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Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Pico House, 430 North Main Street, Los Angeles
(Across the old Los Angeles Plaza from Olvera Street and
El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument)

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1 — Call to Order & Roll Call (6:31 p.m.)

President Alan Kumamoto called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. 18 board members were present. President Kumamoto reviewed the rules of public comment and the order that items would be discussed.

Present (18): Alan Kumamoto, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Late Arrivals (8): June Aochi-Berk (6:32 p.m.), Greg Kimura (6:33 p.m.), Michael Maier (6:34 p.m.), Angelica Moyes (6:36 p.m.), George Campos (6:36 p.m.), Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang (6:36 p.m.), Alexandra Leekley (6:37 p.m.), Al Soo-Hoo (6:39 p.m.)

Absent (3): Alexandra Owens, Laura Velkei, Matthew Glaser

Guests: Megan Teramoto, CD14; Edna Degollado, CD14; Raymond Yu; Leslie Shim, Department of Public Works; Danni Wang, AD51; Brett Louie; Iciar Rivera; Mei Lau; Alexis Readinger; Cristina Villalobos, New Economics for Women; Toisan Interpreter.

June Aochi-Berk, Greg Kimura, and Michael Maier arrived. 21 board members were present.

2 — Public Comment & Government Agency Reports (Sign-Up Sheet – 1 1/2-Minute Limit) (6:35 p.m.)

Raymond Yu provided a letter (see Attachments), and informed the board about the signal light improvement needed at Bernard Street and North Broadway in Chinatown. He indicated that all 8", small size, traffic signal backplates were replaced recently at the intersections along North Broadway, except at Bernard Street. He added that due to the large number of upcoming events through this intersection, the City must be mandated to upgrade the signals at this intersection to the 12" large size, single face, backplate heads. Many upcoming events utilize this intersection, including Homeboy 5k Run, Deadbeat/Dia de los Muertos/Halloween 5k Run, Ciclavia, Chinatown Golden Dragon Parade, and the LA Marathon.

Angelica Moyes, George Campos, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, and Alexandra Leekley arrived. 25 board members were present.

2.1 CD 1 Updates/announcements

None

2.2 CD 14 Updates/announcements

Megan Teramoto, field representative for Jose Huizar's Office, announced that this was her last HCNC meeting, and that Edna Degollado would attend future meetings as the CD14 representative. Edna Degollado introduced herself and provided updates on the El Pueblo Housing project, which is scheduled to open in July. They will be hosting an open house.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley asked about illegal vendors. Megan Teramoto noted that Joella Hopkins is still the lead person for issues in that area, and will follow up with her on that.

2.3 Other public official updates/announcements

Leslie Shim, from the Department of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification. Her office covers Chinatown and Northeast LA. (Does not include Little Tokyo, Arts District, or El Pueblo. Thomas Corrales covers Arts District.) She left pamphlets, and provided an overview of programs including graffiti abatement and Adopt-A-Median. They will loan out tools for neighborhood cleanup.

Al Soo-Hoo arrived. 26 board members were present.

Danni Wang, field representative for AD51, provided an update of the tree giveaway program. She offered to provide fact sheets for the assembly bills, which are all out of policy committee, and headed toward appropriations.

2.4 DONE Updates - Mary Kim

President Kumamoto announced that Mary is still in leadership training, and will attend the meeting next month.

Public Comment

Alexandra Leekley announced that she is planning a block party in the Arts District on July 21, on Industrial Street, and asked for ideas. She will come back next month with more details. They have not submitted an application or applied for the permit yet.

Don Toy announced that despite various reports, he wanted to state for the record that he still does not have any email, and that people should not try to contact him via email.

3 — Consent Calendar (Discussion and Vote) – 6:48 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 April 10, 2018 Minutes of Board Meeting - (Discussion and Vote)

3.2 Approval of April Monthly Expense Report (MER) - (Discussion and Vote)

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar (3.1-3.2) (Dafne Gokcen motioned, Alexandra Leekley seconded).

