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**General Board Meeting Agenda Tuesday, September 17th, 6:00 p.m. Pico House-  
Hellman Quon Building 125 Paseo de la Plaza #400, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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1. 6:00pm Swearing in of officers (Honorable Gilbert Cedillo, Councilman, District 1, officiating.) ***See appended oath of office #1.***
2. Call to Order & Roll Call – Brian Kito 6:15pm
3. Public announcements:  
Brief announcement: final community meeting scheduled for Oct 15 2013, 6- 8 pm, at LAC+USC Medical Center Inpatient Tower, Conference Rooms A&B for the LAC+USC Medical Center Master Plan.

Will be considering how can we repurpose this site and provide job opportunities and opportunities for community input. Please attend the meeting and translation is provided.

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5. Guest presentations (followed by public comment/questions)
  - 5.1 Solano Avenue Elementary school site expansion/modernization project, presented by Scott Singletary of Facilities Management regarding upcoming construction, existing EIR, and request to vacate street at 615 Solano Avenue.  
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Solano has an undersized auditorium for the population. Need for contiguous playground space. Existing building will stay as is and a new building will be constructed adjoining the existing. The street will be taken from the city in order to create this playground. Improvements will be provided for existing streets and an alternative walkway will be built. **See appended PPT #2.**  
*Status of project:* approved by State, approved by Board of Ed, and approved contract with LAUSD. In process of trying to acquire permit the vacating of Solano Ave. from the City.  
**See appended discussion notes, #3.**

- 5.2 Department of Transportation to deliver a DASH bus facility located at the intersection of Commercial and Garey near downtown. The project name is the Downtown Bus Maintenance and CNG Fueling Facility. The LADOT Yard will be located on the two parcels beginning at Commercial and Garey, span Hewitt Street, and encompass the first parcel on the west side of Hewitt. Hewitt Street between Commercial and Ducommun will be vacated and become part of the yard as part of the project. The facility will include an architecturally significant six bay maintenance building with operations offices, compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling system, a service island for CNG fueling and preparing the buses for their daily routes, a bus wash structure, and parking for about 70 DASH buses. The LADOT has expressed an interest in providing solar panels to offset peak power consumption at the facility.  
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CARL: “Tonight I want to introduce Phil Chang and Thom Acre from LADOT. The project that I am bringing to you tonight has a long name... bus maintenance and natural gas fueling facility—BMFF Facility- LADOT Yard. South of the freeway. It crosses Hewitt and is flanked by Ducommun, and Garey. The facility will operate DASH fleet of buses for downtown community. Previously this was north on Spring just south of the Cornfield. Now they are down on Washington. These were rented facilities. Now the LADOT has procured these properties between Commercial and Garey. This project will include building a new maintenance facility that has 6 bays to service the vehicles. Including removing transmissions. Heavy lifting maintenance. Compressed Natural Gas fueling, washing, vacuuming. In design now and until 2014. It takes 6 months for the city get a construction project. It will take 2 years from that point. the LADOT has budgeted 30 million dollars to pay for this. LADOT did secure federal grant funding. Only 20 percent comes from local tax dollars. We are in your community and are glad to be of service. **See appended discussion #4.**

6. Approval of Minutes for June 11th, 2013 – Sara Harris  
MARK ROTHENBERG moves to approve.  
DON TOY seconds.  
SARA HARRIS: new minutes should reflect change in date on budget. (FY2013-2014)  
All in favor. MINUTES APPROVED.

7. Additional Public Comment regarding above Presentations:

Wendell Llopis, Solano Canyon: there have been several assaults in the tunnel under the 110 Freeway that is part of the expropriation for LAUSD project at Solano Avenue Elementary. Let's not make the situation worse.

Yuval Bar Zemer: works with FOLAR and is a resident of the Arts District, 1111 Sunset Blvd information at [www.linear-city.com](http://www.linear-city.com).

Further Public Comment:

BRIAN KITO: With Regards to agenda item 12: 826 and 828 Traction Avenue, ZA 2012-1615 (CUB)(ZV) ZA 2012-1655(CUB)(ZV)

Before George speaks, I'd like to recall that we passed 3 permits supports for liquor licenses in a row. We cannot find the endorsement or the rescind letter. The three properties are former Crazy Gideon's, the Brewery on Alameda, and Mercado. We voted on two and then the third came through, and we all voted yes, according to the same conditions. The reason I bring this up is that city did not have a hearing date. Alan Kumamoto seconded a motion to rescind and Brian made the motion. Angie An remembers.

George Rollins: I have lived here all my life. I have a family here in the Arts District. We thought the bar would not be an issue, but now that the bar is up and running and there are more bars, we are worried about the consequences. Our councilman has chosen not to support the community. (CD14). We have been having a tough time with this one. Anyone who works within 500 feet of this space cannot deal. It is a 17,000 square foot space.

RON FONG: What does LARABA think of this?

George Rollins: They expanded the facility.

