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## **General Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 6:30-8:30 PM Casa Italiana 1051 Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Code of Conduct –Stephen Box, Director of Outreach and Communications, requested that anyone that had not signed the Code of Conduct do so before the start of the meeting. Several board members stated they had already taken and submitted to DONE. Some members signed thru Stephen Box' phone

### **Call to Order**

At 6:40 P.M., President Alan Kumamoto called meeting to order with 23 members present and quorum was established. Board Members signed in Attendance Sheet.

Present (24 members): Alan Kumamoto , Alexandra Leekley, Laura Velkei, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Gabriel Owens Flores, George Rollins, Michael Maier, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran, Wai So Yuan, Angelica Lopes-Moyes, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Al Soo Hoo, George Campos, Ron Fong, Stephen Nagano, Matthew Glaser, Danny Young, Lydia Moreno, Dafne Gokcen, Marc Rose (7:20 pm), Don Toy, Greg Kimura

Absent: June Aochi-Berk, John Jason, Ne Huang Hom, Norman Qie Nie, Yvette Grageda, Esther Woojan, Shirley Zhang,

Public/Guests: Sara Hernandez (Congressional Candidate), Anika Ostin, Cindy Tang (Mac for Congress), , Ari Bessendorf (Joe Bray-Ali for City Council), Stephanie Uy (Assembly Jimmy Gomez rep), Phyllis Ling, Andy Vought,

### **1.0 Public Comment & Government Agency Reports (Sign-up sheet – 2-minute limit)**

- 1.1 Sara Hernandez, Congressional Candidate for Xavier Baccera vacant seat has lived in the downtown area for the last 7 years, has the experience –knows policies, procedures and can deliver results
- 1.2 Cindy Tang spoke about Steven Mac Democrat for Congress was born in Chinatown and is away on military assignment.
- 1.3 Ari Bessendorf speaking on behalf of Joe Bray-Ali Candidate for CD 1, looking for support and volunteers
- 1.4 Stephanie Uy, Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez representative, provided update on what is happening in district and state level.

## 2.0 Consent Agenda Items

### 2.1 Approval of October Minutes

### 2.2 Treasurer's Report

#### 2.2.1 Monthly expenses for October

2.2.1.1 10/18/16 US Post Office \$13.10

2.2.1.2 Tom Minkler \$300

#### 2.2.2 Monthly expenses for November

2.2.2.1 11/8 Interpreters Unlimited translation of meetings \$482.40

2.2.2.2 11/4 Web Network- Domain name renewal \$11.99

#### 2.2.3 Monthly expenses for December

2.2.3.1 12/23 - Community Partners - \$2,000 Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Trees (2015-16 Budget). City Attorney approved in December of 2016

### 2.3 Land Use Committee Recommendations

#### 2.3.1 Art Share Los Angeles - Great Streets grant request Arts District Letter of Support

Signage & Branding grant -Committee voted unanimously to support - Letter of support issued per Ex Com due to deadline (Vote needed by full board)

#### 2.3.2 Industrial District Green -grant proposal for the Great Streets Challenge. We are proposing a 'Community Hub' project to address, engage the neighborhood and envision safer streets and alleyways in the Arts District for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Committee voted unanimously to support - Letter of support issued per Ex Com due to deadline (Vote needed by full board)

#### 2.3.3 708 N Hill-site plan review for a new mixed-use 7-story, 162 residential units with 5,000 sf of ground floor commercial and 2.5 levels of subterranean residential parking totaling 249,004 gross sf and 89 feet max height. Letter of Support Applicant returned after speaking with community members. Project is by right and is a solid project. Committee voted unanimously to support. Worked with CCED members and discussed the need to address long term Chinatown development goals developer will continue to work with the community on lighting and additional street activation. Project is by right, ground up on a 10-year vacant lot. Community requested affordable housing. Since the project is by right and the developer will work with them on other issues, the committee felt that forcing AH on a local and one time developer was not the correct approach. (Vote needed by full board)

#### 2.3.4 Factory Place Arts Complex - conditional Use by ZA for on-site sales of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a restaurant Letter of Support Committee voted unanimously to support - Letter of support issued per Ex Com due to deadline (Vote needed by full board)

#### 2.3.5 Iron Triangle Brewery – dance/café permit. The applicant was unresponsive to requests to Committee voted nonsupport letter and Ex Com issued due to time constraints.