Vote on Motion: 25-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

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

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

4 — President's Report - Alan Kumamoto (Discussion and Action) - 6:50 p.m.

4.1 CPRA from Bryan Parent: *request for any and all documents pertaining to: David Ryu, DONE/EmpowerLA, "DONE Watch", Westwood Subdivision. For now, the scope will be limited from January 1st, 2017 to the present date for all members of the board.*

I will ask Board members to email me within the next three days.

President Kumamoto advised that only documented correspondence that were done in an official capacity as a board member or officer are required. He asked for board members to let him know in the next three days, because he needs to compile the emails, and forward them to the person making the CPRA request.

4.2 Finances: HCNC will need to decide additional use of funds tonight for FY 2017-18.

5 — Committee Reports – 6:53 p.m.

**5.1 Treasurer: Lydia Moreno
No pay items for Board Approval (Discussion and Vote)**

Lydia Moreno indicated that there have been no paperwork or invoices for translation expenses since February. Angelica Moyes stated that she has the signed forms. She has requested the invoices, and will follow up again with the company. President Kumamoto advised that the Treasurer needs all of the paperwork in order to pay the translation company.

The board decided by unanimous consent to take up item 5.4.2.3 on the agenda because the candidate needs to leave the meeting early.

5.4.2 Open Board Seats Update: Youth 'At Large' (age 16-20), Chinatown Resident Representative, Chinatown Business Owner, Victor Heights Resident Representative (Discussion and Vote)

5.4.2.3 One Youth 'At Large' Seat – Brett Louie Candidate

Brett Louie introduced himself. He is 18 years old, attends high school in Studio City, and is involved in athletics and orchestra. He is Avid certified. He has served on many committees at school, and has served as student body president during his sophomore and senior years. He has also served on Mayor Garcetti's Youth Council. He has served as an intern at Chinatown BID and the Chinese American Museum. He is

going to UC Riverside next year, to major in Psychology.

Alexandra Leekley asked if he has the time to serve on this board because he seems very busy. Brett Louie stated that he keeps busy to stay out of trouble, is good at managing his time, and will make the time.

Motion: To seat Brett Louie as the 'At-Large' Youth representative. (Ron Fong motioned, Angelica Moyes seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 25-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

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

Brett Louie left the meeting. 26 board members were present.

5.2 First VP: Chair of Action Committee Report - Dafne Gokcen Action Committee Meeting (05/01/18) Projects (Discussion and Vote)

5.2.1 LA Tanabata Festival (Little Tokyo)

Motion: Up to \$2,000 for 10th Anniversary of the Tanabata Festival, a Japanese cultural celebration open to the public.

5.2.2 Little Tokyo Public Safety Association (Little Tokyo)

Motion: Up to \$1,000 to provide lunches for Little Tokyo Sparkle volunteers

5.2.3 Olvera Street Merchants Association Foundation (El Pueblo)

Motion: Up to \$2,000 for 200th Anniversary of the Adobe House celebration

5.2.4 Los Angeles Community Garden Council (Solano Canyon)

Motion: Up to \$1,560 to continue to support the teaching garden at Solano Elementary. These students wrote us all thank you notes for our contribution last year!

5.2.5 New Economics for Women (Chinatown)

Motion: Up to \$4,500 to provide complimentary entry to the Moms Helping Moms 5k run/walk and stroller roll in the State Historic Park. There are sponsorship levels and we could potentially be recognized on banners, t-shirts, etc.

5.2.6 Streets are for Everyone (SAFE) (All of HCNC) – Tabled from April Meeting to be reheard at May meeting)

Motion: Up to \$2,500 for supplies for "SAFE kids" program being introduced in all Elementary Schools in the area to reduce the number of children who are victims of traffic collisions every year. They offered to brand the supplies with our logo with a minimum of \$2,000 donation.

