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**General Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13, 2015**  
**Chinatown Far East Plaza**  
**727 N. Broadway, L.A., Room 212, 90012**

**1.0 Call to Order & 2.0 Roll Call**

President Alan Kumamoto called meeting to order at 6:15 P.M. V.P. & Secretary Shirley Zhang took roll call. 20 members are present at roll call and quorum established. At 6:40 PM, 15 members present and quorum was no longer met.

Present (23 members):

Alan Kumamoto, Lydia Moreno (arrived 6:25 PM), George Yu, Laura Velkei (arrived 6:40 PM), Shirley Zhang, Mark Rothenberg, Christopher Fudurich, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Gabrielle Newmark, Ly Chou Tran (left 6:40 PM), Wai So Yuan (left 6:40 PM), Ne Huang Hom (left 6:40 PM), Edmund Soohoo (left 6:40 PM), Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Ron Fong, Danny Young, June Aochi-Berk, Esther Joquin Woo (left 6:40 P.M.), Gi-Hao Cheung (left 6:40 P.M.), Don Toy (left 6:40 PM), Norman Nie (arrived 6:20 PM, left 6:35 PM)

Absent: Andrew Lucero, Peter Hick Loon Pang, Richard Estrada, Howard Nishimura, Stephen Nagano, Brian Kito, Alejandra Flores, Gi-Hao Cheung, Hoover Tang, Nick Curl

Guests: Paul Chung, Raymond Yu, Laureen Hom, Ray Gomez, Thomas Raymond, Fernando Delgado, Anika Osten

**3.0 Public Comments**

A. Raymond Yu, Victor Heights resident, shared his letter of complaint to the Department of Transportation about outdated traffic lights along Broadway and Ord streets.

B. Ne Huang Hom speaking in Toisahn Chinese and translated to English by Don Toy expressed concern about not receiving adequate notification of board meetings. Despite being a board member, he only heard about the meeting from co-representative Edmund Soohoo and still came despite being sick and receiving a last-minute notification. He stated that that there are not appropriate accommodations for those who do not have a computer and do not speak English fluently. Ly Chou Tran speaking in Chiu Chow Chinese and translated to English by Don Toy, supported Mr. Hom's concerns and emphasized the need for proper translations. Alan Kumamoto clarified that DONE only provides Mandarin Chinese translators and that email notification and posting meetings in one space are the only requirements by DONE for adequate notification, which HCNC has done. Don Toy requested the contact information for DONE so that they can relay their issues and concerns to them

directly. Alan Kumamoto will provide that information and tabled the discussion to New Business for later in the meeting.

C. Paul Chung, the new store manager of the Walmart Neighborhood Market on Cesar Chavez, introduced himself.

#### **4.0 Government Agency Report**

A. Anika Osten, Field Deputy for CD14, shared that there is the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Farewell Festival on 10/24/2015.

B. Fernando Delgado, Assistant Field Deputy for County Supervisor Hilda Solis, introduced himself as the point of contact between constituents and the county office. His areas include Downtown, Arts District, Chinatown, West Lake, Boyle Heights, Eagle Rock, Highland Park, El Sereno, and Silverlake. His office is located in the East Los Angeles District Office.

C. Ray Gomez, LA City Fire Battalion Chief, and his partner Thomas Raymond introduced themselves. They supervise the 8 fire stations in the downtown area and are specifically located in Fire Station 4 on 540 East Temple. Mr. Gomez provided materials on earthquake safety and offered to provide information sessions on fire safety topics. Chief Gomez also offered to host a site visit and their fire station for possible HCNC meetings. Alan Kumamoto stated that Mr. Gomez and Mr. Raymond can work with the public safety committee. Ne Huang Hom (translated by Don Toy) asked if there would be able to reach out to the senior citizen population in Chinatown. Mr. Gomez responded that they work with LAPD and the community for appropriate translations.

#### **5.0 Approval of Previous Board Minutes for September 15, 2015**

No quorum when agenda item was up for discussion at the end of the meeting. Discussion and vote tabled to November Board meeting.

#### **6.0 Presidents Report:**

No quorum when agenda item was up for discussion after the Treasurer's Report. Items for discussion and vote tabled to November Board meeting.

#### **7.0 Treasurer's Report**

Discussion was moved after Government Agency Report (6:35 PM)

##### **7.1-7.3 Discussion and vote of July, August & September monthly expenditures**

Lydia Moreno prepared the monthly expenditure report for review and approval. Mark Rothenberg asked for clarification on the Instrata webhost payment in the September report. Lydia Moreno clarified that the monthly payment is \$9, but they decided to pay for the entire year in advance, so total costs were \$99 for September.

