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**General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 5:30 p.m.
Pico House, 424 N Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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1. **Call to Order & Roll Call** – Kim Benjamin – April 27, 2002 is the HCNC's 9 year anniversary of it's Certification as a Neighborhood Council.
President Benjamin called the meeting to order at 5:41pm with a quorum.
Present: Angie An, Kim Benjamin, Alicia Brown, Alejandra Flores, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Ne Hung Hom, Brian Kito, Tak Hung Lau, 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: Gibson Han, Ne Hay Hom, Steven Jimenez, Tim Keating, Alan Kumamoto, Peter Lau, Yee Lim, Mandi Masai, Howard Nishimura, Charlie Woo
Staff: Anne Walrath
Guests: Emily Martinez, Raymond Yu, Paul Mackley, Michelle Gerdes, Steve Gerdes, Munson Kwok, Suellen Kwok, Eddie Navratte, David Louie, Don Scott, Valerie Hanley
2. **Public Comments** for youths and seniors: 5 minutes each
President Benjamin welcomed Raymond Yu back and he made his public service announcements.

President Benjamin told the Board about the new LA Plaza de Cultural y Artes museum that just opened in the El Pueblo. This is a wonderful new addition to the El Pueblo and our HCNC and I highly recommend all members go and tour the new museum.. it tells the story of our city's history from an historic standpoint....as experienced by families and a personal perspective..
3. **Approval of Minutes** for March 8th, 2011 – Mark Rothenberg
Motion to approve minutes made by Don Toy and seconded by Mark Rothenberg. Unanimous (22). Motion approved.
4. **Bylaw/Election Committee** Report and Action Items: Peter Martinez – no items discussed
5. **Action Committee:** Discussion and action items on neighborhood projects and expenditures, new and previously approved. Brian Kito
 - 5.1 **Action Committee** discussed Item 14 of the HCNC Guiding Principals and approved to modify it to state: "Support development of mixed use, hotel, retail, museum, housing and related services within

the HCNC on under utilized sites such as parking lots and other areas...improve pedestrian access and connectivity within and among the HCNC communities subject to meaningful community input & participation, public hearings where applicable, and city approval as required." The balance of the Guiding Principals to be addressed at subsequent Action Committee Meetings.

Motion to approve change to Guiding Principals made by Norma Garcia and seconded by Peter Martinez. Unanimous (22). Motion approved.

5.2 Arts District Projects and Action Items.

Mesa Sherriff, F.E. DESIGN & CONSULTING, Villain Tavern change in CUB. The adjustment that we are applying for is the exchange of seating for a change of license from 47 "Eating Place" to 48 "Public Premises." AD caucus approved. 47 more eating place. 48 more bar.

Spoke about their project. Eddie

Motion to approve a letter of support from the HCNC made by Angie An and seconded by Danny Young. Unanimous (22). Motion approved.

5.3 Chinatown Projects and Action Items.

5.3a Status/Completion of Chinatown Lanterns, \$13,000. Demand Warrant into DONE. Chinatown Business Improvement District (BID) has agreed to sign a limited indemnity agreement with the city so assist in moving this project forward

5.3b Status/Completion of Chinatown Medallions, \$12,500. Demand Warrant into DONE.

5.4 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items.

5.4a **Oral History Project**, \$3,000, new vendor and new paperwork. Paperwork is in.

5.4b **Tyrus Wong Project**, \$3,500 reinstated. Project was approved by El Pueblo caucus and approved by the Action Committee.

Motion to reinstate Tyrus Wong Project for \$3,500 made by and seconded by Don Toy and seconded by Hoover Tang. Vote: 14 yes 6 no 1 abstention (Angie An).

5.4c. **LA Birthday Costumes** (Caravan Productions) \$1,000. Flyer required by DONE has been sent in. Demand Warrant is being processed.

5.4d HCNC Support for El Pueblo.

Due to late inclusion on the agenda, although a lengthy discussion ensued along with an successful vote on the proposed motion and letter, no binding vote on the matter could be accepted as at the time was not properly agendized or noticed.. all discussion will be considered for general information purposes only at this time pending future attention or direction by the board.

5.5 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items. Brian Kito reminded the board that he previously requested \$ 5,000 for the 2011 Tanabata Festival and that he wants the board support for this in July from the new funds to be allocated from the city at that time for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The Chair took note of the matter and will calendar it for approval at that time.

5.6 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items

5.5a **Solano Canyon Monument Sign 2**, funding raised from \$5,000 to \$6,020 due to rising cost of materials. Approved by the Solano Canyon Caucus and by the Action Committee and previously approved by the full Board at the HCNC Board Meeting of 3/9/2010.

Motion to approve \$6,020 for Solano Canyon Monument Sign 2 due to rising cost of materials made by Don Toy and seconded by Hoover Tang. Vote: 14 yes 6 no 1 abstention (Angie An).

5.6b **Los Angeles Theatre Academy Neighborhood Purposes Grant** for \$2,000. Approved by the Solano Canyon Caucus and by the Action Committee.

Motion to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant for LATA for \$2,000 made by Don Toy and seconded by Hoover Tang. Vote: 14 yes 6 no 1 abstention (Angie An).

5.7 **Victor Heights Projects and Action Items.** No items

5.8 **At-Large Projects and Action Items.**

Mark Rothenberg: Park 101 Project Support Letter approved at last HCNC board meeting.

Motion to approve the specific letter amended to say “conceptually support subject to an EIR” made by Mark Rothenberg and seconded by Hoover Tang. 21 yes 0 no 1 Abstention (Alicia Brown).

5.9 **Youth Outreach:** Update by Raymond Lopez and Gibson Han. Raymond and Gibson are working with representatives from cathedral High School and the Community to arrange such an event later this year. Updates will be provided at the next meeting.

5.10 Translation/Transcription Services Demand Warrant \$6,000.

Motion to approve \$6,000 for Translation/Transcription Services for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 made by Don Toy and seconded by Hoover Tang. Vote: 14 yes 6 no 1 abstention (Angie An).

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

6.1 Genoveva L. Arellano, GArellano@ArellanoAssociates.com. High-Speed Rail Community Meeting. Discussion to be postponed on this matter for a subsequent meeting

7. Treasurer’s Report: George Yu

Action Items: See Action Committee items.

LA Budget Report: Danny Young (Report to be provided by Danny at next meeting)

Anne Walrath summarized that if all the expenditures noted above and on our 2010-2011 approved budget and related submissions are accepted by DONE and paid by DONE then the HCNC will have only \$ 51 left over un-spent by 6-30-11.

8. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: Brian Kito, research report and committee formation. Action Committee met and discussed matter. Brian Kito to prepare sample plan and resource for Little Tokyo to use as a template for HCNC Communities that will apply to each caucus area.

9. Public Comments

10. Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items, possible bylaw change. Next meeting 5/10/11.

11. New Business

12. Old Business

13. Adjournment

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