5.2.7 Parents, Teachers/Educators & Students in Action (PESA) (All of HCNC)

Motion: Up to \$5,000 for Teen Court program, which provides an alternative for youth offenders from the traditional justice system. Youth are instead tried in front of a jury of high school students with a real judge presiding.

Dafne Gokcen provided a brief summary of all of the projects (5.2.1-5.2.7).

Motion: To fully fund the following 3 projects as requested because the caucuses have money left:

(5.2.1) \$2,000 to LA Tanabata Festival for 10th anniversary celebration that is open to the public (Little Tokyo),

(5.2.2) \$1,000 to Little Tokyo Public Safety Association to provide lunches for Little Tokyo Sparkle volunteers (Little Tokyo),

(5.2.4) \$1,560 to Los Angeles Community Garden Council to support teaching garden at Solano Elementary (Solano Canyon);

and to fund the following 4 projects equally, using the board funds that are remaining, after the Treasurer is done doing the budget for this fiscal year, preliminary estimate of \$1,500 to each project:

(5.2.3) Olvera Street Merchants Association Foundation for 200th Anniversary of the Adobe House celebration (El Pueblo),

(5.2.5) New Economics for Women for Moms Helping Moms 5k run/walk and stroller roll at LASHP (Chinatown),

(5.2.6) Streets are for Everyone (SAFE) for "SAFE kids" program (At Large), and

(5.2.7) Parents, Teachers/Educators & Students in Action for Teen Court program (At Large).

(Dafne Gokcen motioned, Alexandra Leekley seconded.)

Ne Huang Hom spoke about the need for translation.

Vivian Um left the room. 25 board members were present.

Ron Fong stated that his preference would be to fully fund the projects that have caucus approval, and then divide the remaining funds equally among the two remaining projects (5.2.6 and 5.2.7).

Don Toy indicated that the Chinatown caucus didn't review 5.2.5. He also asked for money to pay for translation of written materials, such as official translation of board minutes, because it was stated at a previous meeting that translations would not be funded due to lack of funding. Phyllis Ling clarified that while the agenda has been translated by a volunteer, the board minutes have not been translated by anyone for the last three meetings; only a GoogleTranslate copy of the minutes was created for the April meeting minutes. Dafne Gokcen clarified that the four projects would be funded with money left over after the Treasurer is done paying for all other expenses, including translation. Don Toy suggested that only the projects that have been approved by caucuses should be funded, and then the remaining funds should be prioritized for translation of official board documents. Ne Huang Hom and Ly Chou Tran also spoke, through the interpreter, about the need for translation.

Ron Fong stated that at the last board meeting, when an applicant presented an 'At-Large' project, it was suggested that they reach out and engage with each of the caucuses to ask for their support, and that he doesn't know if this outreach has been done.

Dafne Gokcen stated that the 'At-Large' project applicants have conducted outreach by attending the Action Committee meeting; some applicants have also given presentations at board meetings. She added that the 'At-Large' projects are worthy of consideration even if they don't fit into a specific caucus area or into the board's traditional method of funding, and that she believes it is outrageous that the current funding situation mostly benefits friends of board members.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley commented that projects asking for funding from all caucuses should present their projects before the entire board, such as what SAFE did at the last meeting, because not all board members can attend the Action Committee meetings. She noted that the "Parents" project (5.2.7) hadn't done that. She added that applicants could also reach out to other groups at various community meetings to ask for community support.

Dafne Gokcen added that NEW (5.2.5) had been in attendance and spoken about their project at 2 or 3 HCNC board meetings, and that the applicant for 5.2.7 was supposed to be in attendance at this meeting.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley asked for a friendly amendment to fully fund the projects in the caucuses

that have money left, and then to vote on funding for the remaining four projects individually. The friendly amendment was not accepted. A vote on the motion was called.

