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Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Casa Italiana
1051 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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1 — Call to Order & Roll Call (6:39 p.m.)

President Alan Kumamoto called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. 23 board members were present. Alan Kumamoto reviewed the rules of public comment, the order that items will be discussed, and stated that due to the size of group, public comments would be limited to one minute. Alan Kumamoto also read the City of Los Angeles removal warning notice.

Present (23): Al Soo-Hoo, Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer.

Late Arrivals (2): George Campos (6:45 p.m.), Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang (6:42 p.m.).

Absent (4): Matthew Glaser, Dori Keller, Marc Rose, Irina Valkov.

Guests: Mary Kim, Empower LA; Geoffrey Yamamoto, SFXCJCC; Kristin Fukushima, LTCC; Debra Scacco, AIR LACI; Tim Mok; Dominique Zumwalt; Norm Kokawa, SFXCJCC; and Maria Ochoa.

2 — Public Comment & Government Agency Reports (Sign-Up Sheet – 1-Minute Limit) (6:43 p.m.)

Danny Wang from Assembly Member Wendy Carrillo's office - Introduced herself.

Sean Finn of Universal Waste Systems (UWS) / recyclA – Introduced himself and the company as the new waste/recycling hauler in Northeast LA area (including Solano Canyon, Victor Heights, El Pueblo, and Chinatown) servicing commercial, industrial, and multifamily apartment buildings (5+ units). Commented about the addition of recycling bin to their service zones that was not previously available.

Laura Velkei asked about the selection of UWS, and how the city awarded these contracts. Sean Finn replied that the City of LA is split into eleven different service zones, and seven different haulers were awarded the right to service the various zones. The reduction of the potential vendors to seven was created by City Council ordinance. AB 341 and AB 1826 requires that recycling be available at all commercial sites that produce more than 3 or 4 cu ft. Alan Kumamoto noted that the City Council is considering doing away with this program due to complaints. Vivian Um stated that as a business owner her rent increased \$400 per month due to this new program. Sean Finn recommended that customers contact their vendor to do a “waste assessment” of impact with the new system.

Alan Kumamoto asked Sean Finn to come back to a future meeting, and stated that requests for additional speakers, including a representative from the City and NASA (waste hauler for Little Tokyo/Arts District), will be directed to Matthew Glaser, 2nd VP in charge of program speakers.

Debra Scacco of AIR at LACI – Thank you for the support of grants, program is fully funded and call for artists is open now. Speaking events will begin in the next month.

2.1 CD 1 Updates/announcements

None

2.2 CD 14 Updates/announcements

None

2.3 Other public official updates/announcements

2.4 DONE Updates - Mary Kim

Mary Kim introduced Julien Antelin, new DONE staffer. Julien Antelin discussed recommendations for board member recusals. He invited members to attend BONC meetings, and asked for nominations for 2017 NC projects to be recognized at an award ceremony on March 29. He also stated that bylaws can be reviewed this year; deadline is April 15. BONC is creating working groups to study funding equity for NCs. He reviewed funding deadlines: May 20 for event funding requests, June 1 for check payment request, June 21 to access purchase card. 2019 is an election year for the NC.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley asked about the guidelines for recusals. Mary Kim stated that when in doubt, recuse yourself, and recommended contacting the City Attorney’s Office in case of questions. Valerie Garcia-Hanley noted that board members have had problems getting any response from the City Attorney’s Office in the past, and Mary Kim said she was aware of this issue. Mary offered to see if a live training could be done for the council.

3 — Consent Calendar (Discussion and Vote) (7:06 p.m.)

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 Approval of January 9, 2018 Minutes of Board Meeting - (Discussion and Vote)

Laura Velkei requested that the minutes be pulled as the wrong version of the minutes were sent out.

3.2 Approval of January Monthly Expense Reports (MER) - (Discussion and Vote)

Motion: To approve the Monthly Expense Reports. (Dafne Gokcen motioned, Laura Velkei seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 23-Favor, 0-Opposed, 1-Abstention, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang

Abstention: Alan Kumamoto

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

4 — President’s Report - Alan Kumamoto (Discussion and Action) (7:08 p.m.)

4.1 Thank you 1st VP Dafne Gokcen for chairing last Board meeting

4.2 Parliamentarian vacancy

4.3 Board absences, seat vacancies and credentials verification

Alan Kumamoto stated that they are starting new for absences effective the last meeting.

