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General Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2015

LA Fire Station #4

450 East Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

1.0 Call to Order & 2.0 Roll Call

President Alan Kumamoto called meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. V.P. & Treasurer Lydia Moreno took attendance. 19 members were present and quorum was established. At 8:00 PM, only 13 members were present and quorum was no longer met.

Present (19 members): Alan Kumamoto, Lydia Moreno, Laura Velkei, June Aochi-Berk, Mark Rothenberg, Christopher Fudurich, Gabrielle Newmark, George Rollins, Ly Chou Tran (left 8:00 PM), Wai So Yuan (left 8:00 PM), Ne Huang Hom (left 8:00 PM), Edmund Soohoo (left 8:00 PM), Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Ron Fong, Brian Kito, Danny Young, Don Toy (left 8:00 PM), Norman Nie (left 8:00 PM)

Absent: George Yu, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Andrew Lucero, Peter Hick Loon Pang, Richard Estrada, Howard Nishimura, Stephen Nagano, Yvette Grageda, Alejandra Flores, Esther Joaquin Woo, Gi-Hao Cheung, Shirley Zhang, Hoover Tang, Nick Curl

Guests: Jay Handal, Laureen Hom, Young-Gi Kim, Matt Antonelli, Raymond Yu

3.0 Public Comments

A. No public comments were presented.

B. It is noted that Raymond Yu submitted a letter to the Board addressing his continuing concerns about the intersection on North Broadway and Ord Street in Chinatown.

4.0 Government Agency Report

Government agency report was moved after the Elections Committee Report Update (8:10-8:15 PM). *No quorum during discussion, but there was no vote required.*

A. Two representatives from LA Metro, Young-Gi Kim, Senior Construction Relations Officer Community Relations, and Matt Antonelli, the resident engineer, presented on the regional interconnector project affecting the Little Tokyo/Arts District and Pico Aliso Gold Line stops. Mr. Antonelli announced that there will be two time spans that the stops will be closed. The first is November 21-22 when they have to do prep work. The stops will then be closed for construction starting December 4th until roughly mid-February/early March 2016. They are aiming to complete construction the latest March 5th before the Azusa extension in May. He also shared that they have

received night variances to try to meet their March deadline. Temporary shuttle buses will be running every 6 minutes from Union Station making stops at the Little Tokyo/Arts District and Pico Aliso stations. Due to construction, Alameda Street will be one lane until late Spring/early Summer so they can build the tunnel. If people are interested in accessing any notices or detour maps you can e-mail Ms. Kim.

5.0 Approval of Previous Board Minutes for September 15, 2015 and October 13, 2015

No quorum was present. Discussion and vote tabled to December Board meeting.

6.0 President's Report:

No quorum was present. Discussion and vote tabled to December Board meeting.

7.0 Treasurer's Report

Discussion was moved as first agenda item for vote and discussion (7:20 PM).

7.1 10/9 Hankook BB-Executive Board Meeting Expense

Lydia Moreno stated that the only October expense that needs to be approved is a \$45 executive board meeting expense. Don Toy asked if the budgeted money can be used towards subcommittee meetings. Ms. Moreno clarified that it can be used for any subcommittee, but there is only a total of \$250 (minus \$45 if item is approved) in the budget per year.

Mark Rothenberg motioned to vote. Laura Velkei seconded.

15 yes, 4 no (No votes: Ne Huang Hom, Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Wai So Yuan).

7.2 Bank Signature Card

Lydia Moreno indicated that a vote was needed to change the signatory on the credit card from Brian Kito to Alan Kumamoto. Don Toy asked for clarification about the number of signatories. Alan Kumamoto responded that the Treasurer initially signs and the President is the second signature.

Brian Kito motioned to vote. George Rollins seconded.

19 yes. Unanimously approved.

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Elections Committee (7:25 PM-8:10 PM)

8.3.1. DONE Elections Speaker: Jay Handal

Jay Handal, the Neighborhood Council Elections Administrator, acknowledged that last year the person appointed by DONE did not show up and stressed that this year it would not happen. They have hired several IEAs and they will be present at the areas needing the most help. Mr. Handal emphasized that a lot of money is necessary for good elections that bring out the community and that DONE has worked on cutting the costs and bureaucracy for election marketing materials, such as discounted pole banners. He also emphasized to make the elections fun and to have more candidates as a way to increase the number of voters for their elections.

Don Toy, translating for Ne Huang Hom, asked if the city will be providing additional money to hold the elections. Mr. Handal clarified that the city does not provide additional money for elections and that each neighborhood council board must redirect their budget for their elections. Mr. Toy, translating for Mr. Hom, also asked what the commitment from the city is for providing proper translations. Alan Kumamoto responded that they have filled out the Stipulation Sheet and have requested three Chinese dialects, Spanish, Korean, and Japanese.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley asked about the roster with the information of who is up for re-elections and where it was located. Mr. Kumamoto responded that this is on the DONE website and that everyone on the board has a term date until 2016 or 2018. The people with 2016 are the ones who are up for re-election.

Laura Velkei asked for more clarity on the election process and procedures, including verifying proper identification. Mr. Handal indicated that DONE will have a new website with all relevant information and materials, including an election manual, poll worker manual, and a FAQ page. He also recommended to call the IEA if any issues arrive.

