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**General Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 08, 2011, 5:45 p.m.  
LATA, 929 Academy Rd, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin

President Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with one less than a quorum. Meeting officially called to order at 6:15.

Present: Angie An, Kim Benjamin, Alicia Brown, Alejandra Flores, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Ne Hung Hom, Tim Keating, Brian Kito, Tak Hung Lau, Raymond Lopez, Howard Nishimura, George Poon, Steve Rice, Mark Rothenberg, Chase Rummonds, Hoover Tang, Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Alex Vasquez, Danny Young, George Yu.

Absent: Gibson Han, Ne Hay Hom, Steven Jimenez, Alan Kumamoto, Peter Lau, Peter Lee, Yee Lim, Shaojiao Luo, Peter Martinez, Mandi Masai, Charlie Woo.

Staff: Anne Walrath

Guests: Eddie Lattimore, Patrice Lattimore, Enrique Gasca, Norma Q. Nicho, Paul Mackley, Sarah Kan, Jennifer Corona, Irma Latony, Mynam Galvez, Michael Finlin, Tiffany Jagars, Mark Gallo, Lee Rabun,

Alicia Brown introduced the LATA site and Alejandra Flores. The Elysian Park Recreation and Amphitheater was built around 1926. It had been closed for over 30 years when Alejandra Flores got the LA Parks and Recreation Department to reactivate the Los Angeles Theatre Academy made it their home. The Children who attend LATA did a wonderful presentation for the HCNC Board and audience in the amphitheater.

<http://latheatreacademy.com/index.html>

2. Public Comments for youths and seniors: 5 minutes

Honda LA Marathon: Ginger Williams. Their office just opened at 871 Figueroa Terrace. Marathon is Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. This year the Marathon will run through Chinatown. The race starts at 6:55am. The street closures for Solano Canyon and Chinatown will be in the morning and will be reopened by 9:30am. Two day Expo at Dodger Stadium. President Benjamin invited them to come back in April to report on how the Marathon went and to network with our Board Member caucus's so we can be more involved next year.

3. Approval of Minutes for February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – Mark Rothenberg

Corrections: Steve Jimenez was absent last meeting. President Benjamin told the board that Steven had a heart attack, had a stint put in, and he hopes to be at next meeting. Don Toy said that the \$24,000 mentioned as leftover funds had already been earmarked and should actually say no real monies left.

**Motion to approve with the 2 corrections of no real money left and Steve Jimenez absent last meeting made by Don Toy and seconded by Norma Garcia. Vote Unanimous. Approved.**

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

Premier Events CUP for Lot 613 Banquet Hall: New language agreed to by Premier Events: "The operator (you) be required to provided (at the operator's sole expense) a State Licensed, insured and bonded security service to patrol the area within a 2 block radius of the site.. that this service be required when both 613 Imperial and 614 Mateo are both open for events at the same time, or the events in either location host a DJ and have an 18 or older audience and have over 500 people in attendance, and are going through 6 pm... and that the security service will continue to patrol the area noted until 60 minutes after the event is ended or closed or until the area is cleared. This provision stands on its own and is not affected by any other provision in the CUP. If this provision fails to be met then it will trigger a revocation of the CUP."

**Motion for Reconsideration of the Premier Events Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to the HCNC Board to support the CUP issuance for Premier Events subject to the conditions noted above. Motion made by Kim Benjamin and seconded by Brian Kito. Vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Abstain: 1 (Alicia Brown)**

General discussion and questions and answers. Don Toy suggested 3 block radius instead of 2, should be any event that goes past 6pm (includes events that may start at 5pm. And security should continue until an hour after the event rather than 30 minutes. Premier Events agreed to the hour after event and said they actually meant any evening event that went past 6pm, but pointed out that a 2 block radius was actually 16 blocks and 3 block radius would be too large and area, 2 block radius was agreed to.

500 parking spaces, charge \$6 to \$7 dollars, can accommodate about 1,000 people. When Lot 613 is not open there is no place to park in the neighborhood.

5.2 Chinatown Projects and Action Items.

Don Toy: Report on Status/Completion of Chinatown Medallions, \$12,500. Now at Cultural Affairs and should be done soon.

Bibiana Yung: Status of permit for the Chinatown Lanterns / Zumar: \$13,000. The permit process is now with the Cultural Affairs dept., which will not have any problems as long as they get the original architect's blessing. I have talked to Rupert Mak, the original designer, who has no problems with it as long as we can assure him that the gateway structure is strong enough to hold the lanterns, and that the height of the lanterns will not be too low to invite graffitti. Mr. Mak has requested a meeting with the designer/vendor of the lanterns and we will be meeting at CRA office this week or next.

5.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items.

Oral History Project: Need payment in advance. DONE said have to get payment in advance. Need a letter from El Pueblo saying they have the project. Need paperwork. President Benjamin asked the El Pueblo caucus to get the paperwork to him, he will make some calls and research and he will go himself and see Robert Andrade.

5.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items.

5.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items.

Solano Canyon Monument Sign 2. \$5,000 Per President Benjamin, Dan Reza says it's in process, waiting for an answer from Parks and Recs by March 30<sup>th</sup>. In answer to Alicia Brown's question regarding whether the funds were still there President Benjamin assured her it was.

5.6 Victor Heights Projects and Action Items.

5.7 At-Large Projects and Action Items.

Mark Rothenberg: Proposed Park 101 Project Support Letter recommended by Action Committee at its February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Full Board vote required. Proposal to cover the 101 Freeway with a park and connect Downtown Los Angeles and El Pueblo and eliminate what is an open trench and a barrier to access. It will unify and beautify the area.

**Motion to issue a letter in support of the concept of the Park 101 Project and to have a draft of letter presented to the next HCNC meeting made by Mark Rothenberg and seconded by Danny Young. Unanimous.**

The HCNC proposed adoption of the Union Station and El Pueblo Angel's Walk stanchions and ongoing maintenance and cleaning. All capital improvement or replacement costs to be borne by City/Angel's Walk. Angel's Walk/City to carry and pay for insurance, to name and indemnify HCNC Board/Members et al, for accepting this maintenance responsibility. HCNC Members/volunteers to agree to monthly and/or quarterly cleaning of said stanchions.

**Motion to accept this proposal made by Don Toy and seconded by Norma Garcia. Unanimous.**

5.8 Youth Outreach

Raymond Lopez: Gibson Han made up a mock schedule of the Youth Outreach Day. Creating a community event for everyone from the surrounding community to come to Cathedral High School in May or June. Will have businesses and schools and some Universities to inform us what's going on in our community and information for students on how to attend Cathedral and nearby colleges. Gym can accommodate 800 to 850 people and there is space outside the gym. Gibson and Raymond are working with Oscar Leong at the school. Could use some help from other Board Members. Will set a meeting at the School and send out a notice to the Board.

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

Genoveva L. Arellano, [GArellano@ArellanoAssociates.com](mailto:GArellano@ArellanoAssociates.com). High-Speed Rail Community Meeting. Not present, no report.

7. Treasurer's Report: George Yu

Action Items:

8. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: Brian Kito, research report and committee formation.

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: Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

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