4.4 Board vacancies: Youth At Large (age 16-20), Chinatown Resident Representative, Chinatown Business Owner, Solano Canyon Business Representative

Angelica Moyes asked about the process. Alan Kumamoto stated that there is a uniform application form for the open positions, which should be filed. The Council is using same credential standards as the City Clerk, with verification done by the Stakeholder 3rd Vice President (Laura Velkei).

Don Toy asked how people without email can supply this new form. Laura Velkei stated that someone with an email address could advocate for the candidate, sending in the form for them. Alan Kumamoto added that the process for filling vacancies is in the bylaws.

5 — Committee Reports (7:16 p.m.)

5.1 Treasurer: Lydia Moreno

Board Approval to pay (Discussion and Vote)

5.1.1 \$250.00 Languages 4 You Translation Agency - Interpreter for January board meeting, \$1082.75 Languages 4 You Translation Agency – January Meeting (\$880.25 November Minutes, January agenda \$202.50)

Lydia Moreno stated that \$2357 is remaining in Chinatown Caucus account.

Motion: To transfer the balance of the Chinatown caucus money to pay for translation. (Laura Velkei motioned, Danny M. Young seconded.)

Don Toy stated that the Chinatown caucus members are not the only people who use the translations, and that other communities including Solano Canyon and Victor Heights benefit from the translations. He also commented that the past DONE representative Stephen Box stated that translation should be paid out of General Funds. Lydia Moreno stated that the people requesting the translations are mostly representing Chinatown, who do not speak English, and that the HCNC is not mandated to provide translation according to Grayce Liu and City Attorney. Don Toy stated that Chinatown caucus members’ requests for translation are not only to serve themselves and Chinatown, but also to serve Chinese-speaking stakeholders in other areas.

Angelica Moyes asked board members to consider whether it was fair to be taking translation money only from the Chinatown caucus' neighborhood projects. Michael Maier stated that as the translations are used for outreach, this is a community use of funds, and there need to be metrics to support the need and distribution of translations outside of Chinatown if funds are to be drawn from the other communities.

Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang stated that while verbal interpretation was used almost exclusively by Chinatown board members, written translations do get disseminated into the communities for use by all HCNC stakeholders who use Chinese as their primary language. She asked if the board would consider a friendly amendment to the motion to separate the use of funds for verbal interpretation as opposed to the written translations that can be used by everyone for outreach. Alexandra Leekley seconded the amendment.

Laura Velkei did not accept the amendment as there is no more money in the budget to pay for the written translations out of general funds. Yuval Bar-Zemer asked what would happen once the money in the Chinatown budget for translations runs out. Alan Kumamoto stated that at the current rate, the Chinatown budget for translations will be insufficient to pay for all translations through the current fiscal year. Yuval Bar-Zemer stated that he believes that the board should discuss a system that is sustainable.

Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang asked if DONE is providing funding for translations. Laura Velkei stated that she has not received a definitive answer yet, and that the Chinatown advocates should be asking the city on a daily basis.

Phyllis Ling stated in land use issues, one of the reasons for denying a project is insufficient outreach to people in other languages. It is important for the HCNC to reach out to people in other languages. Michael Maier stated that if that is the case, he did not understand why the HCNC did not translate into Spanish and Japanese. He feels there is a disconnect in what outreach the HCNC commits to and what it does not. Don Toy stated that he agrees that the HCNC should translate their meetings into multiple languages.

Several members asked whether volunteers could be used to do translations, and stated their willingness to try it again. Don Toy stated that it was tried in the past, but there were accusations about inaccurate translations. Angelica Moyes commented that when the documents are translated, they are given to Chinatown Library and the staff at the Castellar Elementary School. She also offered to look into translation that might be available through the school.

Alan Kumamoto motioned to end discussion.

Vote on Motion to end discussion: 20-Favor, 4-Opposed, 0-Abstention, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang

Opposed: Don Toy, Tuong Hoang, Ne Huang Hom, Ly Chou Tran

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Vote on Motion to transfer \$2357 Chinatown Caucus funds into Translation fund: 14-Favor, 10-Opposed, 0-Abstention, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Ron Fong, Vivian Um, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang.

Opposed: George Campos, Steve Nagano, Phyllis Ling, Angelica Moyes, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Don Toy, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran, Ne Huang Hom

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

- 5.1.2** Report Back: Per Grayce Liu, General Manager - DONE is not currently funded to provide translation for all of the 97 Neighborhood Councils. GM Liu has been asking for several years for unused Neighborhood Council funds to be set aside in a special fund where all Neighborhood Councils could use it for capacity building, translation and outreach. GM Liu will make the request before the Health, Education, & Neighborhood Councils Committee.

