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**General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 18th 2012, 6:00 p.m.
Far East Plaza, 727 N Broadway #212 LA CA 90012**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin

Present: Angie An, Kim Benjamin, Alicia Brown, Alejandra Flores, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Ne Hay Hom, Tim Keating, Brian Kito, Alan Kumamoto, Peter Lau, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, George Poon, Steve Rice, Mark Rothenberg, Chase Rummonds, Al Soo-Hoo, Hoover Tang, Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Alex Vasquez, Danny Young, George Yu. [24]

Absent: Ne Hung Hom, Tak Hung Lau, Peter Lee, Yee Lim, Shaojiao Luo, Blake Martin, Peter Martinez, Howard Nishimura, Charlie Woo.

Staff: Anne Walrath

Guests: Valerie Hanley, Thom Brennan, Ed Carfagno, Henry Leung, Vincent Barrios, Matt Dzurec, Mitchell Liday, Julio Garcia II, Robert Larmore, Take Tada, May Phutikanit, Trisha Murakawa, Kevin Schrock, Karmen Yuen, Laura Velkei, Alisa Smith, Erik Needleman.

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

Alisa Smith. HCNC Candidates: <http://Empowerla.org>. You can apply online:

<http://empowerla.org/hcnc/historic-cultural-nc-elections/>, or you can Fax, email or mail, can get the forms on the website. Candidate forms are due by October 16th. Alisa Smith brought copies of Neighborhood Council Election Manual for anyone who wants a copy. Alisa contact info: 213-910-3491 or alisa@empowerla.org.

3. Approval of Minutes for June 12th, 2012 – Mark Rothenberg

Motion to approve minutes made by Brian Kito and seconded by Hoover Tang. Unanimous. Motion approved.

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

4.1 Discussion of HCNC Election. HCNC Region 6, 11/15/12. Candidate forms due by 10/16/12.

4.2 Report on Grievance Letter. President Benjamin reported that the Executive Committee of the board convened a meeting to hear the grievance of Valerie Hanley's. The meeting was held on 6/14/12 and was attended by all executive board members. An independent Parliamentarian was present as well. The committee met for nearly one hour and having gone thru the matter in

great detail Valerie was given the floor. After much discussion the Executive Committee voted to reject the Grievance 5 to 1 and uphold the position previously taken by the board on all related matters.

- 4.3 HCNC Letter of support for Angel City Brewery, 216 S Alameda, Arts District Caucus.
Motion to provide letter of support with stipulation of Offsite site sales will be limited to 1/2 gallon growlers which will be stored behind the bar. Patrons will not be permitted to consume the purchased growlers on the premises. Patrons can also order and purchase kegs for pickup for offsite events made by Tim Keating and seconded by Mark Rothenberg. Unanimous. Motion approved.
- 4.4 HCNC Letter of support for 828 Traction, Arts District Caucus.
826 Traction
The basement will be converted into a 3,073 square foot bar with 89 seats for the on-site sale and consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages. The venue will have live entertainment with hours of operation from 4:00pm to 2:00am daily.
828 Traction
The brewpub will be located on the ground floor of the establishment spanning 17,320 square feet in the interior, 1,437 square feet in a patio located within the property line, and 227 square feet in a second patio located on the public right-of-way. The request is for the on-site sale and consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages, the off-site sale of beer only, live entertainment, and games. There will be a total of 297 seats and will have hours of operation from 6:00am to 2:00am daily.
Motion to provide letter of support for 828 Traction with stipulation of no off-site sales except for Growlers and kegs made by Tim Keating and seconded by Angie An. Unanimous. Motion is approved.
- 4.5 HCNC Letter of support for Sixth Street Viaduct Design, Arts District Caucus. Next month.
- 4.6 HCNC Letter of support forAmericano CUP, Arts District Caucus
HCNC approves the requested CUP subject to this language being added in as additional requirements on ongoing basis..
"No sales off-site
A) Before 11 am or after 11 p.m.
B) No sales of beer to any individual of
a. beer in amounts smaller than 750 ml (25 oz) or
b. less than a 6 pack of same or
c. less than \$10 per bottle subject to the conditions noted above
C) No sales of less than 2 bottles of wine or 4 wine coolers at price point of under \$15 per wine bottle or \$25 per 4 pack of wine cooler;
Angie, doing off-site sales with above conditions.
Motion to provide letter of support forAmericano with the above conditions made by Alan Kumamoto and seconded by Hoover Tang. Unanimous. Motion is approved.
- 4.7 Macy's Liquor – no determination made yet.
- 4.8 Public Hearing on the El Pueblo by the Commissioners. A community wide invited meeting held by the El Pueblo Commissioners to discuss such issues as future development, marketing, safety, homelessness, and many other related matters. It is the first of what is hoped to be many such community discussions to be held.
- 4.9 Update on Park 101, Don Scott, Friends of Park 101 District is dedicated to building a park over the 101 Freeway from Alameda Street to Grand Avenue. This park would add much needed green space to the area and reconnect the city's historic core, north of the freeway with the civic,