**Motion to adopt consent items was made by Laura Velkei and seconded by Alexandra Leekley.**

Votes: Aye (17) No: (3) Ly Chou Tran, Wai So Yuan, , Don Toy

Ineligible (4) : Al Soo Hoo, George Campos, Gabriel Owens, Tuong Hoang

**Motion Approved**

### 3.0 Presidents Report Alan Kumamoto (Discussion and Vote)

#### 3.1 Code of Conduct Policy - Requirement to vote – Alan Kumamoto

- 3.2 President stated that everyone Board Member Certification Update – Laura Velkei  
All Board members should be looking at updates from the DONE office regarding their certification.
- 3.3 HCNC Homelessness Liaison to participate/collaborate with the Mayor’s Office and CD Update – Alan Kumamoto  
DONE is requesting that all councils select a representative; board member will work with city council on ways to engage the community on the Homeless Issues: The County and City departments will partner with stakeholders to help decide policy for LA regarding Homelessness: Michael Maier, Matthew Glaser and Alexandra Leekly volunteered. Additional information will be available as it is received from the Mayor’s office.  
  
Don Toy asked if important documents can be translated and well as the by-laws, President stated there is an agenda item later and translated draft by-laws had been mailed.
- 3.4 HCNC 15 years 04/27/2002 – Alan Kumamoto  
HCNC should consider celebrating our 15 years as a Neighborhood Council in April.
- 3.5 CD 1 Candidates Town Hall February 16, 2017 - Glassell Park Improvement Association sponsorship request \$250 outreach and refreshments – Alan Kumamoto (Discussion and Vote)  
Glassell Park Improvement Association requesting \$250.00 to host CD 1 Town Hall –February 16, 2016-The \$250.00 will be taken from Outreach, The platform will be for all the CD 1 Candiates. HCNC is asked to be a co-sponsor.

**Motion to sponsor the event including \$250 for outreach and refreshments was made by Laura Velkei and seconded by Dafen Gokcen.**

**Votes: Aye: (20) No (0) Ineligible (4) : Al Soo Hoo, George Campos, Gabriel Owens, Tuong Hoang**

**Motion Approved**

**4.0 Committee Reports:**

- 4.1 **First VP: Chair of Action Committee Report:** - Dafne Gokcen
  - 4.1.1 Action Committee Report and Recommendations

**Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Al Soo Hoo recused themselves and left room after making a statement of their involvement with the organizations.**

- 4.1.1.1 Proposed project: Los Posadas (El Pueblo) \$2,000 a family event that has been going on for 76 years and involves entertainment and processions for 9 nights. It is a traditional Mexican event that depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. The event is free to the public. Paperwork is complete (Discussion and Vote-subject to submittal)

**Motion to provide \$2,000 and co-sponsor for the Los Posades was made by Danny Young and seconded by Stephen Nagano.**

**18 Aye, 0 No, 3 Ineligible - Gabriel Owens Flores, George Campos, Tuong Huong  
1 Absent - Al Soo Hoo, 2 Recused- Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley**

## Motion Approved

- 4.1.1.2 Action Committee Report and Recommendations Proposed project: Friends of the Chinese American Museum (El Pueblo) \$1,500 funding for booth and chair rentals and décor at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles Lantern Festival on Saturday, March 4, 2017 All paperwork completed and caucus approval (Discussion and Vote)

**Motion to provide \$1,500 for booth and chair rentals and décor for the Los Angeles Lantern Festival was made by Yuval Bar-Zemer and seconded by Laura Velkei.**

**18 Aye, 0 No, 3 Ineligible - Gabriel Owens Flores, George Campos, Tuong Huong  
1 Recusal - Al Soo Hoo, 2 absent- Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley**

## Motion Approved

### **4.2 Second VP: Chair of Program Committee: Steve Nagano**

- 4.2.1 Little Tokyo Sparkle Report - 11/5 Clean up – Steve Nagano  
The Little Tokyo Sparkle cleanup program was a success and over 220 stakeholders were present. Not enough equipment. Shop owners also assisted, cleaning windows, removing gum, sidewalk cleaning, trash removal. Cleaned from Vignes to the Library fed 250 cleanup volunteers. Thanks to Councilmember Huizar –Beautification Committee for their assistance. The event was videotaped and can be viewed on U-Tube under Little Tokyo Sparkle.
- 4.2.2 Clean Streets LA Challenge Awards Ceremony – January 14, 2017 in City Hall Public Works Chambers at 10 am  
HCNC and Community Partner “Little Tokyo Public Safety Association” will be recognized at the event

### **4.3 Third VP: Chair of Stakeholders Committee: Laura Velkei**

#### **4.3.1 Land Use Committee**

- 4.3.1.1 Land Use Committee Meeting Updates
  - 4.3.1.1.1 **CA High Speed Rail Authority** - the statewide high-speed rail project, focusing on our plans in downtown Los Angeles. Arts District, Chinatown, El Pueblo, Little Tokyo, Solano Canyon, Victor Heights gave an update Public Presentation. There is a 3.7 billion funding that has not been allocated.

