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General Board Minutes

6PM, September 9, 2014

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1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call –

President Kito moves announcement up the agenda 6PM- See 2.0 Below

President Brian Kito calls meeting to order, V.P. Shirley Zhang takes roll call (6:15)

Present: Brian Kito, George Yu, Mark Rothenberg, Laura Velkei, Yuval Bar-Zemer, June Berk, Melissa Richardson-Banks, Christopher Fudurich, Alan Kumamoto, Peter Hick Loon Pang, Ly Chou Tran, Edmund Soohoo, Norma Garcia, Valerie Hanley, Howard Nishimura, Ron Fong, Yvette Grageda, Lydia Moreno, Esther Joaquin Woo, Gi Hao Cheung, Shirley Zhang, Don Toy. (22)
Absent: Andrew Lucero, George Rollins, Wai So Yuan, Ne Hung Hom, Norman Qui Nie, Richard Estrada, Stephen Nagano, Nick Curl, Alejandra Flores, Hoover Tang, Sara Harris (resigned),
Public: Sara Rascan- Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez, Miguel Vargas-CD14, Diana Edoyan-CD14, Melinda Ramos Alatorre-CD1, Rudy Espinoza, Janet McIntyre, Shan Liang, Jeffrey Childers, Irene Paul, Bon Sun, Tyler Kaplan, Danny Young, Officer Steve Salenstros, General Jeff, Jonathan Rivas, Al Soo-Hoo, William Yuen,

President Kito announced secretary Sara Harris has resigned from the board. He asked for a volunteer to take notes of this evenings meeting, Melissa Richardson-Banks volunteers.

2.0 Announcements: CD14, CD1, D.O.N.E. LAPD

- CD14 Report by Diana Edoyan, Downtown Caseworker, Councilmember Jose Huizar- looking to get matching funds for trash cans in the district.
- CD1 Report by Melinda Ramos Alatorre, Field Deputy, Councilmember Gil Cedillo- CD1 held their 1yr celebration, Solano Avenue vacation is going before council tomorrow. Mexican Independence Day will be celebrated in city hall.
- D.O.N.E. Report not given (no representative)
- LAPD- Officer Salestros. Shared his telephone (213) 503-7322

3.0 Numbering mistake. No 3.0 on agenda

4.0 Approval of Previous Board Minutes of 6/10/2014 (discussion and vote)

Corrections request by Don Toy.
Section 2.2 Second paragraph / third sentence (should read as follows) Board member Yvette, states that, since the meeting started, 50 minutes have passed so far to have had a chance to read the minutes, and we should move forward with the motions to approve the minutes with the corrections.

Section 5.1 First paragraph (should read as follows) Don Toy commented- How was the translation funding derived? What happens when the funding runs out? And that we need more funding for translation. Treasurer stated that 10% of the budget has been allocated for translation and efforts will be made to reach out to volunteers for further assistance.

STATEMENT: Shirley Zhang shared that “these are meant to be minutes, not transcripts.”

Motion: by Christopher Fudurich to accept previous board minutes with corrections; seconded by Laura Velkei;
VOTE: Unanimous with 21 board members present voting YES, 1 Abstention. (See addendum “Vote Count”)

5.0 **President's Report** – Brian Kito

5.1 Motion to vote on board resolution to add up to 5 executive members, as a group, allowed to submit community impact statements. (Community Impact Statements are official statements or positions adopted by a Neighborhood Council on issues pending before the City's decision makers. The Community Impact Statement process was created specifically for Neighborhood Councils so they can publically express their support, opposition, or suggestions about any matter pending before the City Council, its committees, or City commissions. A Community Impact Statement (CIS) is an official statement used to express the position of a Neighborhood Council (NC) as a whole, and is not to be used to express personal opinions)

Executive Board Members nominated by President Kito: Brian Kito, Mark Rothenberg, Lydia Moreno, Shirley Zhang, Alan Kumamoto

Motion: by Christopher Fudurich to accept nomination of Kito, Rothenberg, Moreno, Zhang and Kumamoto as the five HCNC members authorized to submit a CIS on behalf of the board. Seconded by Edmund.

