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JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: St Francis Xavier Japanese Catholic Church (Maryknoll)
222 S. Hewitt Street. Los Angeles, CA

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1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call (6:35 p.m.)

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

Present (17): Yuval Bar-Zemer, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Alan Kumamoto, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young.

Late Arrivals (3): Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang (6:40 p.m.), Al Soo-Hoo (6:40 p.m.), and George Campos (7:17 p.m.).

Absent (11): June Aochi-Berk, John Jason, Alexandra Leekley, Tran Ly Chou, Angelica Moyes, Hom Ne Huang, Norman Qui Nie, George Rollins, Don Toy, Hoang Tuong, and Yuan Wai So.

Guests: Mary Kim, Empower LA; Paul Henley, El Pueblo; Mike Obegean, Apex Lit; Steve Regen, Inko Nito; Lynn Nakamura, St. Francis; Chris Kokawa, Perfect Parking; Megan Teramoto, CD14; Tyler Stonebraker, Creative Sparkle; Darcy Harris, Echo Park NC; Clay Bush, Everett Street; Geoff Yamamoto, Maryknoll SFXCJCC; and Maria Ochoa.

2.0 Public Comment & Government Agency Reports (Sign-Up Sheet – 2-Minute Limit)

None

3.0 Consent Calendar (Discussion and Vote)

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 (Discussion and Vote)

3.1.1 June Minutes of Board Meeting

3.2 Approval of June 2017 Monthly Expense Report (MER) (Discussion and Vote)

Dafne Gokcen motioned to approve consent calendar. Laura Velkei seconded the motion. Vote on motion to approve as is was made (18 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Ineligible). Motion to approve consent calendar passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Alan Kumamoto, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

4.0 President's Report – Alan Kumamoto (Discussion and Action)

4.1 Under Old Business, Echo Park NC and HCNC Boundaries Discussion and Under New Business, Election of Officers for 2017-18 with Orientation and Swearing in by Empower LA Advocate Mary Kim

New officers will be elected tonight and sworn in by Mary Kim.

4.2 Budget Package 2017-18 and Finance Training

Finance training completed by Alan Kumamoto and Lydia Moreno.

Submitted budget package to the city and completed training so funds should be released by city for FY 17-18

4.3 PRA Response Sent to City Attorney Carmen Hawkins

Submitted PRA response to City Attorney for review and action.

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 Treasurer – Lydia Moreno

5.1.1 NPG Updates

All projects were approved and all the checks were cut. All money was spent except \$10.85.

5.1.2 Board Approval to Pay (Discussion and Vote)

5.1.2.1 Languages 4 You Translation Agency - \$240.00 for onsite interpreter at June 13th board meeting – Taiwanese, Cantonese interpreter.

Dafne Gokcen motioned to approve payment for 5.1.2.1, Valerie Garcia-Hanley seconded. Vote to approve (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Alan Kumamoto, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

5.2 First VP: Chair of Action Committee Report – Dafne Gokcen

5.2.1 Action Committee did not meet, in between fiscal years (no report)

Recommend to meet prior to next (September) general meeting.

5.2.2 Shakespeare Center requested \$2,000 for youth scholarships for local high schools, funding for Macbeth at the Lummis House from Outreach budget (Discussion and Vote)

Laura Velkei asked to take the funds evenly from each community (\$333 each), rather than Outreach. Dafne Gokcen stated that outreach was chosen because it will affect all of the communities. Laura Velkei then motioned to support the project with \$2,000 in funds from Outreach. Matthew Glaser seconded. Vote to approve was made (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Alan Kumamoto, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

5.3 Second VP: Chair of Programs – Steve Nagano

No Report

5.4 Third VP: Chair of Stakeholders Committee – Laura Velkei

5.4.1 Urban Design Land Use Committee (Discussion and Vote)

Coalition to Preserve LA (CPLA) came in to discuss ways for communities to hold city accountable. CPLA wanted to force themselves into the meetings, but the Land Use Committee disagreed with this approach. CPLA discussed coming back to the next meeting to discuss another approach.

(Letters of Support – All unanimous by committee)

5.4.1.1 Letter of Support for Rockhill Holdings

Dafne Gokcen recused herself because she had worked on previous projects at this site. Hold to 11 p.m. outdoors and specified spaces. 2 Restaurants. Laura Velkei made the motion to support. Yuval Bar-Zemer seconded. Vote to approve (17 Yes, 0 No, 1 Ineligible, 1 Recused). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Greg Kimura, Alan Kumamoto, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Recused: Dafne Gokcen

The committee discussed the Vargas mural. Mr. Vargas, however, did not show up. Some representatives did attend, including a representative for CD14. Committee stated that the Vargas mural did not follow the proper process or application. Committee drafted letter as decided at the last meeting.