Vote on Motion: 13-Favor, 9-Opposed, 2-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, George Campos, June Aochi-Berk, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Steve Nagano, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Opposed: Angelica Moyes, Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

Abstain: Greg Kimura, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Valerie Garcia-Hanley indicated that there was a procedural problem with the last vote: she and Norma Garcia should have recused themselves. However, by combining all of the projects into a single vote, they would be denied the opportunity to vote on the other projects. President Kumamoto indicated that the vote could be reconsidered with a motion from the prevailing side.

Motion: To reconsider the previous motion (Alexandra Leekley motioned, Yuval Bar-Zemer seconded.)

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

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

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

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Norma Garcia and Valerie Garcia-Hanley recused themselves because they are members of the Olvera Street Merchants Association Foundation, and they left the room.

Reconsidered Motion: (Same as original motion.)

Vote on Reconsidered Motion: 13-Favor, 7-Opposed, 2-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 2-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, George Campos, June Aochi-Berk, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Steve Nagano, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Opposed: Angelica Moyes, Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Ne Huang Hom, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang

Abstain: Greg Kimura, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Recused: Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

Norma Garcia and Valerie Garcia-Hanley returned to the room.
Vivian Um returned to the room. 26 board members were present.

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

Speakers for meetings (Discussion and Vote)

No update

5.4 Third VP: Chair of Stakeholders Committee – Laura Velkei (Discussion and Vote/Seat)

5.4.1 Candidate Review Procedures and Candidate Updates (Discussion and Vote)

(See Attached: Update on Candidate Submission – Page 7)

President Kumamoto pointed to the last page of the agenda, which was a document containing a review of

board vacancy procedures, and the status of applicants. Don Toy noted that the motion to table the seating of candidates, made at the previous meeting, must be untabled before any vote on candidates could proceed.

Motion: To take from the table the seating of candidates. (Dafne Gokcen motioned, Danny M. Young seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 16-Favor, 9-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Vivian Um, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Opposed: Angelica Moyes, Don Toy, George Campos, Ly Chou Tran, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Don Toy asked whether it was following the rules of the board to vote on candidates who had not gone through the caucus nomination procedure, because the Chinatown caucus did not meet. Dafne Gokcen commented that if the caucus could not make arrangements to meet after two months, the board should proceed with the seating of candidates. Angelica Moyes stated that there has been difficulty getting the caucus to meet, which may or may not have been related to changes in the application that is online, and problems communicating through the phone number on the application. There were also changes to the eligibility documentation that were not communicated to the board, and that may have discouraged people from applying.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley asked who brings the candidates forward when there is an open seat.

Alan Kumamoto stated there is a process where the board announces the vacancy, and that the document attached to the agenda is the procedure that the board is following. Also, traditionally, the caucus has brought forward candidates for a caucus-related seat. The procedural document attached to the agenda was developed by Laura Velkei. He noted that one could question whether this procedure in this document has been fully adopted.

Phyllis Ling noted that she didn't know if anyone else on the board was involved in drafting the procedure, and clarified that she was not involved in drafting it. She added that this is a very specific procedure, and that while the bylaws are vague, they do require the posting of vacancies, making application forms available, and candidates submitting their applications within 25 days after the vacancy is posted. Then, the caucus decides whom to nominate. She stated that everything else can be decided by the board, but questioned whether the board approved of the process in the document, and whether this process was transparent.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley asked if the caucus has been able to vote on the nominees.

There was question as to whether a caucus member can bring forward a candidate. The Secretary read from the bylaws: *“Board members representing each individual community (community caucuses) will vote within their caucus for the candidates from their neighborhood. The candidate who receives a majority of the vote of the caucus members will be recommended to the full board. In the event of a tie vote among members of a caucus, the full board will vote on the candidates.”*

Valerie Garcia-Hanley stated it is a moot point because the caucus hasn't voted on the candidates.

Angelica Moyes stated that the Chinatown caucus still has questions about what happened to the other applicants for the Chinatown Business seat, such as David Louie, and asked why this applicant couldn't have been sent to the caucus for their review. She questioned the correspondence and communications with the applicants, and whether it was done in a way that was discouraging. Dafne Gokcen and Alan

Kumamoto stated that Laura Velkei is the only one who could answer that, but however, she was absent.