VOTE: Unanimous with 22 board members present voting YES (See addendum "Vote Count")

6.0 **LADWP-** Elysian Park and Downtown Water Recycling Projects. These projects will bring recycled water to Elysian Park and Downtown Los Angeles to offset potable demands and provide infrastructure for strategic expansion of recycled water use. Presentation about Elysian Park and Downtown Water Recycling Projects by LADWP's Bob Sun Recommendation by Laura Velkei to discuss this in future HCNC caucus meetings.

7.0 **Los Angeles Street Vendor Campaign-** Presentation by Rudy Espinoza of L.U.R.N. to brief HCNC about the campaign. Los Angeles is the only major city in the U.S. that does not have a permit system in place for street vendors. Number of board members voiced concerns about the permit system. Miguel Vargas of CD 14 said that a report will be released in about a month or so, outlining the fees, structure, trash concerns. Etc.

7.0 **Review Roster** of members who have completed ethics and funding training. We currently have member that taken both the Ethics and Funding training and some that have taken the Ethics only.

9.0 **Treasurer's Report:**

9.1. New form for HCNC projects. Treasurer Moreno discussed a proposed new form for HCNC project requests and a draft will be sent to board members to review for future edits and approval..

A. Valerie Garcia-Hanley asked if Lydia could follow up on checks for caucus projects to see if they were mailed. Treasurer shared that all 2013-2014 projects have been funded.

B. Treasurer Moreno shared how members can track checks on line.

Steps: 1. www.empowerla.gov, 2. "Funding" tab, 3. "City Check Payment Tracker" 4. Select appropriate tab at the bottom of page.

C. Laura Velkei asked how much money is allocated for each neighborhood. Treasurer stated per approved the budget at our last meeting, each caucus was allocated \$4,000 for new projects.

10.0 **Committee updates:**

10.1 Action Committee- Alan Kumamoto- Announced next Action Committee will be September 30th, 6pm at the Koban.

10.2 By-laws Committee- Lydia Moreno- No report

10.3 Outreach/Marketing Committee- George Yu- No report

10.4 Planning (Land Use) Committee- Mark Rothenberg and Brian will work on guide lines for committee.

11.0 **New Business / Old business:**

Caucus:

ARTS DISTRICT

-Cerveteca DTLA (923 E. 3rd St.): Recommended that HCNC approve support of this CUB application with the condition that no live music and additional soundproofing are included in this modification (STC-55 level – isolation and decoupling).

-Factory Kitchen Expansion (1331 E. 6th St.): Recommended support of Factory Kitchen applying for a CUB at Factory Place Arts Complex

-AMP Lofts (695 S. Santa Fe Ave.): Asking for a recommendation that HCNC support the overall project; support the waiver for the improvement condition; and support the FAR request.

- The Corner Store (714 Traction Ave.): Recommended support of the Corner Store application for a CUB to sell offsite wine and beer (no single-serving sales of high-alcohol content malt liquors)
- AERC/Legendary Development (950 E. 3rd St.): On hold after numerous community meetings and waiting for developer design response.
- Metro-: Arts district reported that they have experienced 3 power outages due to Metro construction. That they need a contact person with metro to address issues affecting the AD. Brian Kito will give contacts to AD and El Pueblo for more discussion.

LITTLE TOKYO: Feeling effects of the Metro, more traffic and people starting to avoid the area. Power outages reported.

SOLANO CANYON: Lydia Moreno requested procedure for posting notice for the now vacant seat. Seat will be posted on website and caucus area. Caucus to nominate a candidate and present to the board. Procedure is that the Caucus will nominate a replacement candidate and if they cannot come to agreement, the Board will nominate and vote on a replacement.

VICTOR HEIGHTS: Don Toy reports new trees being planted by local businesses in the neighborhood. Security has been an issue.

- 12.0 **Public Comment:** General Jeff from the Skid Row area is requesting possibly joining the HCNC. Presently a part of the DTLANC
- 13.0 **Next Meeting:** A. General Board Meeting: Oct. 14 ,TBA.
B. Committee Meetings: Action Committee 9/30 6pm Koban
- 14.0 **Adjournment:** 7:55PM

Submitted by: Melissa Richardson Banks/ Brian Kito

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