5.4.1.2 Letter of Support for Firehouse Hotel

General Plan change for hotel use, with restaurant and dance. Laura Velkei motioned to approve letter of support. Yuval Bar-Zemer seconded. Vote to approve (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Alan Kumamoto, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

5.4.1.3 Letter of Support for Pali Wine

Wine Tasting room in the Arts District. Sidewalk seating to end at 10 p.m. Laura Velkei motioned to approve letter of support. Michael Maier seconded. Vote to approve (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Alan Kumamoto, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

5.4.1.4 Letter of Support for Inko Nito

Japanese restaurant agreed to normal conditions (outdoor till 11 p.m., enterprise zone, etc.). Laura Velkei motioned to approve letter of support. Yuval Bar-Zemer seconded. Vote to approve (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Alan Kumamoto, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Two other projects came before the committee asking for support: Shoreland Capital and Chinatown Station. The committee is asking both applicants to have further discussions with the community. The committee will meet with both applicants individually.

LADOT Vision Zero requested HCNC attend public hearing on 7/12/17 to discuss planned improvements to Temple Street between Beverly Boulevard and Beaudry Avenue. Hearing will be held at Echo Park Recreation Center, 1632 Bellevue Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90026 from 5 to 7 p.m. HCNC is not part of the area being affected.

August 26th - El Pueblo Metro Notification. There is also a proposal for lane reductions on Alameda Street by El Pueblo, which is within the HCNC boundaries. Hearing dates and locations for this project TBD.

5.4.2 By Laws Committee Update (Discussion and Vote)

5.4.2.1 HCNC Internal Boundaries Amendment Update – Little Tokyo and Arts District

No update.

5.5 Fourth VP: Chair - Early Notifications Committee/ Chair - Hospitality & Refreshments Committee – Yuval Bar-Zemer

5.5.1 Future Locations (Discussion and Vote)

No update.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Echo Park NC and HCNC Boundaries Discussion

6.1.1 Reported at April Board meeting, referred to Mario Hernandez, continued to May Board meeting, and transferred to Mary Kim

6.1.1.1 April Minutes – Presidents Report – Alan Kumamoto (Discussion and Action)

Echo Park NC Boundaries overlap with HCNC on Everett Street.

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.

6.1.1.2 *May Minutes – Presidents Report – Alan Kumamoto (Discussion and Action)*

Echo Park NC Boundaries Clarification referred to Mario Hernandez and/or Mary Kim – Update. Received the application for an update to the boundary and it is in review, but Mary Kim stated that it was unlikely to be approved given the opposition and weak outreach to HCNC.

Mary Kim provided update – Department is completing citywide boundaries evaluations to clarify boundaries for all neighborhood councils. Mary Kim will convene meeting to discuss boundaries.

Darcy Harris, Echo Park NC stated that their internal and external boundary descriptions are different and thus boundaries are questionable.

Clay Bush, an Everett Street property owner, stated that it doesn't make sense that the boundary is running down the center of the road. The properties on both sides of the street were originally a part of the Angelino Heights tract. Property owner requests that the boundary be moved away from Everett Street.

6.2 HCNC Logo (Update) (Discussion and Vote)

6.2.1 Alternative Logo design – El Pueblo

Digital file in process, logo will be placed on bags.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Nomination of Board Members (Discussion and Vote)

7.1.1 Arts District Caucus Nominates: Vivian Um for Arts District Resident Representative to replace George Rollins (2018)

Laura Velkei motioned to support Vivian Um for the Arts District Resident Representative to replace George Rollins. Yuval Bar-Zemer seconded the motion. Vote to approve (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Alan Kumamoto, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

7.1.2 Arts District Caucus Nominates: Dori Keller for At Large Employee Representative to replace Mark Rothenberg's vacant seat (2018)

Laura Velkei motioned to support Dori Keller for the At Large Representative to replace Mark Rothenberg. Valerie Garcia-Hanley stated that she would like to talk with Dori Keller prior to vote as it is an at large seat. Valerie Garcia-Hanley motioned to table this to the next meeting. Matthew Glaser seconded the motion. Vote to approve (15 Yes, 3 No, 1 Ineligible). Subject tabled till next meeting.

