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General Board Minutes
6PM, October 14th 2014
Lot 613— 613 Imperial Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021

Public Comment/announcements: Public comment and announcements taken out of order, while awaiting a full quorum.

Yonah Hong of Metro gave update on construction and street closures. Major construction will take place next year. Update on Power outages, is that, Metro also suffered power outages and that they were not involved nor the construction by Metro the cause of the power outages, affecting the Arts district. Business interruption programs have been talked about, but there is no real policy in place yet. Metro office is open Monday – Friday at 1st and Central and there is also a hotline.

CD 14 Dianna Edoyan- 4th and Spring beautification project. (audio bad)

Public comment: Dafnee Gokcen – Statement about the Victor Heights tree planting project. Felt more outreach to the community was needed.

President thanks Natalie Reynoso of Lot 613 for hosting the meeting and for providing the food, drinks and sweets. They have a website www.lot613.com, if anyone is interested in renting the facility. It has a licensed bar for special events.

1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call –(23 board member present)

President Brian Kito calls meeting to order, V.P. Shirley Zhang takes roll call 6:20pm

Present: Brian Kito, George Yu, Mark Rothenberg, Laura Velkei, Yuval Bar-Zemer, June Berk, Andrew Lucero, Melissa Richardson-Banks, George Rollins, Christopher Fudurich, Peter Hick Loon Pang, Ly Chou Tran, Edmund Soohoo, Norman Qui Nie, Norma Garcia, Valerie Hanley, Stephen Nagano, Ron Fong, Lydia Moreno, Alejandra Flores, Esther Joaquin Woo, Shirley Zhang, Don Toy, (23) Howard Nishimura (arrived 6:30pm), Danny Young-seated (25)

Absent: Alan Kumamoto, Richard Estrada, Yvette Grageda, Wai So Yuan, Ne Hung Hom, Nick Curl, Gi Hao Cheung, Hoover Tang,

Public: Miguel Vargas-CD14, Diana Edoyan-CD14, Patti Richardson, Yonah Hong-Metro, Mathew Marquez- Metro, Dafne Gokcen, Alexis Readinger, May Phutilcarit-FE Design, Mei Lau, Ryan Granit, Lainie Herrera, Natalie Reynoso, Jeanmarie Hance, General Jeff, Al Soo-Hoo.

AXIOM: Ben Zhang-Mandarin translator. Cantonese/Toisan translator not able to make it in time.

2.0 Announcements- moved up before call to order- see above.

3.0 Approval of September 9, 2014 board meeting minutes (discussion and vote)

Motion to approve minutes as written. Motion by Melissa Richardson-Banks, seconded by Mark Rothenberg.

Approved unanimously (23) Approved- see vote count

Edmond Soohoo asked if Chinese translation could be ready sooner than the 72 hour rule.

Melissa Banks volunteers to take the secretary position. Not yet voted on, but will start next meeting and will in turn become part of the executive committee.

Don Toy mentioned that he did not receive a fax of the minutes or agenda. Both Laura Velkei and Brian Kito replied that they faxed it to Don Toy and have confirmation.

Item taken out of order:

Solano Canyon item 8.1-C3. Motion-Vote to replace Sara Harris with Danny Young.
Danny Young was nominated by the Solano Canyon caucus. Motion by George Yu, seconded by Mark Rothenberg.
Vote- Unanimously (24) Approved- see vote count

4.0 President's Report- Brian Kito

- (A) President announced land use committee rules and procedures final copy will be available for vote at the next meeting
- (B) 2014-2015 Strategic Plan and Outreach Survey was read to members, discussion and vote.

Motion to approve as written: Motion to approve made by Christopher Fudurich, Seconded by Laura Velkei.

Vote- 24 YES / 1 abstention- Approved- see vote count

5.0 Presentations- None

6.0 Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Moreno, requested approval of September treasurer's report which includes only 2 items.

Discussion and vote on approval of September treasurer's monthly report including:

- A. \$100 Eastside Market
- B. \$331.90 AXIOM – Translation of agenda and minutes to Chinese for September meeting.

Vote to approve by Christopher Fudurich, Seconded by Valerie Handley

Unanimous (23 eligible voters) APPROVED- see vote count

7.0 Caucus Updates:

7.2 Chinatown- Ly Chou Tran requested a translator in her language. We were informed by Axiom just 15 minutes before the meeting that one of the interpreters would be late or not show at all. Edmond Soohoo asked that we request Terry Seto as an interpreter from Axiom.

Edmund also announce that there will be a 5K run on Saturday and that North Broadway and Main streets would be affected.