Motion: Should money be received from DONE for translations, the funding to Chinatown caucus should be restored first. (Yuval Bar-Zemer motioned, Laura Velkei seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstention, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang.

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Laura Velkei stated that she testified on this topic to DONE, and no one else from the neighborhood council was there to advocate on this subject. This topic is important and is on David Ryu’s radar. Angelica Moyes commented that she has communicated about this in both written and verbal form.

Motion: To write a letter to David Ryu about the need for translation money. Dafne Gokcen to write letter on behalf of HCNC to Mr. Ryu. (Dafne Gokcen motioned, George Campos seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstention, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang.

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Alan Kumamoto requested three volunteers to discuss how to pay for translations and make recommendations at the next meeting. Phyllis Ling, Angelica Moyes, and Don Toy volunteered.

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

No Action Committee Meeting - Projects Pending (Discussion and Vote)

- 5.2.1** Action Committee did not meet since last meeting but there is a carryover item for tabled motion from November.

Motion: El Pueblo Caucus - Friends of the Chinese American Museum - up to \$2,000 for the Lantern Festival (**Discussion and Vote**)

Al Soo-Hoo recused himself from Item 5.2.1 because he is on the board of the Friends of the Chinese American Museum, and left the room.

Motion: To fund \$1,800 for the Lantern Festival. (Dafne Gokcen motioned, Danny M. Young seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 23-Favor, 0-Opposed, 1-Abstention, 0-Ineligible 1-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang.

Abstention: Alan Kumamoto,

Recused: Al Soo-Hoo

Al Soo-Hoo returned to the room.

5.2.2 HCNC will need to have projects in the pipeline by May.

Dafne Gokcen requested a meeting on March 6th for the Action Committee to give a pipeline. Mary Kim stated that you have to both vote and get the paperwork processed prior to the event, which could take an additional week.

5.3 Second VP: Chair of Programs – Matthew Glaser (Discussion and Vote)

5.3.1 2017-18 HCNC Program Ideas Update

Alan Kumamoto stated that Matthew Glaser had one of the speakers lined up for discussion of the marijuana initiative, but the other one couldn’t make it, so that program is on hold.

5.4 Third VP: Chair of Stakeholders Committee – Laura Velkei

Laura Velkei announced that she would skip to the Land Use items (5.4.2) first.

Urban Design and Land Use Committee – Letters of Support (Discussion and Vote)

5.4.2 Update: Committee has made venue change and date.

5.4.2.1 South Park Business Improvement District: (Arts District) Letter of Support for East West Transit Line connecting South Park, Fashion District and Arts District.

Motion to send Letter of Support East West Transit Line connecting South Park, Fashion District and Arts District to the extent that they do not interfere with the work and direction that are being supported by the leadership. As we do not know how this project will affect existing agreed to protocols for our communities, leadership reserves the right to withdraw support should this project interfere with currently established goals. **(Discussion and Vote)**

Motion: That a letter of support be written with the comment that it will not interfere with projects and plans regarding transportation in the Arts District. (Laura Velkei motioned, Dafne Gokcen seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 20-Favor, 0-Opposed, 4-Abstention, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang

Abstention: Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Laura Velkei announced that she would be taking the next three Land Use items out of order because several members have to recuse themselves.

Dafne Gokcen recused herself from Items 5.4.2.2 and 5.4.2.3 because she is the land use consultant for Pizzanista and Death & Company. Yuval Bar-Zemer recused himself from Item 5.4.2.2 because the owner of Pizzanista is his next door neighbor, and Item 5.4.2.4 because he is the landlord for Little Bear & Joe's Downtown Market. Alexandra Leekley recused herself from Items 5.4.2.2 and 5.4.2.4 because she works for Yuval Bar-Zemer. All three board members left the room.

5.4.2.2 Pizzanista: (Arts District) Letter of Support for a Plan Approval to renew the entitlements in ZA-2012-1951 (CUB) with hours of operation from 11am to 2 am.

Motion to provide a letter of support under the following **VOLUNTEERED** conditions. No offsite sales of alcohol including takeout. Operating hours to be 11am to 2am. Patio closure at 11:00pm. The standard conditions below will also apply and are a part of conditions for previous MCUB approval. Should the applicant sell the business, the new owner is required to vet with the community (**Discussion and Vote**)

Motion: To write a letter of support for Pizzanista. (Laura Velkei motioned, Ron Fong seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 17-Favor, 0-Opposed, 4-Abstention, 1-Ineligible 3-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Angelica Moyes, Danny M. Young, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang.

