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APPROVED  
**General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, Oct 11, 2016, 6:30-8:00 PM**  
**Art Share L.A., 801 E 4th Pl, Los Angeles, CA 90013, United States**

**1.0 Call to Order**

At 6:40 P.M., Meeting called to order.

**2.0 Public Comment & Government Agency Reports**

1.1 CICLAVIA Heart of LA, October 16, 2016, 9am - 4pm

CicLAvia 9-4pm this Sunday. Street Closures throughout DTLA. CicLAvia is working with City and DOT to coordinate closures along route. There is potentially a Dodgers game that day, but we won't know until Thursday. CicLAvia is working with engaging businesses to participate. This is a free event, you don't need a bicycle but Bike Share is an option!

1.2 Allegra Padilla - Heidi Duckler Dance Theatre - the company has a history of 31 years.

They are starting a residency at the King Hing Theatre in Chinatown for month long performances every Saturday. Discount code "Chinatown" for \$20 off.

**3.0 Consent Agenda Items**

3.1 Secretary for Approval of September Minutes

3.2 Treasurer's Report

3.2.1 No Monthly expenses for September

3.2.2 As of 9/30/16 our current checking account balance is \$11,155.22, and as of 10/03/16 HCNC has \$27,724.78 in our city account.

September Minutes presented with no changes, Treasure's report given - no expenses in September.

Yuval Bar-Zemer motions, Laura Velkei seconds

Aye - 18

Nay - 0

Abstain - Don Toy, Hoang Tuong, Ly Chou Tran, Yuan Wai So, Hom Ne Huang

Not present for vote - Norman Nie

#### **4.0 Presidents Report (Alan Kumamoto)**

4.1.1 - Alan - We have an official Empower LA report regarding certification of current HCNC members, so we need to make sure it is listed correctly. Multiple board members raised their hand to express that the current status according to Empower LA is NOT current and reflective of certification status. Don and Angelica will work with Chinatown resident reps to get updated certifications.

4.1.2 - Alan - Homeless Liaison - City would like HCNC to send a rep to bi-monthly homeless advocacy meeting

- Alexandra Leekley - what would they be doing?
- Alan - they want an assigned person to help decide policy for LA regarding Homelessness
- Michael, Matthew and Alexandra volunteered to be homeless liaison on behalf of HCNC

#### **5.0 Committee Reports:**

##### **5.1 First VP: Chair of Action Committee Report: (Dafne Gokcen)**

5.1.1. Tentative meeting dates for Action Committee.

- Dafne Gokcen - if you have funding requests, you need to bring them to action committee, as well as nonprofits and schools can also request.
- Valerie Garcia Hanley - can you please send everyone the forms to fill out?
- Don Toy- Please send notices or fax
- Valerie Garcia Hanley - El Pueblo has a proposal that would ideally be approved by Nov
- Don Toy - We also have some proposals, some for translation, and the sooner the better
- Yuval Bar Zemer - Shall we set meeting date for 10/26?

All agreed to 10/26 Action Committee Meeting.

##### **5.2 Second VP: Chair of Program Committee (Steve Nagano)**

5.2.1 Little Tokyo Sparkle (11/5 Clean up)

Steve Nagano - The city is funding \$1,500 and HCNC is funding \$500 for the clean-up project. Scope of cleanup is from 1st to 3rd street, Los Angeles to Alameda. Other than city, participation and support is also coming from local churches and temples too. Councilman Huizar will supply cleaning tools and maybe power showers, as well as water permits.

##### **5.3 Third VP: Chair of Stakeholders Committee (Laura Velkei)**

###### **5.3.1 Urban Design/Land Use Committee:**

5.3.1.1 Committee Meeting Update (Discussion and Vote)

Laura Velkei - There will be a 6 month cease-work at Central and 1st station. Metro will be coming back to present at LUC to discuss mitigation efforts and updates. LINK US presented four alternatives to Union Station Upgrades. They are trying to add regional tracks to Union Station and make room for future bullet train, however this is a long approval and funding process. LINK US is also discussing mitigation efforts, including better landscaping, parks, and inclusion of local artists.

