuing with their development. Tim Keating doesn't think they need a letter of support. President Benjamin asked for a one page executive summary on the project that could be added to our minutes.
  - 5.2 Chinatown Projects and Action Items. Process on Blossom Plaza, CRA has bought that piece of property. Originally 200 + units of housings, that's coming up.

- 5.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items. Thinks they found the person that is going to do the oral history for the Siqueiros Mural. DONE wants them to front the money and then DONE wants a letter of completion to pay them. Had a wonderful fiesta, about 1000 people over the 3 nights. The funding comes from the City of Los Angeles. Mayor left out of budget, Councilman Huizar had to add to budget so only had 3 weeks to organize.  
David Louie:  
Siqueiros Museum – Groundbreaking occurred 60 days ago. The Getty has granted \$8 million to the construction of a viewing platform and the restoration of the mural. Completion of the project is projected to be 2012.  
Pico House RFP - Was issued 30 days ago with proposals due by the end of November. A bidders conference was held with over 24 people in attendance.
- 5.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items. Have Metro Rail underground coming down 2<sup>nd</sup> St, it was voted on. Merchants a little concerned about it. High Speed Rail coming thru their area causes concerns.
- 5.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items  
a) Solano Canyon Caucus Nomination and motion to elect Alejandra Flores, LATA, for Solano Canyon Business Representative.  
Danny Young introduced Alejandra Flores and she told the board about herself and her Los Angeles Theater Academy. Children ages from 3 to 65. Rents the Amphitheater at Elysian Park, that was closed for 40 years. It's an amazing place, right next to Solano Canyon, north side of Dodger Stadium next to the police academy. 929 Academy Road. She and El Pueblo are going to get together on some theater presentations and also doing a presentation with Solano Canyon.  
**Motion to elect Alejandra Flores to the Solano Canyon Business Seat made by Danny Young and seconded by Tim Keating. Unanimous. Motion Approved.**  
Alejandra Flores was seated on the Board.
- 5.6 Victor Heights Projects and Action Items. Chase: putting in Trees from Mayor's 1 million trees. Not difficult to get the trees, difficult to get the home owners to allow them to be installed in front of their homes.  
Don Toy: housing project on top of hill, latest is 100+ units, stopped because they found gas and oil. Figueroa Terrace, trying to see if can get a portion of the units affordable. Don will talk to the developers and see if they will come and do a presentation for the HCNC. Neighborhood has concerns about the density of the project.
- 5.7 At-Large Projects and Action Items.
- 5.8 Youth Outreach: Ray and Gibson talking about next semester, after May, having different organizations come and speaking to the community at Cathedral High School. They're going to make a plan and present to the board.
6. President's Report & Action Items, Kim Benjamin (previously discussed)
7. Treasurer's Report: George Yu  
Action Items:  
President Benjamin said he had spoken to BongHwan Kim, Taneda Larios and Melvin Cañas, and is working on getting \$2,750 monies put back and getting the Warrant Demands done on LT Tanabata 2010, Teen Post, and Chinatown Lanterns and forwarded to DONE. Anne Walrath handed out paperwork for Tanabata, Chinatown Illuminated Lanterns and Teen Post to respective Board members with needed documentation checked for them.
8. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: Brian Kito, research report and committee formation. Brian will schedule a meeting for January. Said he had called a meeting previously but no

one showed up. El Pueblo has an emergency plan but merchants aren't aware of the plan. Need to find out what's out there all ready. El Pueblo is looked at being a receiver in an emergency. Castelar Elementary has to have a plan, etc.

9. Public Comments

10. Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items, possible bylaw change. Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. At the Solano Canyon Amphitheater, 929 Academy Rd, LA CA 90012  
Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

11. New Business

12. Old Business

13. Adjournment

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