Motion to approve made by Mark Rothenberg and seconded by Christopher Fudurich  
Unanimously approved

#### **8.0 Committee Reports**

##### **8.3 Elections Committee**

8.3.1. HCNC Elections: Laura Velkei provided an update on the upcoming HCNC elections, which will take place on May 5, 2016. They get to pick the window of when elections will be held and they are

leaning towards 4-7 PM so that people can vote after work. This year will have online voting, but with verification to ensure that the individual fits the criteria to qualify to vote. Alan Kumamoto also explained that the elections are only available in the same languages as last time, Chinese Mandarin, Spanish, Korean, and English. He also announced that the DONE elections person has hired a consultant who will be providing support and updates to the board on a more consistent basis. Alan Kumamoto also stated that the HCNC by-laws are not in conformity with DONE's by-laws so term limits may not match up. HCNC has done 4-year terms while other NCs have done 2-year terms. Laura Velkei said that the City Attorney had reversed the original term limits, but also reversed that and is still waiting on an official ruling from them about this issue.

8.3.2 Elections Committee: Laura Velkei asked for volunteers to help with elections. She says to contact her directly if you are interested.

## **8.2 Land Use Committee**

8.2.1. Revised Procedures Document (discussion): Mark Rothenberg shared a revised version of the UD/LUC procedures for development proposals and CUP applications. The new language incorporates time issues and describes the determination and process for expedited review. Valerie Garcia-Hanley asked for clarification of the "simple voting majority" replaces the approval by unanimous decision that was decided in the past meetings. Alan Kumamoto confirmed that this would supercede that motion. Ron Fong expressed his concerns that not all of the caucuses were represented in the Executive Board and thus will not be represented in this expedited process. He was especially concerned about the lack of Little Tokyo representation. Yuval Bar-Zemar stated that the UD/LUC has representation from all the neighborhoods at their meetings and suggested that for a more efficient process, the UD/LUC should be able to send out letters as a committee. These letters will then be presented by the UD/LUC at the board meetings for a vote. Alan Kumamoto suggested that Mr. Bar-Zemar incorporate this language into the draft and to discuss this and get consensus on the language at the next UD/LUC meeting. Mr. Bar-Zemar and Laura Velkei stated that they would put this on the agenda for next week. George Yu asked for a PDF copy of the new document for him to further review. The revised procedures document will be voted on at the November Board meeting.

## **8.1 Action Committee**

Alan Kumamoto announced that they are starting the next round of project monies and that all caucus projects need to be presented at Action Committee meetings. He reminded the board that each caucus has \$4000 with a maximum of \$2000 for each project so that each caucus will have a minimum of 2 projects a year. Lydia Moreno has not set up a meeting but if any caucus has a project, she can move forward with a meeting in November. She also reminded everyone to fill out their forms properly with appropriate signatures and no missing information. Ms. Moreno also stated that no HCNC board members can be listed on these projects as it is a conflict of interest.

Alan Kumamoto also stated that the Action Committee must review any actionable item for board meeting agendas, which is an item that is put to discussion and vote. Mr. Kumamoto further clarified that the Action Committee does not set the agenda and that President is still responsible for putting the agenda together. Lydia Moreno added that if anyone wants to add anything to the agenda, to please send it in a format that is easy to copy and paste. Mr. Kumamoto also stated that he would like this information a week in advance. Yuval Bar-Zemar suggested doing automated e-mails for meeting and agenda setting reminders.

## **8.4 Public Safety: No report**

## **9.0 Old Business**

### **9.1 Brochure Project: No report**

## **10.0 New Business**

A. Norma Garcia expressed concerns about how the Chinatown and Victor Heights representatives do not feel included because of the lack of Chinese translations. Valerie Garcia-Hanley seconded Ms. Garcia's concerns and expressed that the board should try to figure out a better way to accommodate them. This led to a discussion about various board members' past efforts to provide a volunteer Cantonese translator and delivering meeting materials through mail and in-person, which all have not been successful. Laura Velkei acknowledged DONE limits the use of the funds to their translators, which does not offer the different dialects, and getting translators for all the different dialects will be costly. She suggested that their caucus could use some of their \$4000 project money towards proper translations. Yuval Bar-Zemar offered to contact Don Toy on a monthly basis to let him know that the meeting agenda and minutes are posted so that Mr. Toy can share that information to the other representatives. Various board members acknowledged that this has been a major concern for awhile, and that if this continues, the board will not be able to conduct business due to a lack of quorum.

B. Alan Kumamoto announced that they are looking to fill the Historian position. That person will be in charge of keeping records of the organization.

C. Valerie Garcia-Hanley announced the Dios De Los Muertos events at El Pueblo. She thanked the HCNC, which provided funds for the event.

## **11.0 Next Meeting Announcements**

General Board Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, Location TBD

Land Use Committee: 10/21/2015 at 7 PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month SCI\_ARC, 255 S. Santa Fe, Room 160

Action Committee: TBD

Elections Committee: TBD

## **12.0 Adjournment 7:30 PM**

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