Mr. Toy, translating for Mr. Hom, raised concerns about relying on online voting when many Chinatown residents do not have computers. He also asked if there can be multiple sites for voting. Mr. Handal indicated that a neighborhood council cannot have multiple sites for voting. He also clarified that the online voting process also includes holding a voting registration day so that individuals can be certified to vote online for their neighborhood council. Registered voters will receive a one-time use PIN and can vote 21 days before the actual election day on any computer. They will also receive emails and texts reminding them to vote 7 days before the election day if they have not voted yet. Mr. Hanley also clarified that if someone is deemed ineligible during the online certification process, they will be told what documentation they need in order to re-qualify. The Elections Chair has access to the roster of people who tried to sign up to vote to see who did not qualify.

8.3.2 Stipulation Sheet

Alan Kumamoto announced that they have to decide on a physical space for election day which will be held on May 5th from 4-7 PM. Laura Velkei said that the owners of Lot 613 in the Arts District have already provided their space for free. It has parking and technical support for online elections. Don Toy raised concerns that this site was not accessible for the Chinatown residents who are much older and cannot travel far. Translating for Ne Huang Hom, Mr. Toy suggested Cathay Manor in Chinatown as another option.

Quorum was lost at 8 PM during this discussion. Discussion continued with 13 members. Mr. Handal recommended that the remaining board members still try to decide on a preferred site or else he will have to assign a place for them as stipulated by DONE. In addition to Lot 613 and Cathay Manor, other options suggested were Tokyo Towers and Maryknoll in Little Tokyo. However after some discussion, these options were removed because Tokyo Towers does not have adequate parking and Maryknoll has a conflict on Thursday nights. Mr. Kumamoto asked for votes of support for Cathay Manor. Cathay Manor received zero votes, with the assumption that there would have been 6 votes from the board members who left at 8 PM. Mr. Kumamoto asked for votes of support for Lot 613. Lot 613 received 13 votes, unanimous approval from the board members who were present.

8.2 Land Use Committee (8:15 PM)

No quorum during discussion, but there was no vote required.

8.2.1. LUC October Meeting Report

Mark Rothenberg provided a summary of the three projects that were presented at the October LUC meeting: Metro Emergency Security Operations, Metro AD/Little Tokyo Station, and Blatteis & Schnur's Palmetto Project. None of the projects required a board vote.

8.2.2. Revised Procedures Document

Mark Rothenberg provided an overview of the revised the UD/LUC procedures. He emphasized the mission of the UD/LUC is to take the burden off the board in vetting development and architectural

projects during board meetings. A rep from every caucus should be present at every meeting. If there is unanimous vote among those present at the UD/LUC to approve or disapprove of a project, the UD/LUC will write a letter on behalf of the HCNC board. If there is a majority vote or disagreement on a project, the UD/LUC will bring the project to the board to a vote.

Several board members voiced concerns regarding the proposed procedures. Ron Fong and Valerie Garcia-Hanley pointed out that caucus reps do not always attend the UD/LUC meetings and that a project in their neighborhood could be approved without them. Mr. Fong, Ms. Garcia-Hanley, Brian Kito, and Danny Young were also concerned that the proposed procedures allow UD/LUC too much independence when the original intention was to serve as an advisory role when the board votes on projects. Mr. Rothenberg addressed these concerns by restating that a rep from each caucus should be responsible for attending these meetings, especially if there is a project being proposed for their neighborhood. Laura Velkei also noted that this concern can be offset if there is communication with the UD/LUC that they want to change any language in the letter or postpone a presentation. Ms. Velkei also responded to the concerns by noting that there is a lot of activity and development happening and that the current process of waiting for board approval on projects is taking too long. Lydia Moreno acknowledged that the problem may also be due to a lack of quorum in the past few board meetings, so they were unable to vote on anything. Alan Kumamoto tabled the discussion to continue to the next meeting.

8.3 Marketing Committee

8.3.1 Brochure Project Update

No quorum during discussion, but there was no vote required.

Brian Kito shared a preliminary draft of the HCNC brochure. He is planning a meeting within the next 2 weeks to finalize the brochure and would like a representative from each caucus to attend this meeting. Mr. Kito will continue working with the contractor to change the font and include pictures of the Arts District that Laura Velkei sent him. He is aiming to print out the brochure before the holidays.

8.4 Action Committee

No quorum during discussion, but there was no vote required.

Lydia Moreno asked if anyone had any projects to hold an Action Committee meeting in December. No one indicated that they had any projects. Alan Kumamoto reminded everyone that if they anticipate having projects, they should initiate paperwork in January and February so that they can be completed within the fiscal year. Ms. Moreno reminded everyone that all the paperwork is available on the DONE website.

9.0 Old Business

9.1 Translations (Discussion)

Agenda item was not discussed.

10.0 New Business

No new business discussed

11.0 Next Meeting Announcements

General Board Meeting: 12/8/2015, Location TBD (tentative El Pueblo)

Land Use Committee: 11/18/2015, 3rd Wednesday of the month SCI_ARC, 255 S. Santa Fe venue, Room 160

12.0 Adjournment 8:40 PM

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