Abstention: Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Recused: Dafne Gokcen, Alexandra Leekley, Yuval Bar-Zemer

5.4.2.4 Little Bear & Joe's Downtown Market: (Arts District) Plan Approval for the continued on-site sales & dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an existing restaurant (Little Bear) of approx 3,062 SF having 113 indoor seats AND the continued off-site sales of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a market (Joe's Downtown Market) of approximately 1,835 SF having 6 outdoor seats, both with hours from 6 AM to 2 AM, daily.

Motion to provide the applicant with a letter of support under the following **VOLUNTEERED** conditions.

Little Bear - No offsite sales of alcohol including takeout. Operating hours to be 6am to 2am. Patio closure at 11:00pm. The standard conditions* below will also apply.

Joe's - Offsite sales allowed however no singles below 750ml. Operating hours to be 6am to 2am. Patio closure at 11:00pm. The standard conditions* below will also apply. (**Discussion and Vote**)

Motion: To write a letter of support for Little Bear & Joe's under the above conditions. (Laura Velkei motioned, Vivian Um seconded.)

Phyllis Ling stated that Little Bear requested to have a DJ playing ambient music and Happy Hour, and asked whether the applicant was still requesting those conditions. Ron Fong and Michael Maier confirmed that the applicant asked for DJ playing ambient music and Happy Hour, and that the committee approved of those conditions. Laura Velkei stated that Happy Hour was not an issue for Arts District, and that she would add those two items to the letter as part of the conditions.

Phyllis Ling stated that the public notice has not gone out to residents. Laura Velkei explained the practice of the committee for approvals that are "pending notification," which is to notice on the LUC agenda as pending notification, vote, and hold the letter until there has been public notice. She added that in this case,

it would be noticed again on the LUC agenda in March.

Vote on Motion: 16-Favor, 0-Opposed, 5-Abstention, 1-Ineligible 2-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Angelica Moyes, Danny M. Young, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang.

Abstention: Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran, Phyllis Ling

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Recused: Alexandra Leekley, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Alexandra Leekley and Yuval Bar-Zemer returned to the room.

- 5.4.2.3 Death & Company:** (Arts District) Letter of Support for a Master Plan Approval from ZA-2016-4497-MCUP-ZV to permit the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a 3,047 S.F. bar having 108 seats and hours of operation from 12 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Motion to provide the applicant with a letter of support under the following **VOLUNTEERED** conditions. No offsite sales of alcohol including takeout. Operating hours to be 12pm to 2am. Patio closure at 11:00pm. The standard conditions* below will also apply and are a part of conditions for previous MCUB approval. Should the applicant sell the business, the new owner is required to vet with the community (**Discussion and Action**)

Motion: That a letter of support be written. (Laura Velkei motioned, Alexandra Leekley seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 19-Favor, 0-Opposed, 4-Abstention, 1-Ineligible, 1-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Danny M. Young, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang.

Abstention: Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Recused: Dafne Gokcen

Dafne Gokcen returned to the room.

- 5.4.2.5 Okidoki Little Tokyo Dining Corporation:** (Little Tokyo) A Conditional Use Permit for the sale and dispensing of beer and wine, for on-site consumption only, in conjunction with a 1,342 sq. ft. restaurant with 32 indoor seats and hours of operation from 11:00a.m. to 2:00a.m., daily.

Motion to provide a letter of support under the following **VOLUNTEERED** conditions. No offsite sales of alcohol including takeout. Operating hours to be 11am to 2am. *Patio closure at 11:00pm. The standard condition* will also apply. (Discussion and Vote)*

Motion: That a letter of support be written. (Laura Velkei motioned, Ron Fong seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 20-Favor, 0-Opposed, 4-Abstention, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang

Abstention: Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

- 5.4.2.6 1711 Lincoln LLC:** (Arts District)– 7th & Santa Fe SRO to Hotel Conversion - Addition of 53,353 sf

to an existing 16,928 sf building including a hotel with restaurant, bar, gym, event space, rooftop pool deck and other uses

Project was presented to the committee as a hotel. The SRO property was purchased by the present owner around 2014. The existing tenants were promptly evicted from the property upon purchase with the owner citing issues of safety on a property that had been occupied without interruption for almost a century. The City did nothing knowing that the owner knowingly and pointedly evicted low income housing residents from a City of LA identified SRO Housing complex that had functioned well for decades. It is one of the few SRO housing developments in the AD that provided an affordable solution to many of our neighbors.