Yes: Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Alan Kumamoto, Phyllis Ling, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

No: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Michael Maier, Irina Valkov

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

7.2 Election of Officers for 2017-18 with an Orientation and Swearing in by Empower LA Advocate Mary Kim (Discussion and Vote)

7.2.1 Nomination for President

Dafne Gokcen called for motion to elect board President. Ron Fong motioned to elect Alan Kumamoto for Board President. Lydia Moreno seconded the motion. Vote to approve (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Recused, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, George Campos, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Recused: Alan Kumamoto

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

7.2.2 Nomination for First Vice President – Chair Action Committee

Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang motioned to elect Dafne Gokcen for First Vice President. Laura Velkei seconded the motion. Vote to approve (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Recused, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Alan Kumamoto, George Campos, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Greg Kimura, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Recused: Dafne Gokcen

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

7.2.3 Nomination for Second Vice President – Chair of Program Committee

Steve Nagano motioned to elect Matthew Glaser for Second Vice President. Dafne Gokcen seconded the motion. Vote to approve (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Recused, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Alan Kumamoto, George Campos, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Recused: Matthew Glaser

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

7.2.4 Nomination for Third Vice President – Chair of the Stakeholdership Committee

Yuval Bar-Zemer motioned to elect Laura Velkei for Third Vice President. Dafne Gokcen seconded the motion. Vote to approve (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Recused, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Alan Kumamoto, George Campos, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Recused: Laura Velkei

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

7.2.5 Nomination for Fourth Vice President – Chair of the Early Notification System (ENS) Committee and Chair of the Hospitality and Refreshment Committee

Laura Velkei motioned to elect Yuval Bar-Zemer for Fourth Vice President. Marc Rose seconded the motion. Vote to approve (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Recused, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Alan Kumamoto, George Campos, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Phyllis Ling, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Recused: Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

7.2.6 Nomination for Recording Secretary

Lydia Moreno motioned to elect Phyllis Ling for Recording Secretary. Danny M. Young seconded the motion. Vote to approve (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Recused, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Alan Kumamoto, George Campos, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Michael Maier, Lydia Moreno, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Recused: Phyllis Ling

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

7.2.7 Nomination for Treasurer

Valerie Garcia-Hanley motioned to elect Lydia Moreno for Treasurer. Norma Garcia seconded the motion. Vote to approve (18 Yes, 0 No, 1 Recused, 1 Ineligible). Motion passed.

Yes: Yuval Bar-Zemer, Alan Kumamoto, George Campos, Ron Fong, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Matthew Glaser, Dafne Gokcen, Greg Kimura, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Steve Nagano, Gabriel Owens-Flores, Marc Rose, Laura Velkei, Irina Valkov, Danny M. Young, and Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang.

Recused: Lydia Moreno

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

7.2.8 Nomination for Historian

No nominations for Historian. The bylaws state that the Historian is appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The role of the Historian is to keep a careful record of all activities in a suitable book.

7.2.9 Committee Chair appointments

Mary Kim spoke for a few minutes prior to swearing in, speaking about expectations for HCNC. Mary Kim then recited the Neighborhood Oath and swore in newly elected HCNC officers.

8.0 Announcements

8.1 Summer Meetings

There will not be a general board meeting in August as previously discussed.

As there is no meeting in August, Alan asked the Executive Committee to meet to plan the rest

of the year. He proposed the Koban on August 8th.

Next general board meeting is on September 12th, location TBD.

8.2 Arts District

Request for donations to Fukushima Victims. May not be legal for HCNC to donate to foreign charity. Before any action, HCNC will consult with City Attorney.

8.3 Chinatown – No Announcements

8.4 El Pueblo – No Announcements

8.5 Little Tokyo – Fundraising for Fukushima

8.6 Solano Canyon

Dodger weekend concert events. Lydia Moreno and Laura Velkei have been attending Echo Park meetings with ongoing discussions regarding Dodger Stadium traffic.

This is the last meeting for Gabriel Owens-Flores, the At Large Youth Rep., from Solano Canyon. He will be going to college on the east coast, so HCNC wishes him well.

8.7 Victor Heights – Planning Neighborhood Block Party

HCNC requests announcements with JPGs or PDFs to allow HCNC to post events to the Facebook page and to email blasts.

9.0 Adjournment: 7:59 p.m.

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