Lydia Moreno stated that the issues with the process started with seating of Alexandria Owens, who was told that she needed to fill out the application online. She stated that before this, she didn't know this application existed. She noted that at the time, there were emails exchanged regarding the eligibility documentation that candidates needed to provide, and that she was uncomfortable with the board asking for personal information including passports. She added that the problem is also that the vacancies have to be reposted every month, and candidates are supposed to reapply every month. She stated that the problem is this new process, which is very confusing.

Alan Kumamoto stated that part of the issue is with changes that the City Clerk's Office has made in taking over elections, and they have a set of similar procedures for qualifying people including documentation to validate stakeholders.

Ne Huang Hom stated, through the interpreter, that in Chinatown, there were many people who wanted to apply, who called the phone number on the flyer, and left a message in Chinese, but no one replied. He wanted to give them the opportunity to apply, and asked if we could give them the application form.

Tuong Huong, through the interpreter, added that Chinatown has a large number of residents who would like to represent Chinatown, and restated the problem with candidates not being able to get an application by calling the phone number. He added that he wanted Chinatown representatives to be able to vote to nominate their own representative, rather than having other caucuses decide who would represent Chinatown.

Shirley "Xiayi" Zhang left the meeting. 25 board members were present.

Motion: To form an ad hoc committee to fix the board vacancy process and to table the vote on any candidates until we've clarified the procedure. (Phyllis Ling motioned, Angelica Moyes seconded.)

Phyllis Ling stated that this application process started in October 2017 because a candidate asked for an application form, but there wasn't one. She noted that she volunteered to make an application form, consulted with the entire Executive Committee, and the only person who provided feedback was Laura Velkei, so they worked on the application form together. She reminded the board that she presented the application form at the January board meeting. It was released that month, but there were changes made by Laura Velkei in February. She acknowledged the discussions about applicants' eligibility documentation, and wasn't sure what the solution was. She added that there are many unresolved issues, which is why she is suggesting that they be addressed by an ad hoc committee, and that the board shouldn't be seating candidates under the current process.

Dafne Gokcen stated that if some people were able to fill out applications, then there is a system that exists. She added that if we have friends who we want to help join the board, the board members should be helping them join the board. She added that the board should just seat the people who are here, who have shown up to the last two meetings, rather than consider any people who haven't bothered to attend any board meetings. She considered it outrageous that the board would delay seating these candidates any further.

Yuval Bar-Zemer commented that it's the responsibility of the entire board to make sure that the vacancies get filled, and that caucus members should be reaching out to people to apply for the board. He added that the board shouldn't look at the bureaucracy of the process as if the application is a barrier to access, and that they should consider the candidates who are here, out of respect for them. He added that if other people really wanted to be on the board, they would be at the meeting. If there are candidates who haven't been able to get through in the application process, the caucus members should be reaching out to them to let them know what the process is.

Angelica Moyes apologized to the candidates who were there, but reiterated that there is a problem with the process, the lack of adherence to the bylaws, and the changes that have been made without the entire

board being notified. President Kumamoto clarified that the bylaws say that the responsibility for seating candidates is with the full board, but that it's the caucus's role to recommend a candidate.

Ly Chou Tran stated, through the interpreter, that she supports what her fellow Chinatown caucus members have said, and that she also thinks we need to do something to repair the application process.

Lydia Moreno stated that Laura Velkei was asked to write down the board vacancy process in order to make it transparent, but that the process that Laura Velkei wrote down is not set in stone. She stated that it appears to be a recent problem that the board has decided to not follow processes, and that some board members have decided to run their own processes.

Michael Maier asked for a friendly amendment to proceed with the ad hoc committee, but to only table the Chinatown seats, and to allow all other caucuses to vote to seat candidates, since it appears that the other caucuses don't have problems with the process, or meeting to vote on candidates.

