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General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

5:30 - 7:50 pm (special time)

LOCATION: Los Angeles Public Library: Chinatown Branch
639 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

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1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call (5:30 PM)

President Alan Kumamoto called meeting to order at 5:37pm, V.P. Dafne Gokcen took roll call. 23 board members present.
Present: June Aochi-Berk, Yuval Bar Zemer, George Campos, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Dafne Gokcen, Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Phyllis Ling, Tran Ly Chou, Lydia Moreno, Angelica Moyes, Hom Ne Huang, Norman Qie Nie, George Rollins, Marc Rose, Al Soo Hoo, Don Toy, Hoang Tuong, Laura Velkei, and Danny M. Young, Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang (23).

Absent: Matthew Glaser, John Jason, Greg Kimura, Michael Maier, Gabriel Owens Flores, Yuan Wai So, Steve Nagano,
Guests: Mario Hernandez, Geoff Yamamoto, Lynn Nakamura, Tom Dromgoole, Alvin Kato, Mo Nishida, Denise Yamamoto, Kristen Fukushima, Drake Morinaka, Hari Kim, and Maria Ochoa.

2.0 Public Comment & Government Agency Reports

President Alan Kumamoto asked if anyone wanted to make a general comment of an item not on the agenda since we will take comments when agenda items as they come up.

- 2.1 Tom Dromgoole of Teramachi Senior Condominiums on 3rd and San Pedro spoke about homeless in Little Tokyo and increase in crime and vandalism. They had increased problems with intruders in building and wanted to express general concerns over safety.
- 2.2 Heidi Kim from Coalition to Prevent Alcohol-related Harms in LA is having an event in June in Chinatown and is going to have a youth event with art and storytelling. (Heidi handed out flyers to the board)
- 2.3 Drake Morinaka – 4th generation Japanese American, Student Ambassador for Monterey Park Sister Cities came and wants to support Little Tokyo efforts.

3.0 Consent Calendar

Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and can be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a board member or the general public so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately:

3.1 Secretary for Approval of Minutes

- 3.1.1 Minutes of March 14, 2017 Board Meeting
- 3.1.2 Minutes of March 28, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- 3.1.3 Approval March 2017 Monthly Expense Report (MER)

Motion to approve the March Meeting minutes and March Monthly Expense Report removing item 3.2.1.

translations until further investigation on the procedures followed. Motion made by Don Toy seconded by Angelica Moyes. (19 Yes, 1 Abstain: Lydia Moreno, 3 Ineligibles: Norman Qie Nie, Al Soo-Hoo, Hoang Tuong), Motion Passed.

4.0 Presidents Report - Alan Kumamoto (Discussion and Action)

- 4.1** Echo Park NC Boundaries overlap with HCNC on Everett
Legal indicated that the board should investigate the reason for the original boundaries, to make sure that the overlap at Everett street is at a public park. Referred to Mario Hernandez for follow up
- 4.2** Parliamentarian appointment: Phyllis Ling volunteered.
Motion to approve Phyllis Ling as Parliamentarian made by George Rollins and seconded by Don Toy (22 Yes, Phyllis Ling, Abstained) Motion Passed.
- 4.3** Request from Little Tokyo Public Safety Association (project manager from Little Tokyo Sparkle 2 on May 13) for HCNC to co-sponsor and request free parking from LA city Lot 7 and 2.
Motion to request the free parking from LA city made by Dafne Gokcen and seconded by Danny M Young (23 Yes), Motion Passed.
- 4.4** Public Records Act (PRA) information from City Attorney
President is following up on recent PRA request in conjunction with Mario Hernandez and City Attorney's office.
- 4.5** Update: 15 Year Anniversary Pins (to be distributed to members who have not received)
- 4.6** Update: Proposed Skid Row Neighborhood Council was defeated by a 62 vote margin (unofficially) with the results still needing to be certified

5.0 Committee Reports:

5.1 First VP: Chair of Action Committee Report: - Dafne Gokcen

5.1.1 Meeting April 5, 2017

(All funds need to be approved by May Board Meeting)

- 5.1.1.1** Visual Communications Media - \$1,200 for LA Asian Pacific Film Festival, "Bronzeville". (Little Tokyo)
Motion to provide \$1200 in funding for LA Asian Pacific Film Festival made by Dafne Gokcen (Action Committee Rep), seconded by George Rollins (20 Yes, 3 Ineligibles: Norman Qie Nie, Al Soo-Hoo, Hoang Tuong), Motion Passed.
- 5.1.1.2** Special Services for Groups - \$1,500 for Kizuna Summer Camp. (Little Tokyo)
Motion to provide \$1500 in funding for Kizuna Summer Camp made by Dafne Gokcen (Action Committee Rep), seconded by Marc Rose. (20 Yes, 3 Ineligible: Norman Qie Nie, Al Soo-Hoo, Hoang Tuong), Motion Passed.
- 5.1.1.3** Castelar Elementary School - \$1,000 for a garden for students. (Chinatown)
Motion to provide \$1000 in funding for Castelar Elementary School made by Dafne Gokcen (Action Committee Rep), seconded by Don Toy. (19 Yes, 3 Ineligible: Norman Qie Nie, Al Soo-Hoo, Hoang Tuong, 1 Recused Angelica Moyes - she is a parent at the school). Motion Passed

5.2 Treasurer: (Lydia Moreno)

5.2.1 NPG Updates: 3 approval of NPGs

5.2.2 Board Approval to pay

- 5.2.2.1.** JACCC \$243.75 February 2/14 board meeting and \$243.75 March 3/28 special board meeting
- 5.2.2.2.** Art Share for 3/14 board meeting \$200.00
Motion to approve payments made by Don Toy, seconded by Ron Fong. (19 Yes, 3 Ineligible: Norman Qie Nie, Al Soo-Hoo, Hoang Tuong), Motion Passed.

