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Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council



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General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

6:30 - 8:30 pm

**LOCATION: Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (JACCC)
244 S San Pedro St, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call (6:45 pm)

President Alan Kumamoto called meeting to order, V.P. Dafne Gokcen took roll call. 17 board members present.

Present: George Campos, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glacer, Dafne Gokcen, John Jason, Alan Kumamoto, Tran Ly Chou, Lydia Moreno, Angelica Moyes, Steve Nagano, Don Toy, Hoang Tuong, Laura Velkei, Yuan Wai So, and Danny M. Young (17)

Late arrivals: Gabriel Owens-Flores (arrived 7:21pm) Norman Qie Nie (arrived at 8:05pm) (19)

Absent: June Aochi-Berk, Yuval Bar Zemer, Yvette Grageda, Greg Kimura, Alexandra Leekley, Michael Maier, Hom Ne Huang, George Rollins, Marc Rose, Al Soo-hoo, and Xiayi Zhang.

Guests: Lisa Alva, General Jeff, Michael Leonard, Steven Mac, Katherine McNenny, Raymon Mena, Maria Ochoa, Roy Samoon, and Megan Teramoto.

Interpreter: Gin Lynn

2.0 Public Comment & Government Agency Reports

2.1 Steven Mac, candidate for the 34th congressional district, made a statement as to why he is running for office.

2.2 Raymond Mena, Democratic candidate for the 34th congressional district, made a statement as to why he is running for office.

2.3 Michael Leonard, Sr. Government Affairs Representative for Los Angeles World Airports, informed the board of the current LAX \$14 billion modernization program. The proposed Landslide Access Modernization Program would help improve LAX passenger experience, relieve traffic congestion and make LAX a world-class airport.

2.4 Lisa Alva, candidate for LAUSD Board of Education, made a statement as to why she is running for office.

3.0 Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve January 10, 2017 minutes, January Treasurer's Monthly Expense Report, was made by Steve Nagano and seconded by Matthew Glasser. (12 Yes, 3 No – Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Wau So Yuan, 2 Ineligible-Hoang Toung, George Campos, 2 Absent (late) - Gabriel Owens-Flores, Norman Qie Nie).

4.0 Presidents Report – President's report and announcements made by Alan Kumamoto.

- 4.1 CD 1 Candidates Town Hall February 16, 2017 Announcement - Glassell Park Improvement Association, HCNC is a sponsor please be sure to attend
- 4.2 Brown Act provisions & Board protocol and best practice, HCNC to post board meeting announcement or Agenda within 72 hours prior to meeting.
- 4.3 Finance Training: 2/15/17 City Hall, 20th floor, from 6-9pm
- 4.4 Motion to send letter to DONE, City Attorney, LANC and BONC requesting the HCNC be transferred to an alternate City Attorney Staff Member. Motion to send letter made by Laura Velkie, seconded by Danny M. Young (15 yes, 2 ineligible Hoang Toung, George Campos).

5.0 Committee Reports:

- 5.1 **First VP: Chair of Action Committee Report:** - Updates presented by Dafne Gokcen.
 - 5.1.1 Action Committee Update – Next meeting scheduled on 3/18/17 at 6:30pm at Koban.
 - 5.1.2 HCNC Brochure Update – No update.
- 5.2 **Second VP: Chair of Program Committee:** Steve Nagano, no update.
- 5.3 **Third VP: Chair of Stakeholders Committee:** Laura Velkei
 - 5.3.1 **Land Use Committee**
 - 5.3.1.1 Motion to approve a letter of support to LAPD Commissioners re: Iron Triangle, CIS and ABC follow up, made by Laura Velkei, seconded by Matthew Glaser, all present voted yes (16 yes, 3 ineligible -Norman, Hoang Toung, George Campos).
 - 5.3.1.2 Motion to approve letter of support for Cafe Crepe in Chinatown, CIS, made by Laura Velkei, Seconded by Danny M. Young, all present voted yes (16 yes, 3 ineligible - Norman Qie Nie, Hoang Toung, George Campos)
 - 5.3.1.3 Motion to approve letter of support for Arts District E4 LLC, CIS, made by Laura Velkei, Seconded by Dafne Gokcen, all present voted yes (16 yes, 3 ineligible - Norman Qie Nie, Hoang Toung, George Campos).
 - 5.3.2 **By Laws Committee Meeting Update** – Laura Velkei
Committee is working on a draft report to present to the board next month as to what should be the criteria for candidates and which regions vote for and are represented by those candidates.
 - 5.3.3 **Elections and Online Voting Motion** – Laura Velkei
DONE sent out email with proposal to promote online voting for neighborhood council elections. Motion made by Don Toy, seconded by Angelica Moyes to table the proposal until next board meeting, to allow board to review the proposal (16 yes, 3 ineligible - Norman Qie Nie, Hoang Toung, George Campos).

5.4 Fourth VP: Chair - Early Notifications Committee/ Chair - Hospitality & Refreshments Committee (Yuval Bar-Zemer) – absent/no update.

5.4.1 Future Board Meeting Caucus Rotation Locations Update

Meeting Location Schedule

- March in the Arts District at Arts Share, volunteering John Jason.
- April Meeting to take place in Chinatown, at the LAPL.
- May board meeting to take place in Victor Heights at the Kaiser Facility on Figueroa Terrace.