Phyllis Ling did not accept the amendment. She stated that she believes the board needed to fix the process right away, so that hopefully these problems would not occur with future vacancies. Don Toy added that there was a problem with the Victor Heights seat because two candidates who left phone messages didn't get a call back. Angelica Moyes added that on the report provided by Laura Velkei, which was attached to the agenda, there was a Victor Heights candidate who was not sent a response. However, since Laura Velkei wasn't at the meeting, the board couldn't verify what happened with this candidate's inquiry, and whether it was ever answered.

Yuval Bar-Zemer and Lynn Nakamura asked for clarity on the ad hoc committee and how long this process would take. Alan Kumamoto stated that the board could add clarity to the motion if it wanted.

Marc Rose asked who was leading the committee. He stated that the person leading the committee should be someone who thinks there is a problem with the system, so that they can help fix the system. He suggested that the people who have an issue with the system should take real action, and lead this committee, and fix it.

President Kumamoto stated the motion is to form this committee, and if it passes, then we can see who volunteers. Don Toy asked if Phyllis Ling was willing to serve on this committee. Phyllis Ling stated yes.

Vote on Motion: 11-Favor, 13-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION FAILED.

Favor: Angelica Moyes, Don Toy, George Campos, Greg Kimura, Ly Chou Tran, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

Opposed: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, June Aochi-Berk, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Michael Maier, Marc Rose, Steve Nagano, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Motion: To form an ad hoc committee to fix the process. (Michael Maier motioned, Phyllis Ling seconded.)

Danny Young asked if there was any time frame. Michael Maier stated no. Michael Maier added that he hopes that the ad hoc committee can come to the next meeting with something completed, so that this won't be a problem. Alexandra Leekley asked if she could make a friendly amendment. Michael Maier stated no, he wanted to keep this simple. Lynn Nakamura asked what happens if there is no HCNC. Dafne Gokcen and Alan Kumamoto clarified that anything that happens after the subdivision election is hypothetical right now.

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

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller,

George Campos, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Ly Chou Tran, Lynn Nakamura, Michael Maier, Marc Rose, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Opposed: Lydia Moreno

Abstain: Dafne Gokcen

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

President Kumamoto asked for volunteers for this ad hoc committee. Don Toy and Phyllis Ling volunteered. Lydia Moreno nominated Laura Velkei as the VP of Stakeholders. Dafne Gokcen supported that nomination. President Kumamoto asked who would call the meeting. Don Toy, Dafne Gokcen, and Michael Maier nominated Phyllis Ling.

President Kumamoto stated that the committee should report back at the next meeting with progress. Don Toy added that this should be done transparently, and it shouldn't just be one or two people involved. Valerie Garcia-Hanley stated that she would try to help out. President Kumamoto summarized that the committee members were Don Toy, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Phyllis Ling, and Laura Velkei. Don Toy stated that Ne Huang Hom would also volunteer for the committee.

Motion: To proceed with votes to seat candidates. (Yuval Bar-Zemer motioned, Dafne Gokcen seconded.)

Lydia Moreno left the meeting. 24 board members were present.

Greg Kimura left the meeting. 23 board members were present.

Don Toy wanted to state for the record that the board is voting to proceed with seating candidates even though the process has been changed, people have been left out without the opportunity to respond, and the process is flawed and non-transparent.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley stated that the board is not following the bylaws, and that the caucus should be able to make a recommendation. She added that if we are not following our bylaws, a person can file a complaint, and the board may have to start over again. She recommended that board do things the right way, follow the bylaws, wait another month, try to fix the process, and then proceed with seating candidates.

Vote on Motion: 12-Favor, 10-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, June Aochi-Berk, Lynn Nakamura, Michael Maier, Marc Rose, Steve Nagano, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Opposed: Angelica Moyes, Don Toy, George Campos, Ly Chou Tran, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

5.4.2 Open Board Seats Update: Youth 'At Large' (age 16-20), Chinatown Resident Representative, Chinatown Business Owner, Victor Heights Resident Representative (Discussion and Vote)

Motion: To seat Iciar Rivera as the Chinatown Resident Representative. (Dafne Gokcen motioned, Danny M. Young seconded.)

