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**General Board Minutes**

**6PM, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**Cathedral High School : 1253 Bishops Rd, Los Angeles, 90012**

**1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call (6:24)**

President Brian Kito calls meeting to order, V.P. Shirley Zhang takes roll call. 23 board members present.

Present (23): George Yu, Laura Velkei, Mark Rothenberg, Yuval Bar-Zemer, June Aochi-Berk, Andrew Lucero, Melissa Richardson Banks, George Rollins, Christopher Fudurich, Alan Kumamoto, Ly Chou Tran, Wai So Yuan, Ne Hung Hom, Edmond Soohoo, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Richard Estrada, Brian Kito, Yvette Grageda, Lydia Moreno, Danny Young, Xiayi (Shirley) Zhang, Don Toy (23)

Alejandra Flores, Norman Qin Nie, left 7:30 (25), Esther Woo and Gi Hao Cheung arrived 6:50PM, left 7:15PM

Absent: Peter Hick Loon Pang, Howard Nishumura, Stephen Nagano, Ron Fong, Hoover Tang, Nick Curl (6)

Guest: Al Soo Hoo, Dafne Gokcen, Aracely Del Campo, Paul Hanley, Melinda Ramos-Alatorre, Ashley Sandoval, Brad Cox, Jim Henderson, Christina Lee

President Kito thanked Andrew Lucero from Cathedral High School for hosting and organizing the December board meeting at Cathedral High School, many thanks to the young men who helped with the parking and guided guest to the meeting location.

**2.0 Public Comments**

- Melinda Ramos-Alatorre of Councilmember Gil Cedillo's Office discussed District #1's "Keep It Clean" program.
- Ashley Sandoval of Jive Live ((accompanied by her colleague Maria Ruvalcaba) discussed the New Year's Race that begins at Bottega Louie, then goes east on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, north on Hill Street (where there are two U-turns for 10k and 5k), and marathon continues to Chinatown and Dodger Stadium.
- Brad Cox, Jim Andersen, and Christina Lee of Trammel Crow (agenda item 7.5) discussed La Plaza Cultura Village and requested letter of support for the project. They hope to break ground in 2015. The three-part project connects Hill to Broadway to Spring to Main streets. Alfredo Irmastovich of Cesar Chavez Foundation made remarks in support of the project. Motion to support project given 1) all concerns of the near by residence be included 2) letter be submitted with copies of diagrams presented at the board meeting.

**Motion:** Motion to support project and provide letter of support made by Mark Rothenberg, Seconded by Father Richard Estrada

**Vote:** George Yu and Alejandra abstain all others present vote YES 22

**3.0 Previous board minutes vote to approve:**

**Motion:** Danny Young *motioned to approve as written; seconded by George Rollins.*

**VOTE:** Approved- 20 yes, 5 No: Ly Chon Tran, Ne Hung Hom, Norman Qin Nie, Wai So Yuan, Don Toy

#### 4.0 President's Report:

**4.1 Land Use Committee:** *Mark Rothenberg recommends that HCNC Land Use Committee meet to review and make final decisions to submit to the full board on development projects after any caucus reviews.*

*Motion to approve guidelines given that the first step in reviewing a project would be by the ud/luc, with caucus members to be informed that a project in their area will be reviewed at the next ud/luc meetings*

**Motion** to approve Land Use Committee guidelines by made George Rollins; Father Estrada seconded.

**VOTE:** Approved 17 yes, 7 NO: Ly Chon Tran, Ne Hung Jom, Wai So Yuan, Don Toy, Christopher Fudurich, Laura Velkei, Melissa Richardson Banks

#### 4.2 Translation Requests Sheet

All board members needing translation were asked to please fill out the translation forms.

Edmond Soohoo was asked to please have all those that need translation in Chinatown fill out the form and return to Brian prior to next meeting.

#### 4.3 Public Safety Committee / Emergency Preparedness

Save for next meeting. Please think about how your own areas are prepared for emergencies. Would like to take inventory of assets of each neighborhood.

#### 5.0 Treasurer's Report

##### 5.1 October Expenses

A. \$360.80 to AXIOM: Translate Oct agenda + Sept minutes to Chinese

B. \$425.00 to Tom Minkler, Webmaster

C. \$295.00 to AXIOM: Mandarin interpretation for October 14 board meeting

**Motion:** Motion to approve treasure's October expense report was made by Mark Rothenberg, Second by Alan Kumamoto

**VOTE:** Approved 19 yes, 4 abstentions: Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Wau So yuan, Ne Hung Hom  
(see vote count)

#### 6.0 Committee Reports

**6.1 Planning / Land Use:** Mark Rothenberg

**6.2 By-Laws:** No Report

**6.3 Outreach (Marketing):** No Report

#### 7.0 Action Committee Reports

**7.1 Arts District:** \$2,000 funding request for tree planting and maintenance of 25 trees by Industrial District Green through Community Partners.

**Motion:** Alan Kumamoto motioned; Christopher Fudurich seconded; all eligible board members present supported the motion.

**VOTE:** : All eligible board members present supported the motion. 23 Yes (see vote count)

**7.2 Chinatown:** Edmund Soohoo withdrew its \$4,000 request for security cameras by Friends of Chinatown Library and will submit in the future.

**7.3 El Pueblo:** Two funding proposals presented, exceeding caucus allocation.

**A. \$2,000 request from Olvera Street Merchants Association Foundation** presented to Treasurer Moreno for support of an annual Las Posadas Festival - all paperwork received.

**B. \$2,000 request from Friends of Chinese American Museum** presented by Al Soo Hoo to support 14th Annual Lantern Festival that HCNC funded in the past - all paperwork received.

Norma and Valerie left the room for discussion and vote.

Compromise of \$1,000 per project proposed by Father Estrada from the El Pueblo caucus. Board agreed;  
**MOTION:** Alan K. motioned; Melissa seconded; unanimous vote of support by the board for the two projects described above and fund for 1,000 each.

**VOTE:** All eligible board members present supported the motion. 20 Yes (see vote count)

**C. INFO ONLY: Father Estrada** discussed future El Pueblo nonprofit coalition.

**7.4 Little Tokyo: ON HOLD:** Proposal for \$1,500 to support an event (rather than a number of projects parts, be for one main project so HCNC would be recognized.) for Kizuna youth organization. Caucus discussed reduction to \$1,000 to make available funds for senior nutrition program for refrigeration repairs. Koresha project has limited paper work. **ACTION:** Proposal/s to move forward when the Caucus decides which project/s to support and dollar amount/s.

**7.5 La Plaza Cultura Village:** Pending development in Chinatown area. See public comment 2.0 above.

## **8.0 New Business /Old Business**

Yuval Bar-Zemer requested a letter to CD14, asking to put Arts District's survey zoning doc as a priority by the Council office.. Motion by Yuval Bar-Zemer ; seconded by Alan Kumamoto.

**VOTE:** Unanimous Yes 21

Issue of no translators was brought up. Request and response of attendance to the meeting was made too late. Request was made to the new translation company nevertheless, but request could not be fulfilled on such short notice. Don Toy will try to get us information on attendance in a timely manner.

## **9.0 Next Meeting Announcements**

**A. General Board Meeting:** TBD

**B. Committee Meetings:** TBA

**10.0 Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn 8:26 made by George Rollins; seconded by Yuval Bar-Zemer; Unanimous vote—Yes (21 members present)

Submitted by: Melissa Richardon-Banks and Brian Kito

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