- LUC Approved Little Jewel CUP license and sent out support letter.
- Alan Kumamoto - There is some discussion regarding renaming “Little Tokyo - Arts District” Station. Metro will be presenting at next LUC meeting to discuss naming Gold Line Station to reflect street intersection location (First/Central)

#### 5.3.1.2 Changes to Standing Rules

Laura Velkei - Leaving voting process for LUC a little open, and will finalize for board review before next meeting

#### 5.3.2 By Laws Committee:

Laura Velkei - I spoke with Jay for 3.5 hours. The current By-laws are totally out of date. The general consensus is that this board is too big. Laura suggests to cut down the size of the board, the first draft of which will be sent out to board members for review. Jay suggested 19 members while Laura suggested 25. One of the questions for the board is whether we want the board to look like the Senate? This way no community, no matter its size, trumps another. Ron Fong suggested we should look more like the House so that it will be more representative of community size. The current update reflects “the House” approach with different seats numbers reflecting size of community. Stakeholder definition will be defined through voting process. Updated draft also amends officers and exec committee roles and definitions. Draft will be sent to everyone, please send back comments and remarks

- Don Toy - can you make sure everyone gets a copy, you can fax it to me but the rest of Chinatown reps won't get it. This is important
- Laura Velkei - we are going to do multiple drafts, and translate after it reaches a more solidified state
- Alan Kumamoto - we will mail it to the registered addresses of board members, and fax you a copy. (213)626-4869
- Laura Velkei - Who is going to be on the by-laws committee?
- Volunteers who raised their hand - Yuval Bar Zemer, Matthew, Don Toy, Hoang Tuong, Ly Chou Tran, Yuan Wai So, Hom Ne Huang,

Angelica Moyes, Norman Nie, Lydia Moreno, Valerie Garcia Hanley

- Laura Velkei - feedback due end of day October 31 on first draft.
- Don Toy - can we have a mid-November deadline so we can translate?
- Laura - no we need to get feedback before Nov board meeting

#### **5.4 Fourth VP: Chair - Early Notifications Committee/ Chair - Hospitality & Refreshments Committee (Yuval Bar-Zemer)**

##### **5.4.1 Board Meeting Location Rotation by Caucus Area**

- Yuval Bar-Zemer - no one really expressed interest to host meetings.
- Alan Kumamoto - As Early Notifications Chair, you will receive agendas for City Committees relevant to issues the HCNC is interested in.
- Yuval Bar-Zemer - I think the best way to do this is for board members to make themselves aware of committee issues they are interested in, and then make recommendations to HCNC board.

## **6.0 Old Business**

### **6.1 HCNC Logo (Discussion and Vote) – Alexandra Leekley**

Alexandra Leekley - After presenting several design options, feedback from last meeting favored option 8. The font family in that design is available for sale on myfont.com, and variations of the same family of fonts can be used on marketing materials.

- Yuval Bar-Zemer - What are next steps?
- Laura Velkei - Work with Tom to lock down logo and look and then move to website and Facebook.
- Norma Garcia - Our current logo has artwork that represents each neighborhood, can we also represent each neighborhood in new logo?
- Lydia Moreno - Can we have same tone/colors scheme and change the font?
- Alan Kumamoto - Is there a way to bring something from the past to integrate into future designs for logo?
- Laura Velkei - Existing logo doesn't print well
- Yuval Bar-Zemer - It's a horrible idea to design by committee, let's just get a couple ideas and then vote on them.
- Michael Maier volunteers to join logo redesign committee.