#### **4.3.2 By Laws Committee Meeting Update:**

- 4.3.1.1.2 By Laws Committee will meet to review and finalize the recommendations before presenting to the board

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

- 4.4.1 Future Board Meeting Caucus Rotation Locations Update – Yuval Bar Zemer/ Alexandra Leekley  
Volunteers needed to lineup future meeting sites.

### **4.5 Treasurer: (Lydia Moreno)**

- 4.5.1** Revised Budget: Additional \$5,000 added to outreach and/or community projects, HCNC needs to submit a revised budget to City – recommend that \$833.33 of the extra money be used for community projects and allocated to each of the 6 communities (Discussion & Vote)  
Discussion: Asked if Budget can be amended at any time. Treasurer responded yes.

**Motion to make to use the \$5,000 of extra monies for community projects and be allocated to each of the six communities. The motion was made by Dafne Gokcen and seconded by Laura Velkei.**

**Votes: 16 yea, 0 no, 4 abstentions- Angelica Moyes, Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Wai So  
4 ineligible - Gabriel Owens Flores, Al Soo Hoo, George Campos, Tuong Houng**

**Motion Approved**

## **5.0 Old Business**

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

#### **5.1.1** Alternate Logo design – El Pueblo

A draft copy was circulated with a modification of fonts, Each community is responsible for reviewing revisions. Another draft copy available at February meeting

### **5.2 HCNC Brochure**

The question was raised re an HCNC Brochure that was authorized but not completed because one caucus had not provided information

**First VP Dafne Gokcen volunteered to look into the matter and try to complete the project.**

### **5.3 Solano Canyon Caucus Update – Lydia Moreno (Discussion and action)**

#### **5.3.1** Magic Johnson Letter (discussion and vote)

Write a letter to Dodgers owner Magic Johnson regarding the quality of life issues in the surrounding communities, specific to his ownership. State history and request assistance and meeting.

Lydia Moreno representing the Solano Canyon Caucus stated that a letter to Magic Johnson should be considered. A question was asked why write a letter to Magic, Lydia responded that he is 1 of 6 owners and he listens to concerns the community might have. Lydia also mentioned that CD1 has stepped up. The caucus will draft a letter and submit to the board for approval.

**Motion to draft a letter to Magic Johnson regarding the traffic a noise issues related to events at Dodger Stadium. The motion was made by Laura Velkei and seconded by Yuval.**

**23 yea 0 no 1 abstention (Al Soo Hoo)**

**Motion Approved**

## **6.0 New Business**

### **6.1 Chinatown Caucus - Chinese Translation – Angelica Moyes (Discussion and action)**

#### **6.1.1** Chinatown caucus is asking \$4,000 be set aside for Chinese translation

The budget currently includes \$1,000 of administrative funds for translation (TRL)

Motion was made by Angelica Moyes to transfer \$4,000 from Chinatown community projects funds to the translation line item (TRL) in the current budget. Stephen Nagano requested re-statement of the motion. Second by Laura Velkei.

**VOTES: 19 Yea, 1 No- Norma Garcia, 4 ineligible- Gabriel Owens Flores, Al Soo Hoo, George Campos, Tuong Hung. Motion Approved**

**Audience:** Stephen Box wanted to go on record to remind the NC that translation funds come from the administrative line item and not from caucus funds. Box was advised that translation procedure was previously sanctioned in writing by GM of DONE. Box was advised that if he wished to supersede the GM that he should have the City Attorney provide a contrary opinion in writing.

## **6.2 Reflect on 2016 as NC**

**8.2.1 The President asked each caucus to reflect on the past year and the successes and challenges they faced**

## **6.3 Look Towards 2017 - HCNC Future Activities or Projects by Caucus Areas**

**6.4 The President also asked the Caucus members to project what they saw as future issues each caucus wanted to address**

**6.4.1 Arts District**

**6.4.2 Chinatown**

**6.4.3 El Pueblo**

**6.4.4 Little Tokyo**

**6.4.5 Solano Canyon**

**6.4.6 Victor Heights**

**Items regarding reflection of 2016 and future activities and projects by caucus were tabled to next meeting**

## **7.0 Announcements**

- **LA Animal Services** request NC Liaison to assist with department's Strategic Planning and 2017 goals and to establish future meetings and topics
- **Film LA Partnership** opportunities for NC liaisons (Meeting on 01/26/17 LA City Hall Public Works Chambers 6-8pm)
- **NC Purposeful Aging Liaisons** will be meeting 01/31/17 with Aging Department LA City Hall Public Works Chambers 6-8pm

**Various member said they would volunteer and tell Stephen Box directly following the meeting**

## **8.0 Next Meeting**

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

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

**10.3 Action Committee** (TBD)

**10.4 By Laws Committee** (TBD)

## **9.0 Adjournment: 8:00 pm**

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