5.5 Treasurer - Lydia Moreno

5.5.1 NPG Updates – Two neighborhood purpose grants submitted; One needed a signature and the second one had a conflict of interest since the board member had not checked the box “if they had or had not contacted the City Attorney’s office”. Board members are reminded to contact the City Attorney’s office and check the correct boxes on the forms detailing that conflict.

5.5.2 Laura Velkei made Motion to approve payments to:

- Casa Italiana - \$400 for board meetings on 9/13/16 and 1/10/2017
- JACC - \$243.75 for February 2/14 board meeting

This motion was seconded by Danny Young (15 yes, 4 ineligible- Campos, Hoang, Nie, Owens-Flores).

Treasurer reminded board members to be mindful of board member eligibility training requirements and reminded the board that a group of board members present were not eligible to vote because they lacked training according to the Empower LA website. These members are: George Campos, Norman Q, Gabriel Owens-Flores (youth- funding only) and Hoang Tuong.

Members of the Chinatown caucus stated Mr. Tuong, along with the rest of the board members present tonight were present at the city conducted Ethics training held at the Chinatown Library in December. Board was informed that the interpreter at tonight’s meeting attend and translated for the December training held at the Chinatown Library and could vouch for Mr. Tuong. Angelica Moyes presented a digital copy of the certificate to treasurer Moreno. Board member Angelica Moyes was asked to forward the certificate to the NC email so the corrections could be made.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 HCNC Logo (Update) – Valerie Garcia-Hanley

6.1.1 Alternate Logo design – El Pueblo – Artist “Daviil” presented his concept for an HCNC Logo.

6.2 Little Tokyo Caucus – Ron Fong

6.2.1 HCNC Overlapping Boundaries with proposed Skid Row Neighborhood Council. Motion to table vote to next board meeting made by Ron Fong, seconded by Steve Nagano (15 yes 4 ineligible- George Campos, Norman Qie Nie, Hoang Toung, Gabriel Owens-Flores).

6.2.2. The Plan to not demolish the Parker Center and declare it a historic monument as part of LA Civic Center Master Development Plan B3 option is no longer being considered by City

Council, thus, no vote is required by HCNC.

7.0 New Business

7.1 NC Liaison Reports

- 7.1.1 **Homeless** – No update.
- 7.1.2 **LA Animal Services** – No update.
- 7.1.3 **Film LA** – No Update.
- 7.1.4 **Purposeful Aging Liaisons** – Angelica Moyes, no update.

7.2 Caucus Reports

(Caucus Reflection on 2016 & Future Activities or Projects by Caucus Areas)

- 7.2.1 **Arts District** – Laura Velkei mentioned the development plan of former Yohan Plaza, a 1,000-unit proposal on border with Little Tokyo
- 7.2.2 **Chinatown** – Hoang Tuong thru interpreter – mentioned that homeless are coming into Chinatown and affecting the community, as they do not follow good sanitation and hygiene practices. It is difficult for residents to report this, as reports are only available in English. Tran Ly Chou thru interpreter – Resident in Chinatown, would like to request for proposal for more affordable senior housing to avoid homelessness among seniors.
- 7.2.3 **El Pueblo** – Norma Garcia – stated businesses at El Pueblo Olvera Street business district are paying more on property taxes, than home property taxes. She also stated businesses are experiencing an influx of homeless in the area, especially using the public restrooms as showers during business hours.
- 7.2.4 **Little Tokyo** - George Campos – the following projects are currently under development; a) Regional connector working with Metro and the negative impact on businesses b) condominiums being developed, c) 1st street North Museum project d) problem with 2nd and Alameda traffic flow, e) homeless population seem to be targeting the elderly in the area, this is a concern for area residents f) DASH is talking about changing their route, they want to truncate current route, stopping somewhere in Alameda or Central area.
- 7.2.5 **Solano Canyon** - Danny Young – Graffiti an ongoing issue in Solano Canyon, as well as traffic around Dodger Stadium. People continue to drive through the neighborhood streets. Gabriel Owens requested NC make recommendation to Waze regarding daily traffic routes and Dodger game traffic directing vehicles thru small streets in the Solano Canyon community.
- 7.2.6 **Victor Heights** – Don Toy – Community Garden is underway; 60 volunteers have been recruited to work in the garden. Property owners are planting trees in their properties as part of a neighborhood beautification project.

7.3 DONE training

Angelica Moyes has been attending the three-session training

8.0 Announcements

- Saturday, February 18, 2017 at JACCC at 2 pm all are welcome to come and Celebrate Day of Remembrance.
- Resident of Solano Canyon were surprised by the closed off streets on Sunday, February 12, 2017 due to the Fire Cracker run. Neither the caucus nor NC board members were notified or announcements were made to residents in advance. Caused aggravation in the community, residents were locked in, could not enter or exit and prevented parishioners from attending the local churches of Solano Canyon: San Conrado Mission, Saint Peters and Young Nak on Broadway.

9.0 Next Meeting

- 9.1 General Board Meeting:** March 14th, 2017 at Art Share in the Arts District.
- 9.2 Urban Design/Land Use Committee:** 3rd Wed of Month, (location TBD)
- 9.3 Action Committee** (TBD)
- 9.4 By Laws Committee** (TBD)

10.0 Adjournment (8:33pm)