Iciar Rivera introduced herself again. She has lived in the Chinatown area for approximately 12 years.

Vote on Motion: 13-Favor, 7-Opposed, 2-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, George Campos, June Aochi-Berk, Lynn Nakamura, Michael Maier, Marc Rose, Steve Nagano, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Opposed: Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Ne Huang Hom, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

Abstain: Angelica Moyes, Norma Garcia

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Iciar Rivera joined the board at the table. 24 board members were present.

The Chinatown Business Owner Representative candidates introduced themselves again.

After a brief caucus of the Chinatown members, Angelica Moyes reported that their recommendation was based on how aware the candidates were of developments in the neighborhood and the closure of the PAMC hospital. The caucus nominated Mei Lau for the seat.

Motion: To seat Mei Lau as the Chinatown Business Owner Representative. (Angelica Moyes motioned, Valerie Garcia-Hanley seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 15-Favor, 5-Opposed, 3-Abstain, 1-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Don Toy, George Campos, June Aochi-Berk, Ly Chou Tran, Marc Rose, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley,

Opposed: Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Abstain: Lynn Nakamura, Michael Maier, Iciar Rivera

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo

Mei Lau joined the board. 25 board members were present.

5.4.2.4 One Victor Heights Resident Seat
No update.

5.5 Third VP: Urban Design and Land Use Committee Letters of Support – Laura Velkei

Ly Chou Tran left the meeting. 24 board members were present.

Yuval Bar-Zemer noted that only two projects had recommendations for a vote: 5.5.1 and 5.5.7.

Dafne Gokcen announced that she was recusing herself from 5.5.1 because she represents the applicant as a Land Use consultant, and she left the room.

5.5.1 Wolf & Crane 366 E 2nd Street, Los Angeles, 90012 (Little Tokyo)

Michael Francesconi and Matthew Glaser

FE Design & Consulting

Bar

Meeting with LTCC today (3/21). Matthew will recuse himself from board discussion and vote.

We are going to request a hearing waiver and are looking for HCNC support.

Type 48 (full liquor without food service)

Manny Diaz

ZA-2013-942-CUB-CUX-PA1

A Plan Approval from ZA 2013-942(CUB)(CUX) to allow the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a 2,348 s.f. bar having live entertainment and patron dancing.

Letter of Support

Unanimous Committee Support

Motion: for Letter of Support (Discussion and Vote)

Motion: To approve a Letter of Support for Wolf & Crane. (Yuval Bar-Zemer motioned, Steve Nagano seconded.)

Vote on Motion: 21-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 2-Ineligible, 1-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, George Campos, Iciar Rivera, June Aochi-Berk, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo, Mei Lau

Recused: Dafne Gokcen

Dafne Gokcen returned to the room.

5.5.7 APPLICANT CLAIMED AVAILABLE ONLY AFTER MAY, WAS REACHED OUT TO IN OCT, DEC, JAN & MARCH LUC TO DISCUSS LETTER OF OPPOSITION FOR SPOT ZONING, NON-COMPLIANCE WITH FAR. DISCUSSION NEEDED SO LETTERS CAN BE INCLUDED IN EIR

676 Mateo Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021 (Arts District)

Mixed-Use Development

Edgar Khalatian

Maxxam Enterprises

CPC-2016-3689-GPA-ZC-HD-MCUP-DBSPR

The Project proposes the demolition of the existing approximately 27,000 square feet of warehouse use and approximately 20,000 square feet of associated paved surface parking and concrete surface area, in order to construct an up to 197,355-square-foot, type-I mixed-use building containing up to 185 live/work units and approximately 15,320 square feet of open space for residents, up to 23,380 square feet of commercial uses, and associated parking facilities providing approximately 270 parking spaces and approximately 228 bicycle parking spaces. Eleven percent of the units (approximately 20 live/work units) would be deed-restricted for Very Low Income households. The proposed building would be up to 110 feet (8 aboveground levels) tall and would include a three-level subterranean parking structure.

