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Special Board Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2016 6:30-8:00 PM

LOCATION:

St Peter Italian-Catholic Church – Casa Italiana
1039 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012

1.0 Call to Order

At 6:35 P.M., President Alan Kumamoto called meeting to order. 18 members were present and quorum was established. Board Members signed in the Attendance Sheet.

Present (19 members): Alan Kumamoto, Shirley Zhang (left 7:15 PM), Lydia Moreno, Laura Velkei, June Aochi-Berk, Mark Rothenberg, Yuval Bar-Zemer (arrived 6:45 PM), Gabrielle Newmark, Ly Chou Tran (left 8 PM), Wai So Yuan (left 8 PM), Ne Huang Hom (left 8 PM), Edmond Soohoo, Ron Fong, Stephen Nagano, Yvette Grageda, Danny Young, Gabriel Owens, Don Toy (left 8 PM), Gi-Hao Cheung

Absent: George Yu, Andrew Lucero, Christopher Fudurich, George Rollins, Peter Hick Loon Pang, Norman Nie, Howard Nishimura, Esther Joaquin Woo, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Richard Estrada, Brian Kito, Hoover Tang, Nick Curl

Public: Brett Shears, Jacob Yanes, Paul Pescador, Becky Snodgrass, Deborah Schheim, Becky Lee, Thom Brennan, Melinda Alatorre

President Alan Kumamoto announced that due to time concerns, they will move up agenda items that need to be voted on to the beginning of the meeting.

2.0 Approval of Previous Board Minutes

After Board Members reviewed the March 2016 board meeting minutes, Mark Rothenberg motioned to approve the minutes. Danny Young seconded.

Motion to approve the March 2016 board meeting minutes passed.

14 Yay, 3 Nay (Ly Chou Tran, Wai So Yuan, Ne Huang Hom), 1 Abstention (Don Toy)

3.0 Treasurer’s Report

Lydia Moreno reported that for the February Treasurer’s Report there were zero expenses and for the March Treasurer’s Report there was one expense of \$200 for translations at meetings. Ms. Moreno said both months need to be approved. Don Toy motioned to approve both Treasurer’s Report. Laura Velkei seconded.

***Motion to approve the February 2016 and March 2016 Treasurer's Report passed.
19 Yay – Unanimously Approved***

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 Action Committee

Lydia Moreno reported that the projects have been submitted to DONE and they are waiting for approval from DONE. Alan Kumamoto announced that they would like to get the projects approved and pushed forward soon before the fiscal year Ends.

4.2 Elections Committee

Brett Shears, Independent Election Administrator, provided an update on the May 5th elections. All the HCNC candidates have been verified for the positions and that there are still some open seats. The last day to register online is April 28th. Mr. Shears will check to see if registration is open until 5 PM or midnight. After April 28th, people can still register at the polling site on May 5th. For the HCNC elections, the polling site is located in the Arts District at 613 Imperial. Registration at the polling site will be paper-based, but the voter will still be given a username and PIN to vote electronically. Edmund Soohoo asked for clarification if the city would support neighborhood councils to register people up until April 28th. Mr. Shears confirmed that they are trying to support registration stations for all councils and that he has been at events to help register people.

The Board and Mr. Shears had a discussion on the valid forms of ID. Mr. Shears said to make it clear to voters that they need 2 forms of ID to verify their stakeholder status. He further explained that if a voter has 1 piece of ID that is 100% clear in showing that confirms their identity and they are of voting age, as well as indicating that they are a stakeholder within the physical boundaries of the neighborhood council then they are fine. However, he stressed that having 2 forms of ID is a precaution to ensure that people aren't blindsided if the first ID is not approved. Danny Young asked for clarification for high school students as the school ID does not indicate where they actually live. It was suggested that a birth certificate could possibly verify residency for those who do not have California IDs or drivers licenses. Mr. Shears said that there is a list of acceptable documentation on the DONE website, but it is not exhaustive. He also clarified that once people register to vote, the system determines which caucus they vote for based on the physical address they provide.

5.0 Government Agency Reports

5.1 Melinda Alatorre, Field Deputy for Councilmember Cedillo, announced that she will be leaving her position. The District Director, Conrado Terrazas, will be her temporary replacement. Ms. Alatore distributed the Spring 2016 edition of 1Voice magazine. In addition, she announced that Elysian Park Avenue between Cesar Chavez and Stadium Way was recently renamed Vin Scully Way. She also acknowledged that the city recognizes that there are still community concerns with the Dodgers traffic issues and are looking into a solution that meets the different needs in the community.