7.3 Little Tokyo- Hello Kitty first annual convention being held in Little Tokyo from Oct 30-Nov 2.

7.5 Solano Canyon- Caucus shared with the board the disappointment with the new owners of the LA Dodgers. The community impact has never been at the level it was this season. Working mitigation measures implemented in the past were taken away this season, putting the community in danger with speeding vehicles. Higher noise levels disrupts the quality of life in the canyon, the fireworks on Friday nights at 11PM disrupts sleeping children and scares dogs. Parking lot cleaning with machines and sweepers starts as early as 6AM- very loud. Council office and Dodger management are distant in the matter and has not/did not engaged the community to be a part of a solution. Solano caucus expressed disappointed that CD1 representative was not present to hear the concerns of the community.

7.6 Victor Heights- Shirley Zhang noted that she was not notified of a meeting by the caucus about the proposed tree planting project in Victor Heights. The procedure is to notify all caucus members for approval and discussion of projects. Don Toy, who proposed the tree project said that he mailed Shirley Zhang the proposal.

8.0 Committee updates:

8.1 Action Committee Items (Discussion and Votes)

Discussion about who could vote: If a board member has two silver decals on their paper name plaque, they can vote. Edmond Soohoo noted that the Chinese speakers on the board did the training, but as of today, it was not updated on the DONE web site. President Brian Kito, allowed Chinatown group to vote, pending the verification. If adjustment need be made, the changes could be done to the vote count.

Andrew Lucero and Danny Young are the only board members that need to finish the training and they were ineligible to vote on any motion related to funding.

Arts District – Item D1 Discussion and vote: request \$2,000 for care and maintenance of 35-36 trees over a 5 month period along Mateo St. and other locations.

Motion to approve by Christopher Fudurich, Seconded by Laura Velkei
Vote: Unanimous (23) Approved- see vote count

Items D-2 thru D8 Discussion and vote: Melissa Richardson-Banks explained the projects summarized on the agenda. All these projects were well vented by the entire Arts District Caucus and wish to have all voted on together. There was no objection to voting on D-2 thru D-8 together.

Motion to approve D-2 thru D-8, given that the letters of support will be provided by the Arts District and given to President, to review and sign.

Motion to approve by Mark Rothenberg Seconded by Yuval Bar-Zemer
Vote: Unanimous (25) Approved- see vote count

El Pueblo- item 8.1 B El Pueblo-

Discussion and vote: Valerie Garcia-Hanley and Norma Garcia recused themselves and left the room for the vote and discussion. Requests for \$2,000 for the Day of the Dead event.

Motion to approve by Christopher Fudurich, Seconded by Mark Rothenberg.
Vote- Unanimous (21) Approved - see vote count

Little Tokyo- item 8.1 E Brian Kito recused and left the room for discussion and vote.
Request for \$2,000 for the 2015 Tanabata festival.

Motion to approve by Mark Rothenberg, Seconded by Christopher Fudurich
Vote-Unanimous (22) Approved - see vote count

Solano Canyon

Item 8.1 C1 Alejandra Flores recused and left the room during discussion and vote.
Request for \$2,000 for the second annual children theater festival for the LA theatre Academy.

Motion to approve by Mark Rothenberg, Seconded by Valerie Garcia-Hanley
Vote: Unanimous (22) Approved

Item 8.1 C2- Request for \$2000 for LA Community Garden Council "Growing Communities" event- Outreach and promotion of green living, active participation in the community in an effort to preserve nature, the environment, and our city through green thinking and living.

Motion to approve by Christopher, seconded by Laura Velkei
Vote: Unanimous (22) Approved

Item 8.1 C4 Community Impact statements presented by Lydia pertaining to Solano Avenue Street vacation and sidewalk closure adjacent to the school read to the board for approval.

Vote to approve filing of said impact: Motion by George Yu, second by Steve Nagano

Vote Unanimous (25) Approved to file the CIS

Board recommended: Contact LAPD and LAUSD about this issue. Get some stats about this area.

Victor Heights

Item 8.1A Victor Heights- Matching funds request of \$2,000 with \$2,000 from board member Yuval Bar-Zemer, for tree planting. Comments made about the full caucus and public not being notified of the project. The rule is that all caucus members must be notified. Shirley Zhang stated that she did not receive any notification of the project.

Motion for \$2,000 for the tree planting given: 1) The full caucus meet to discuss the project, and 2) The location of the trees be determined and submitted.

Vote: 21 yes, 2 abstentions. Approved

9.0 New business / old business:

Thank you to Mark Rothenberg for working on the land use guidelines.

Chinatown representative Ly Chou Tran, spoke about the lack of the translator.

President requested for the third time, that a list of all the Chinese board members requesting translation be made and submitted to the president by the next meeting. The list should contain a primary dialect and a secondary dialect that they speak or understand. Edmund was asked to provide information by president.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mark R.

Attachments: Vote counts by item

Minutes submitted by: Brian Kito

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