At no point did the owner or his consultant attempt to communicate with any of the Arts District community organizations on the project. Instead of working with the community they are attempting to utilize an arcane rule that would supersede the community ordinance, existing city planning rules and SRO fair housing laws. Further the project does not fit the neighborhood in either scope or design. An offer was made by the committee to help direct the project into a more successful and supported venue. 2/5, Applicant has requested a meeting. LUC to hold to the action until such time that the community is satisfied with the changes requested. Letter to be released should written agreement to changes not be completed.

Motion to oppose the project for reasons mentioned above (**Discussion, VOTE & CIS**)

Motion: To table this item. (Laura Velkei motioned, Yuval Bar-Zemer seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstention, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

5.4.2.7 Core Site Real Estate - 900 N Alameda (El Pueblo/Chinatown) Construction of a four-story 93 feet in height building for data center uses with 179,900 square feet of floor area and a four-story 50 feet in height parking structure

LUC Summary: While only a "data center" the architecture and design of this project does not reflect the character and nature of the lot that it inhabits. The building sits directly next to the United States Postal Service Annex, Union Station and the California Endowment. The location is a gateway to several historic neighborhoods and needs to reflect and respect the existing design of the surrounding communities and buildings. An offer was made by the committee to help direct the project into a more successful and supported venue.

Motion to OPPOSE the above referenced project for the reasons above and ask that planning reject the applicant's proposal and be directed to sit down with the community leadership to work on more appropriate plan. (**Discussion, VOTE & CIS**)

Motion: To table this item. (Laura Velkei motioned, Angelica Moyes seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstention, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

5.4.2.8 520 Mateo: (Arts District) – Requesting comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a proposed mixed-use development project

The LUC believes that a mixed-use project at this site will significantly enhance the positive ongoing growth in the Arts District. We prefer Alternative 4 described in the EIR that would develop the following uses: 475 live/work units, 100,000 square feet of office, 10,000 square feet of restaurant, and 10,000 square feet of retail.

This type of mixed-use project is preferable for a number of reasons. First, the buildings would be developed with Type I construction, which is more durable, higher quality, and more adaptable for future uses over the life of the buildings. Second, Alternative 4 would provide for larger live/work units, specifically 1,000 gross square feet per unit. We believe that live/work units of that size can accommodate the work space needed by multiple artists as well as other businesses operating in the live/work units. Third, Alternative 4 would provide for 125,000 square feet of commercial “job producing” uses. Thus, Alternative 4 would maintain the job producing capacity of this site as compared to the existing zoning.

Motion to SUPPORT alternative 4 and the direction of the referenced project. **(Discussion and vote)**

Motion: To offer letter of support. (Laura Velkei motioned, Yuval Bar-Zemer seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 20-Favor, 0-Opposed, 4-Abstention, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang

Abstention: Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

5.4.2.9 4th and Hewitt Project/401 S. Hewitt St. (Arts District) The proposed 4th and Hewitt Project would be located on approximately 1.31 acres at the south side of E. 4th Street between Colyton Street and S. Hewitt Street. The Project retains the approximately 7,800 net square foot (sf) existing A+D Museum and includes the demolition of 6,030 gross sf of office and related garage space, 1,000 gross sf of storage space, and approximately 39,751 gross sf of surface parking lots. The Project would include construction of an 11-story commercial office building that would consist of approximately 14,995 sf of ground floor commercial space, approximately 255,387 sf of office space and lobbies, and approximately 11,021 sf of common area. The proposed building would rise to a maximum height of 190 feet above grade, and the Project’s proposed floor area ratio (FAR) would be approximately 5.04:1. The office component would be located on the 5th through 11th floors. The Project would provide 538 parking spaces on three subterranean levels and on four above-ground floors. In addition, the Project would provide 164 bicycle parking spaces, comprised of 44 bicycle spaces for short term use and 120 for long term use.

LUC is in support for the following reasons: The project adheres the development guidelines that were developed by the HCNC, ADCCLA (Arts District Community Council LA) and LARABA (Los Angeles River Artists and Business Association).

In addition, the project’s increased FAR is dedicated to commercial use and is configured to have maximum flexibility with the proposed floor plate. This type of space encourages job creation for the creative class of Angelinos and provides much need job opportunities to our local community. Furthermore, the Design took into consideration the preservation of an existing single story URM building that is housing the A+D Museum. This museum, which moved to the Arts District just 4 years ago and has become a cultural anchor in the Arts District. We commend the developer for

preserving the beautiful existing structure and maintaining the opportunity for the Museum to become a long-term member of the Arts District.