1100 E. 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013

Mixed-Use Development

Arts District

Edgar Khalatian

Maxxam Enterprises

CPC-2016-3726-GPA-VZC-HD-MCUP-ZAADB-SPR

The Project proposes the demolition of three existing vacant warehouses totaling approximately 35,000 square feet and the removal of approximately 23,000 square feet of associated paved surface parking area and concrete surface area in order to construct an up to 247,000-square-foot, type-I mixed-use building containing up to 220 live/work units and approximately 22,725 square feet of open space for residents, up to 44,530 square feet of commercial uses, and associated parking facilities providing approximately 342 parking spaces and approximately 288 bicycle parking spaces. Eleven percent of the units (approximately 25 live/work units) would be deed-restricted for Very Low Income households. The proposed building would be up to 110 feet (8 levels) tall and would include a three-level subterranean parking structure.

William.lamborn@lacity.org

William Lamborn

Action: LUC Voted to do a letter of non-support as applicant has been requested to attend and meet with the community over spot zoning issues. Purpose is to reserve rights to oppose within City public comment filing deadlines. Majority supported. 1 no. Applicant is appearing in May.

Vivian Um and Dori Keller left the meeting. 22 board members were present.

Yuval Bar-Zemer summarized the project as two major projects. The applicant has been asked to make a presentation to the LUC a number of times, but has not done that yet. They have started their entitlement request and begun the EIR process. The LUC is recommending a letter of non-support because the applicant still hasn't made their project available for public review after about half a year.

Motion: To write a Letter of Non-Support. (Yuval Bar-Zemer motioned, Ron Fong seconded.)

Dafne Gokcen explained that the applicant was present at the last LUC meeting, at which they explained why they weren't presenting their project.

The representative from the project, who was present, commented that they were at the LUC meeting, but had a conflict, and let the LUC know that they would be presenting their project in May. She also stated that they have tried to reach out to members of the LUC to apologize for the delays.

Dafne Gokcen stated that she was at the last LUC meeting, and that the applicant explained that they had a delay due to design changes, which was communicated to the Chair of the LUC as the reason they were not ready to present their project at that meeting. She added that as a Land Use consultant, she understands that designs change and delays happen, but it doesn't necessarily mean they are avoiding the community. She noted that there is no draft EIR, there are no deadlines, and these are huge projects that take 2 years to get to a hearing. She believed that it was premature to issue a letter of non-support when the applicant is scheduled to present their project in May, and has been present at both the last LUC meeting and this current meeting.

Yuval Bar-Zemer noted that he wasn't at the last LUC meeting, but that he is very familiar with the project because it is directly across the street from him. He stated that the problem was that he heard about the project 2 years ago, and that there was complete silence for a long period of time. Also, the difficulty is that once the applicant submits an EIR, there is reluctance from the applicant to change anything because it causes a huge delay. He explained that the community is at a huge disadvantage to express what it wants if the applicants do not engage in dialog with the community before an EIR is submitted.

Vote on Motion: 12-Favor, 6-Opposed, 2-Abstain, 2-Ineligible, 0-Recused. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alan Kumamoto, Alexandra Leekley, Don Toy, George Campos, June Aochi-Berk, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Ne Huang Hom, Norma Garcia, Ron Fong, Tuong Hoang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Opposed: Angelica Moyes, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Lynn Nakamura, Phyllis Ling, Steve Nagano

Abstain: Iciar Rivera, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo, Mei Lau

No other items were considered as the deadline to vacate the facility was reached.

The next meeting will be at the Los Angeles State Historic Park in Chinatown.

9 ——— Adjournment at 8:41 p.m.

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