cultural and financial cores to the south of the freeway. This is an expansion of our proposal for the area and a CalTrans/City of Los Angeles study. Mr. Scott reviewed the progress being made by other cities in the area including Santa Monica, Ventura, Glendale, and Hollywood on similar freeway parks and the recent ULI study for Union Station that emphasized the need for pedestrian connectivity and redevelopment of the LA Mall. Hollywood recently received \$800,000 from City of Los Angeles and a private donation of \$1.2 million for their now fully funded EIR.

The current plan is to eliminate or realign some of the freeway ramps and use this land and other undeveloped parcels to develop park side commercial buildings that will enliven the area and pay for a portion of the park. Other states have done this with great success. The tallest building in Boston is built over a freeway as is the convention center in Seattle. The city of Dallas is opening a 5.2 acre freeway park in their downtown area next week. This park is approximately ½ the size of Park 101 and came in at a cost of \$100 million. California has two small freeway parks but Caltrans is reluctant to limit their flexibility and puts severe restrictions on building over a freeway or a ramp. SCAG (Southern California Association of Government's) supports the concept of freeway cap parks and has formed a self help coalition to advance the concept. Friends of Park 101 District is looking for volunteers. If you are interested contact Don Scott at 310 571.3600 x111 or d.scott@ffbcorp.com.

4.10 Update on projects being built in HCNC

4.11 Update on Union Station Plan and Arroyo Seco Community Plan and public hearing. Completion date: 2050. Will include Board on all updates and emails. Will be over two years before they complete the Master Plan. Corn Field Arroyo Seco, over 16 acres, allowed for 1150 parking spaces, which is not realistic. Up for Planning Commission within the next 3 weeks.

4.12 Update on Camacho Café and application for license. Issued Letter of Support. No off-site sales.

4.13 Jive Live 2013 New Years 5K Race and street closures. Mitchell Liday, Julie Garcia II and Robert Larmore. Jive Live has moved the race so that it by-passes Chinatown. They would like to thank George Yu in guiding them with their race and the Chinatown community concerns. They are very pleased to see everyone at the HCNC meeting excited about the race and happy with the adjustments they made to accommodate those concerns.

4.14 Police Academy Projects: Trisha Murakawa, Murakawa Communications; Tom Brennan, Facilities Manager, LADP; Henry Leung, Project Manager, RNL Design; Ed Carfagno, RNL Design; Kevin Schrock & Karmen Yuen, Bureau of Engineers, City of Los Angeles. Police Academy renovation and the replacement police training facility. Renovating the Gym and the Clubhouse and the ranges. Seismic renovation/ADA access/upgrade food and beverage. Adding an elevator in the Administration Building. Construction will start winter of 2013. Don't know how many jobs it will create but should be substantial. \$40 million for both projects. Construction phase 20 months, starting next winter. The Police Academy has two other training facilities, one in Westchester and one in the Valley where some of the training may be moved and they may have to defer some training during construction.

SC Caucus will take it up, meet with the people involved and come up with a recommendation. Will put on next month's agenda.

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.

5.2 Chinatown Projects and Action Items.

5.3 El Pueblo Projects and Action Items.

5.4 Little Tokyo Projects and Actions Items.

5.4A LTPS 25th Anniversary Video. 2/7/12 \$1,000.

5.4B 2012 Tanabata \$1,250 3/20/12

5.5 Solano Canyon Projects and Action Items (first \$6,000 of 2012-2013 Fiscal Budget)

5.5A SC Garden Project \$3,750 11/8/11

5.5B SC 6th Annual Outreach Food and Art Festival \$1,500.

5.6 Victor Heights Projects and Action Items

5.6A VH Identity Signage Program 11/8/11 \$3,750.

5.6 At-Large Projects and Action Items.

5.7 Youth Outreach.

6. Treasurer's Report: George Yu/Anne Walrath

Noted that 100% of all our money through 6/30/12 has been spent on community projects save 27 cents. We were the first NC in City of Los Angeles to have achieved this goal.

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

November 15th Election at Cathedral High School.

8. Public Comments

Uncommon Ground. Thanks for the support!

Tanabata Festival. Brian Kito presented Kim Benjamin with a plaque commemorating the Tanabata Festival.

9. Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items, possible bylaw change. Next meeting Tuesday, October 9th, 2012.

10. New Business

11. Old Business

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

12. Adjournment

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