Motion to send Letter of Support as outlined above with the addition of standard conditions for support of MCUB including the following: Any lessee serving either beer and wine or any other alcohol-based application will be required to present their project within 30 days of lease signing (or next available Land Use meeting) and must agree and adhere to the standard conditions listed below: No offsite sales of alcohol including takeout. Operating hours to be 7am to 2am. The usual standard conditions* below will also apply. No patio use after 11:00pm (**Discussion and Action**)

Motion: To offer letter of support. (Laura Velkei motioned, Yuval Bar-Zemer seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 19-Favor, 0-Opposed, 5-Abstention, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang

Abstention: Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran, Angelica Moyes

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

George Campos asked if there is the opportunity to push the developer to add affordable housing in the community. Laura Velkei stated that they have pushed for affordable housing, but have not had any traction. Yuval Bar-Zemer stated that this is a commercial property, which does not have housing. The previous project on the agenda has affordable housing added.

Phyllis Ling recused herself as a board member from Item 5.4.2.10 because she lives within 500’ of the property. She stated that she had conferred with the Office of the City Attorney, and was reserving the right to speak as member of the public under an exception in the California Code of Regulations section 18702.4(b)(1)(A). She sat in the audience.

5.4.2.10 Lincoln Property Company Solano & Broadway Mixed-Use Development (Solano Canyon/Chinatown)

1,159,800 s.f. development with 920 apartment units, including 17 live/work, and 21,406 s.f. of commercial and three levels of parking in seven buildings over a 351,921 s.f. site

Huge opposition from both Solano and Chinatown. Developer has not properly noticed or informed the community. They have been photographed and videotaped moving earth on the project site and construction crews who claimed they were with the city then back pedaled. Jon Christensen & Andy Vought the Los Angeles River State Park Partners voiced considerable objection as did the State Park officials. Community members were furious that translation in both Spanish and Chinese were not provided. Developer did not show up but sent someone with no authority to speak on the project. LU Consultant was contacted repeatedly for electronic copies of their plans with zero response. Complaints were filed by the Chair of the LUC to both CM Cedillo and staff as well as with Planning. A copy was not received until 5:30pm making copies impossible and no time to review. Planning refused to postpone comment and seemly misrepresented to constituents that the HCNC LUC had held a meeting and that was sufficient. Another email was sent to Mr., Bertoni and CM Cedillo who were able to postpone the hearing until 2/28/18.

To aid in outreach CM Cedillo will be hosting a meeting as well to ensure the community’s voice is heard. Date is TBD.

Additionally, the community expressed concerns about infrastructure which is already extremely taxed by the Dodgers and the tiny streets cannot sustain this burden. Concerns were raised about access to the park and the destruction of archeological artifacts.

Motion to send Letter of OPPOSITION and Community Impact Statement (**Discussion and vote**)

Laura Velkei stated that there was a meeting at the Land Use Committee last month with 50 members of the community attending, but the developer did not show. There was a developer meeting that presented fairly little information and failed to address community concerns. CM Cedillo is offering another meeting on 2/20/18 at 6:30PM to address community concerns.

Alan Kumamoto stepped out of the room. Dafne Gokcen assumed the duties as Chair of the meeting.

Motion: To offer opposition to the project and write a letter against the draft EIR. (Laura Velkei motioned, George Campos seconded.)

Phyllis Ling left the room.

Vote on Motion: 22-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstention, 1-Ineligible 1-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran, Angelica Moyes

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Recused: Phyllis Ling

Phyllis Ling returned to the room.

5.4.1 Open Board Seats Update

5.4.1.1 Request received for Solano Business Seat. Documentation was reviewed, vetted and passed to the caucus for recommendation.

5.4.1.2 Request received for Chinatown Resident Seat. No response received upon follow up.

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

5.5.1 Future locations Update

Currently planned: March – Impact Hub, in Arts District
April –JACCC (tentative), in Little Tokyo
May – in El Pueblo

Alan Kumamoto returned to the room.

5.6 Recording Secretary: Phyllis Ling (Discussion and Vote)

5.6.1 Copy 2018 Attendance record

6 — Old Business (Discussion and Vote) (8:11 p.m.)

6.1 Subdivision of HCNC: Update of application process and current status. Lydia Moreno, Shirley Zhang and Laura Velkei attended and spoke at the last EPNC meeting in January where their board voted to rescind.

Mary Kim stated that an application was submitted. BONC will be reviewing the application and holding community meetings to see if it should move to elections. On March 12th, there will be a special subdivision BONC meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Castellar Elementary School, which is inside

the proposed subdivision boundaries.