5.2 Becky Lee from Congressman Becerra's office announced that May is Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Their office will be holding community leader and small business owner nominations for this month and will let the Board know when the form is available. In addition, she distributed a resource sheet with contact information of the local elected officials.

6.0 President's Report: By-Laws Ad-Hoc Committee

Alan Kumamoto announced that the latest HCNC By-Laws are dated September 1, 2015. This version is available on the DONE website and is currently being transferred over to the HCNC website. The HCNC website has the July 2010 version of the by-laws. Mr. Kumamoto clarified that the only change by DONE was to ensure that all neighborhood council by-laws follow a uniform format. The content of the HCNC by-laws were not changed, however the HCNC board may still want to propose changes to the by-laws. Mr. Kumamoto asked if any members would be willing to form an ad-hoc committee to review the by-laws and discuss any possible changes to bring back to the board so that they can vote on changes to the by-laws. Once they determine the changes, they will submit to DONE for approval. Laura Velkei started to look into the current by-laws to see if there needs to be potential changes. Ms. Velkei passed out a draft of suggested changes, which included changes that would incentivize board members to regularly attend board meetings and stay throughout the duration of the meeting. Don Toy expressed concerns that some of these potential changes seemed to be targeting specific caucuses more than others.

Board members discussed the formation of the ad-hoc committee. Edmund Soohoo asked to clarify if there is already a standing by-laws committee. Ms. Velkei said that there is a by-laws committee, but it is not currently chaired. She expressed that she is willing to chair it. Mr. Soohoo suggested that the committee should have a representative from each caucus. After some discussion, it was decided that each caucus would have only one member so that there is an equal vote. The following board members volunteered to be a part of the by-laws ad-hoc committee:

- Arts District: Laura Velkei (chair)
- Solano Canyon: Danny Young
- Chinatown: Edmund Soohoo
- Victor Heights: Don Toy
- Little Tokyo: Steve Nagano
- El Pueblo: TBD – Ms. Velkei will follow-up

In addition, Alan Kumamoto will be present at the meeting as an ex-officio and Lydia Moreno will serve as an alternate for Solano Canyon. Alan Kumamoto suggested that the committee meet before the May board meeting. There was a discussion as to whether this would be difficult given the upcoming elections. The Board decided that the committee should attempt to meet to at least get the process started. Mark Rothenberg motioned to approve the formation of the by-laws ad-hoc committee. Edmund Soohoo seconded the motion.

Motion to approve the formation of a By-Laws Ad-Hoc Committee passed.

18 Yay – Unanimously Approved

7.0 Urban Design & Land Use Committee

Mark Rothenberg provided an update on the March UDLUC meeting. There was a presentation about the Union Station Master Plan. In addition, they reviewed presentations about a Master CUP application for the Hudson Pacific Properties, a rooftop restaurant, and a project at 428 Hewitt. All projects were located in the Arts District. Mr. Rothenberg clarified that none of these items need to be voted on by the board at this meeting. Alan Kumamoto also announced that the next meeting will be tomorrow and that there is a location change.

8.0 New Business

8.1. Paul Pescador from the Department of Cultural Affairs introduced two artists who will develop public art installations at the Police Academy as a part of Proposition Q. Both artists, Deborah Schheim and Jacob Yanes, presented the concepts of their work. Ms. Schheim's work is called

“LAPD Yearbook” which will include images of past and current graduating classes as well as contemporary ride alongs in the breakroom area outside of the new training classrooms. Mr. Yanes will be developing an almost life-size steel sculpture of a female police officer in uniform. Yuval Bar-Zemer asked about the funding and budget. Becky Snodgrass from the Department of Cultural Affairs responded that this is funded from the 1% of the construction budget that is dedicated to public art. Ms. Snodgrass also asked if she could receive an informal approval for these projects. All the board members who were still present indicated that they approved the project. Steve Nagano expressed that while he supported the projects, the police academy may not be the most accessible public space for public art. Thom Brennan, the facilities manager for the Police Academy, explained that while there may be times and locations that are inaccessible to the public, in general the facility is open to the public. Mr. Brennan further said that the classrooms are available for public meetings.

8.2. Michael Maier of HUB LA introduced himself as the potential Business Owner representative for the Arts District. His business is located on 830 Traction and says that it is an incubator and co-working space for social entrepreneurs in the area. He explained that he is hoping for the space to be more of a community resource and that they are holding the UD/LUC meeting there tomorrow. The vote to elect him into the board was tabled since there was no quorum at the time.

9.0 President Alan Kumamoto adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

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