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**General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 5:30 p.m.
Chinatown Library, 639 North Hill Street, LA CA 90012**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin

Present: Kim Benjamin, Alicia Brown, Ron Fong, Ne Hung Hom, Tim Keating, Brian Kito, Alan Kumamoto, Tak Hung Lau, Raymond Lopez, Howard Nishimura, George Poon, Steve Rice, Chase Rummonds, Hoover Tang, Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Alex Vasquez, Danny Young, George Yu
Absent: Angie An, Alejandra Flores, Norma Garcia, Gibson Han, Ne Hay Hom, Steven Jimenez, Peter Lau, Peter Lee, Yee Lim, Shaojiao Luo, Peter Martinez, Mandi Masai, Mark Rothenberg, Charlie Woo

Guests: Daniel Andalon – Councilman Huizar's office. Look forward to working with us.

David Louie: La Plaza opened up 5 to 6 weeks ago, rep 25 to 50 million dollars, very exciting view of the Mexican American experience.

2. Public Comments for youths and seniors: 5 minutes each

FAST – Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic – Evelyn Alexander evelyn@fastla.org

Traffic – it's the common denominator for Los Angeles. We all experience the frustration, expense and waste of time that traffic brings into our lives every day.

But we don't have to continue to be frustrated! FAST is a non-profit organization dedicated to implementing short-term strategies to reduce traffic congestion in Los Angeles by optimizing our current transit infrastructure and expanding the use of public transit in order to improve our mobility and quality of life. To find out the most successful traffic reduction strategies, FAST, in conjunction with the Music Center and the LA County Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro), commissioned a study to find out which short-term solutions would give us the biggest bang for our buck. With some inexpensive changes, we can get traffic flowing and get people to their destinations faster, and with less stress.

FAST is now working on a comprehensive corridor improvement study for Los Angeles. We want your input on which areas are the highest priorities for you, and what future traffic reduction solutions are most important to your community. When we reduce traffic and pave our streets properly, it will benefit our economy, our environment, our quality of life and our property values.

Agendize for next HCNC meeting for support.

Kings Colleges Holly McKee-Clark holly.mckee-clark@kingscolleges.com

Kings Colleges, which is an international English-language school, is opening up it's first US location in Hollywood this month (1555 Cassil Place). We bring students in from around the world to teach them English and the American lifestyle. We're in the process of recruiting host families for students who wish to participate in homestays.

3. Approval of Minutes for April 12th, 2010 – Mark Rothenberg
Motion to approve the minutes of April 12th made by Don Toy and seconded by George Poon. 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.
7/23 Bloomfest - in memorial of Joel Bloom.
 - 5.2 Chinatown Projects and Action Items.
Market rate housing project – Gateway Project, completed 2013, privately financed 280, 19,000 sq ft retail, 250 parking space garage. Blossom Plaza: Finalists should be selected within the next few weeks.
 - 5.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items.
 - 5.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items.
8/12/ - 8/15 Tanabata Festival. 25,000 people. Also have a government offices competition this year.
 - 5.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items
 - 5.6 Victor Heights Projects and Action Items.
Victor Signs: You are entering Victor Heights.
 - 5.7 At-Large Projects and Action Items.
 - 5.8 Youth Outreach: Update by Raymond Lopez and Gibson Han.
6. President's Report & Action Items, Kim Benjamin
 - 6.1 Lillian Burkenheim: LA River Letter of Support. Board to approve.
Motion made by Alan Kumamoto seconded by Don Toy. Unanimous. Approved.
 - 6.2 Robin Blair: Union Station and the MTA plans.
 - 6.3 Ray going to UFS, majoring in math and science, looking for a replacement from Cathedral High School. Going to school August 20th. Kim and board congratulated Ray on his achievement.
7. Treasurer's Report: George Yu
Approve Budget for next fiscal year (due to DONE 6/15/11).
Motion to approve the HCNC Budget for next fiscal year with Translation/transcription services amended to \$8,500 and made generic, Youth Outreach reduced to \$1,000 and Community Improvement Projects reduced to \$24,000 for the fiscal year made by Don Toy and seconded by George Poon. Unanimous. Approved.
8. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: Brian Kito, research report and committee formation. Brian will call a meeting.
9. Public Comments
10. Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items, possible bylaw change.
Next meeting will be Tuesday, 2nd Tuesday in Sept 9/13, July is Summer Break. Lot 613.

11. New Business

12. Old Business

13. Adjournment

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