Laura Velkei asked when the staff report reviewing the application will be ready from DONE. Mary Kim stated that she would find out. After the subdivision BONC meeting, within 5 days, the application will be approved or denied. If it is approved, there will be an election within 90 days. DONE would conduct three neighborhood information sessions prior to election: two within the proposed boundaries and one outside.

Mary Kim stated that there will likely be a vote-by-mail option or popup polls, but no online voting. Alan Kumamoto clarified that HCNC has voted down vote-by-mail and online voting in the past. Mary Kim asked for recommendations to take back to DONE for how to conduct voting should the subdivision proceed to election.

Members from Little Tokyo asked when DONE would communicate with them about impacts to HCNC if the application is allowed to proceed and the subdivision is approved. Mary Kim clarified that if the subdivision is approved by voters, the bylaws would be amended and HCNC would proceed as Little Tokyo and Arts District. Angelica Moyes added that from now until the special BONC meeting, the subdivision committee would continue to work with the City and DONE on proposed bylaws and boundary changes. Alan Kumamoto noted that with the Skid Row subdivision, there was opportunity for Little Tokyo to comment on the boundaries. Mary Kim highly encouraged all members to make their comments about boundaries at the March 12th meeting. Angelica Moyes added that the subdivision committee is continuing with meetings with community groups until March 12th, including a meeting in Little Tokyo next Wednesday, although Little Tokyo caucus indicated that those meetings had been postponed until March.

6.2 HCNC/EPNC 1/22/18: Boundaries meeting attended by Greg, Shirley and Alan to advocate for Victor Heights.

Motion that the east side of Everett Street including the park shall be shared (see map) **(Discussion and Vote)**

Shirley Zhang reported that the proposal to share the east side of Everett Street was a first step to see if DONE would approve, the idea being that neither HCNC and EPNC would lose any area. However, Dafne Gokcen stated that she did not see how this was possible, as sharing is only approved for park land. Michael Maier added that he was opposed to sharing as it would open up the possibility of EPNC voting on the subdivision.

Alexandra Leekley asked for clarification about the impact of HCNC ceding Everett Street to EPNC and whether any residents of Everett Street come to HCNC meetings. Angelica Moyes commented that there are residents who live on the HCNC side of Everett Street who regularly attend EPNC meetings. Greg Kimura added that it's a cul de sac, so to him, it makes sense for the whole cul de sac to be in one neighborhood council, and the zip code line is on the eastern side of the proposed shared area. Yuval Bar-Zemer stated that he owns a property near Everett Street, and is concerned that a new neighborhood council sharing the commercial property across the street from him would have impact. Alan Kumamoto stated that in the past the City Attorney has stated that shared boundaries could occur with a park, but not private property.

Motion: To vote against sharing Everett Street, reverting to splitting the center of street. (Laura Velkei motioned, Ron Fong seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 20-Favor, 4-Opposed, 0-Abstention, 1-Ineligible 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Dafne Gokcen, George Campos, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-

Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran, Phyllis Ling
Opposed: Angelica Moyes, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang, Greg Kimura, Danny M. Young
Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

6.3 Little Tokyo boundaries: Updating the board on latest findings since last presentation in 2017.

George Campos requested that Little Tokyo Boundaries be corrected to include areas east of Alameda Street due to historical significance. He presented maps and photos of businesses and institutions of Little Tokyo that are east of Alameda, and stated that the presentation was informational, with the intention being a vote on the subject at the next meeting. He recounted outreach efforts including knocking on doors, asking people to sign a petition, and a community meeting between Little Tokyo and Arts District about a year ago to discuss the issue. He provided the Little Tokyo BID map, and offered books, signatures, and letters from businesses and individuals in support of this change. He stated that when the city drew the boundary along Alameda, they made a mistake and did not understand the community.

Laura Velkei disputed the use of the BID map because the BID is a corporation that provides cleanliness and safety, and has not been around as long as the Arts District. Vivian Um shared that she did not feel that the BID map should be used to argue for inclusion of Savoy, Mura, and Artisan because residents in these buildings don’t get any help from Little Tokyo BID.

Laura Velkei commented that the signees of the petition were mostly church members, rather than residents, and that changing the boundaries wasn’t fair to property owners and residents, who she stated were far more invested in the community. She suggested that rather than fighting over boundaries, that the communities work together to install art in various locations that respects the history of the community from Little Tokyo.

After a lengthy discussion, President Kumamoto asked for a motion on the subject. Don Toy moved to end the discussion because it was 9 o’clock. President Kumamoto ruled to end discussion.

7 — New Business (Discussion and Vote) (8:57 p.m.)