### **6.2 Solano Canyon Caucus (Discussion and action)**

6.2.1 Update on 9/14 meeting with Councilmember Cedillo's office to discuss the ongoing Dodger's game issue (Lydia Moreno)

6.2.2 Follow up to a 10/6 Echo Park Neighborhood Council Dodgers Ad Hoc Committee meeting re problems with parking, traffic, safety of Dodger events (Lydia Moreno)

6.2.3 Community impact on Solano Canyon of the 2016 baseball season and new concert contract. (Discussion and Vote)

- Lydia Moreno - Solano residents struggle with quality of life issues due to negative impact from Dodgers traffic, concert traffic, and event noise. Solano Representatives have attended multiple series of meetings with CD1 and also the Echo Park
- Neighborhood Council Dodgers Ad Hoc Committee. We recently had our first meeting with Hugo (new field deputy from CD1) and they got Dodgers to host a community meeting 10/12 at 6pm. Echo Park NC also has a Dodgers committee, and they've had it for a long time. We asked if we can join, and CD1 and CD13 were also present. They each expressed their concerns. It seemed like CD13 is representing the affected communities, while to CD1 the Dodgers are also constituents and CD1 also represents them. The effects of Dodger Stadium events are out of control and Solano is being locked in during events. Meanwhile, CD1 blames DOT, DOT blames CD1.
- Laura Velkei - We need to look at the Dodger Stadium CUP and Community Impact Statements. They are in constant violation and this is an enforcement issue. DOT takes money from the Dodgers to regulate traffic flow but it isn't effective.
- Michael Maier- Where is the mayor?
- Laura Velkei - With Council District 13, that's his old seat, but the Stadium is in CD1.
- Steve Nagano - How is DOT getting money from Dodgers?
- Laura Velkei - Anyone who pulls a permit for traffic mitigation, etc, has to pay DOT and LAPD. Rather than doing a reimbursement of costs, it is now a yearly contract.
- Lydia Moreno - Dodger Stadium is also doing concerts, they've had Guns and Roses and Beyonce. If you sign a contract with a major promoter, there needs to be a traffic plan so that residents don't have to deal with it.
- Alan Kumamoto - We need to maintain a lane empty for emergency responders. Please attend meeting 6-7:30 at Stadium Club. Enter through Gate A.

**6.3 Special Presentation to HCNC for 2016 Tanabata Festival Support**  
from Brian Kito - An appreciation gift from last year's Tanabata Festival that HCNC supported. We were also acknowledged in program and banners.

**7.1 New Business**

**7.2 Need a HCNC contact person to follow up with the City of Los Angeles Bureau**

**of Street Services** – BSS has scheduled a Small Asphalt Repairs (SAR) truck for the Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council District to perform small asphalt repairs on **11/16/16** and HCNC needs to submit its top 15 nominations for consideration.

- Alan - We need a contact person for BSS for Small Asphalt Repairs Truck. It patches pot-holes, they want someone to represent HCNC to make sure we can submit our top 15 nominations for pothole repairs.
- Angelica - If each caucus can make recommendations, I can submit on behalf of HCNC
- Alan - This will occur 11/16,
- Lydia - There is a form and the contact person will need to present during repair
- Alan - Deadline for nomination is 11/1

**7.3 Citywide Budget Advocates** “Early White Paper Recommendations” (10/4)  
(See Attachment B) (Discussion and Vote)

- Alan - The city would like HCNC input on the city budget and where money gets distributed- Attachment B is list of recommendations. Does anyone want to represent us in city budget committee?
- Laura - Do we need one?
- Alan - It is a request.

No volunteers

**8.0 Next Meeting Announcements**

**8.1 General Board Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of Month (location TBD)

**8.2 Urban Design/Land Use Committee:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of Month, (location TBD)

LUC will be at SCI-ARC

**8.3 Action Committee** (TBD)

Date - 10/26 Location TBD

**8.4 By Laws Committee** (TBD)

**8.5 Additional Announcements** –

**8.5.1** Valerie - Dia de Los Muertes Festival weekend, will have children’s workshops

**8.5.2** Laura - every Saturday farmers market in AD

**8.5.3** Steve - Nov 11 for Little Tokyo Sparkle - All are welcome!

**9.0 Adjournment: 8:10pm**