AUDIENCE: Hearing was on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

AUDIENCE—board member of LARABA: we voted to rescind support.

George Rollins: 21,000 square foot brewery and club with two floors. When it looked like it would not be approve or zoning. Jose Huizar helped them to apply for 2 liquor licenses and reduced the size of the project scope.

BRIAN: We can either re-instate the motion, vote again, or take a new position on the issue.

RON: what does the Arts District think about this?

ANGIE: They misrepresented that they would be a pizza parlor. But they have an entertainment license. The caucus wants to rescind the support.

DON: We should not vote on this right now since this was not on the minutes.

ALAN: What is the urgency of a letter?

George Rollins: We are in the appeal process. It might not be for another month and a half.

ANGIE AN: MOTION to amend the minutes from the October 2012 meeting that reflects a rescind letter that does not support the project.

ALAN KUMAMOTO: Seconds.

All are in favor. MOTION APPROVED.

ALAN: They currently have a letter of support form us. We need to get the letter out ASAP.

RON: further action would have to agendized.

7. President's Report & Action Items Brian Kito

7.1 Proposal to form committee to review development projects and city planning issues.

We will be presented with many projects in the coming months. It is time for us to set up a committee that deals with planning and development. Many of you are very versed on development projects. I can think of a few of you already. I want the people who are most versed in these issues be on this committee.

ALEJANDRA: it should be one member from each caucus.

BRIAN: good idea.

DON: normally, if there are projects in your area, you should be able to present it.

Discussion ensues.

EDMUND: if each caucus finds it needs additional advice, we should make sure the people with the expertise are available.

BRIAN: Action committee is about the budget. Planning and land use committee would be about planning.

RON: I don't think we need to have a committee that messes in the business of other caucuses. We should have an ad hoc committee for specific projects.

MARK: I offer to help any caucus help they may need with planning, zoning, and land use issues.

BRIAN: since this is ad hoc committee, I will put together a list of experts in this area.

ALAN: We should make sure that the ad hoc committees communicate with the caucus and have caucus representation.

DON: Ad Hoc committees can be formed outside of the meeting.

NO MOTION MADE.

7.2 Announcement: required ethics trainings with *Empower L.A.* must be completed by all officers before the next board meeting in order to qualify for voting on allocation of funds. (online trainings available) <http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done>

Four people can vote as now on measures because they have taken the ethics and funding training. We need to take those trainings before we can vote on any funding.

DON: Many of use have already had the experience and should not have to take the trainings. Can we tell Barry Stone that unless we have bilingual trainings, we can't commit. The trainings are online, but we need to have them on tape.

BRIAN: Before the next meeting, we will have an action committee meeting. We will not be able to vote on anything.

SARA: I will send out the link to everyone so that we can all take the trainings.

BRIAN: On ethics, if you are financially involved in an issue, you cannot be in the room when the vote happens.

8. Treasurer's Report: George Yu (George has left the building).

EDMUND SOOHOO: the translation/transcription amount is \$4000 and staff and temporary Help is \$4000. What I would like to do in the spirit of including more people in our communities, I would like us to reconsider putting \$4000 back to translation and outreach. We need more money for translation and outreach in the communities. ***See appended discussion #5.***

NO MOTION MADE.

9. Action Committee: project reports/updates

- 9.1 Arts District action items
- 9.2 Chinatown action items
- 9.3 El Pueblo action items
- 9.4 Little Tokyo action items
- 9.4 Solano Canyon action items

ALAN: Next action committee meeting: Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm. We need one representative from each of the caucuses. We should have one vote per caucus on recommendations for funding. All votes on funding have to be qualified.

BRIAN: We should consider reducing the amount of each project to \$3000 for seed funding for projects.

10. Next Meeting & Announcements, change in meetings dates/times, posting locations and process, action items. Next Meeting Tuesday, October 8th, 2013. Location: TBA, contact Sara Harris 323.547.2714 [audiopostales@gmail.com](mailto:audiopostales@gmail.com)

11. New Business: Action committee and voting on motions process (Brian Kito and Alan Kumamoto)

ANGIE AN: This will be my last meeting. I am resigning. You have to post the opening. The caucus will make the recommendation for a replacement.

President recognizes Additional Public Comment:

Melinda Ramos Alatorre: I am the field deputy for Chinatown, Victor Height, Solano Canyon, Highland Park, Lincoln Heights, and Cypress Park. PEACE to CD1. We've had 3 motions at the City Council—restore LAFD funding and let civilians answer phones. —facilitate the permitting of outdoor seating for Chinatown and Highland Park—joint use with school facilities after hours—bulky items pick up in our district—translation services are of the utmost importance. This is an announcement for listening tour on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

12. Old Business: Arts District- Traction bar letter of support rescinded- confirmation and update. MOVED FORWARD , SEE ABOVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

ALAN KUMAMOTO: MOTIONS to adjourn.

RON FONG: seconds.

All are in favor.

13. Adjournment 8:25pm.

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