7.1 Solano Canyon Business seat: Nominate Los Angeles Theater Academy’s Alex Owens to Board seat. The Theater Academy has had past representatives before on the Board representing Solano Canyon. Documentation has been vetted and verified.

Motion: to seat Los Angeles Theater Academy’s Alex Owens to Solano Canyon Business Representative Board seat (**Discussion and Vote**)

Motion: To have Alex Owens represent Solano Canyon. (Lydia Moreno motioned, Don Toy seconded.)

Valerie Garcia-Hanley asked if the Theater Academy is a non-profit business, as the Business seat should be for-profit seat. Laura Velkei stated that it doesn’t matter. Lydia Moreno added that Alex Owens does run a for-profit business, which is an after school and summer program.

Vote on Motion: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstention, 1-Ineligible 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Dafne Gokcen, George Campos, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran, Phyllis Ling, Angelica Moyes, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang, Greg Kimura, Danny M. Young

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Alex Owens introduced herself and joined the board at the table.

7.2 Homeless Shelter Trailers (El Pueblo) the city is moving forward in creating a Homeless Shelter Trailer Camp in Parking Lot 5 on the corner of Alameda and Arcadia

Motion to oppose the placement of Homeless Shelter Trailers at Parking Lot 5 in El Pueblo **(Discussion and Vote)**

Valerie Garcia-Hanley stated there has been no outreach from the City Council to bring the community on-board. The parking lot is inappropriate for the temporary housing due to the number of El Pueblo visitors. They will have to rip up part of the parking lot, put in electricity, sewer for restrooms/showers, trailers to sleep in, and a large storage unit. While this is supposed to be a temporary shelter for people to stay in for 60 days, and is planned to stay in El Pueblo for 3 years, there is no comprehensive plan from the city (food, mental health, placement, etc.) to help move people to permanent housing. She also asked that the city find a lot that is more secluded.

Motion: To oppose the placement of temporary homeless trailers in El Pueblo, and that the city look for other locations that would be less impacted by pedestrian traffic. (Valerie Garcia-Hanley motioned, Lynn Nakamura seconded.)

Yuval Bar-Zemer asked if this is the only parking lot that serves El Pueblo. Valerie Garcia-Hanley replied no, there is another large lot, but this is their cheapest lot, and it's the first lot you see after you get off of the freeway. Alan Kumamoto added that it is a busy area. Valerie Garcia-Hanley stated that it is one block from the center of the city.

Megan Teramoto, CD14, stated that City Council Committee on Homelessness has approved funding for this project, which is an initiative from the Mayor. She believed that the only thing holding up this project is CEQA, and added that Valerie Garcia-Hanley's comprehensive list of concerns has gone up the chain of command to the Mayor's CENTCOM chief Brian Buckner. Laura Velkei requested that CD14 and the Mayor's Office attend the next meeting.

Amendment: To prepare opposition letter, but hold off on sending it until HCNC hears back from Mayor's office. (Laura Velkei made the friendly amendment, Valerie Garcia-Hanley accepted.)

Both Dafne Gokcen and Michael Maier wanted to support the idea of the temporary shelters, but were disappointed in the outreach. Alan Kumamoto summarized that the letter should note support for the initiative, but opposition due to the location chosen due to visitor traffic, the lack of outreach, and the lack of a comprehensive plan for moving people to permanent housing.

Vote on Motion with Amendment: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstention, 2-Ineligible 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Dafne Gokcen, George Campos, June Aochi-Berk, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Lydia Moreno, Norma Garcia, Michael Maier, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer, Don Toy, Ne Huang Hom, Tuong Hoang, Ly Chou Tran, Phyllis Ling, Angelica Moyes, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, Greg Kimura, Danny M. Young

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo, Alex Owens

8 — Announcements (9:13 p.m.)

8.1 Arts District

March 18th St. Francis is having their Saint Patrick's Day Dinner, it's the same day that

Christians in Japan came out of hiding.

8.2 Chinatown

Saturday February 17, there will be New Year's festival, Golden Dragon Parade on Broadway and Hill Streets.

On the 4th weekend of February there will be Firecracker Run 5k/10k and bike ride.

8.3 El Pueblo

Blessing of the Animals - Easter Celebration with Archbishop visiting

8.4 Little Tokyo

March 3rd is the 17th Annual Lantern Festival, 12pm - 7pm, free family event

8.5 Solano Canyon

8.6 Victor Heights

9 ——— Adjournment (9:15 PM)

Alan Kumamoto adjourned the meeting at 9:15PM

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