5.2.3 REMINDER: All projects must be in by June 1st.

- 5.2.3.3 June 1, 2017 - Last day to submit a Funding Request Form (FRF) to Funding Program
- 5.2.3.4 June 7, 2017 - Last day to issue a Union Bank Account online check payment
- 5.2.3.5 June 11, 2017 - Last day to use the NC Bank Card

5.3 Third VP: Chair of Stakeholders Committee: Laura Velkei

5.3.1 Urban Design Land Use Committee 3/15 Meeting Update

- 5.3.1.3 Arts District Center - Kevin Chen
- 5.3.1.4 Arts District Brewery - Eric Needleman – letter

Public Comments: Lynn Nakamura – Sees a lot of people by her church drunk, having sex, and feels this has increased because of the increased of bar establishments in the area.

Motion to approve letter of support for the Arts District Brewery for extended hours with community comments and concerns in the letter made by Laura Velkei, seconded by Danny Young. (9 Yes, 7 opposed, 3 Abstains, 3 Ineligibles; Norman Qie Nie, Al Soo-Hoo, Hoang Tuong, 1 Recused: Dafne Gokcen, due to the applicant being a client of Ms. Gokcen's workplace), Motion Passed

T-Mobile Tower – letter

Motion to approve letter of support for Cell Phone Tower was made by Laura Velkei, seconded by Lydia. (17 Yes, 3 Ineligibles; Norman Qie Nie, Al Soo-Hoo, Hoang Tuong, 2 Recused Yuval Bar Zemer owner of property where tower will be built and Alexandra Leekly works for Yuval, 1 opposed, Marc Rose). Motion Passed.

- 5.3.1.5 Special Presentation on the Arts District Park- 6th St Viaduct
- 5.3.1.6 Balour AMP Loft Project update – presentation only
- 5.3.1.7 Balour Palmetto Project – presentation only
- 5.3.1.8 2130 Violet Environmental update

5.3.2 By Laws Committee Update

(REMINDER: Draft By-Laws need to be received by DONE by May 1, 2017)
The draft By Laws changes include comments received by March 21, 2017

Motion to approve support of By Laws as amended made by George Rollins seconded by Lydia Moreno. (9 Yes-Yuval Bar Zemer, Dafne Gokcen, Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Lydia Moreno, George Rollins, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Xiayi Shirley Zhang. 12 oppose, 2 Abstain). Motion Failed.

5.3.2.3 HCNC Internal Boundaries Amendment - Little Tokyo and Arts District

President Alan Kumamoto stated Arts District and Little Tokyo Caucuses have a joint meeting scheduled for April 24, 2017. Because we have so many people wanting to comment I'll allow George Campos to make his presentation and recommendations to the board regarding Little Tokyo.

George Campos made a presentation on why the boundaries of Little Tokyo should be amended to correct the bid boundary split at Alameda for HCNC Council. There are significant businesses and cultural areas of significance on both East and West Alameda. The request is to combine both sides of Little Tokyo into a uniform area.

Public Comments:

Geoffrey Yamamoto: Church member of Little Tokyo, requesting, time to rectify this mistake, time to recognize Little Tokyo's original boundaries.

Tom Dromgoole: Resident of Teramachi, Sr. Citizen's Board. Want to keep Little Tokyo as it has been Historically.

Alvin Kato: Business owner, want to keep Little Tokyo as the original bid boundaries.

Lynn Nakamura: St. Francis Xavier Church, simply asking for the original boundaries.

Mo Nishida: Developers recreated the boundaries without looking at the history, would like to keep Little Tokyo to go back to the original boundaries.

Denise Yamamoto: Family is from Little Tokyo, she grew up in Little Tokyo, she went to Maryknoll School. She did not realize until recently that the boundaries had been redrawn. She would like for Little Tokyo to go back to its original boundaries.

Kristen Fukushima: Managing Director of a Local Nonprofit in Little Tokyo, asking for the boundaries to reflect the reality of the neighborhood and history of Little Tokyo.

Drake Morinaka: 4th Generation Japanese, asking to please not separate Little Tokyo, recognize Little Tokyo and were removed from area.

June Aochi-Berk – Grew up in Little Tokyo, went to concentration camp when she was ten years old. She hopes her family will continue to support Little Tokyo.

At this time the library is closing so need to adjourn and no Board motion so Alan Kumamoto reminded the board and the public of the open meeting between the two caucuses (Arts District and Little Tokyo) on April 24th, 2017.

5.4 Fourth VP: Chair - Early Notifications Committee/ Chair Hospitality & Refreshments Committee (Yuval Bar-Zemer)
Future locations (Discussion and Vote)

6.0 Old Business

6.1 HCNC Logo (Update)

President Alan Kumamoto gave digital copy of logo to Norma Garcia

7.0 New Business

8.0 Announcements

Mario Hernandez representing DONE made the following comments/reminders to the HCNC Board:

Important dates:

Funding Dates: June 1st, June 2nd, June 11th (Marked in the Agenda)

April 17th – Home Necessity Youth at the Long Beach Auditorium

April 2nd – Site Visit to the Shelters

May 1st – By Laws Due

3 Board Members still need to complete Funding and Ethics Training

9.0 Next Meeting

9.1 General Board Meeting: 2nd Tues of Month (location TBD)

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: 7:59 PM

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