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Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018
6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Los Angeles State Historic Park - Welcome Pavilion
(Parking available on-site)
1245 N Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

First VP Dafne Gokcen called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. 23 board members were present.

Present (23): Alexandra Leekley, Alexandra Owens, Angelica Moyes, Brett Louie, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Iciar Rivera, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Mei Lau, Michael Maier, Ne Hung Hom, Norma Garcia, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Valerie Garcia-Hanley, Yuval Bar-Zemer.

Late Arrivals (5): Dori Keller (6:46 p.m.), Vivian Um (6:46 p.m.), Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang (6:53 p.m.), Al Soo-Hoo (6:53 p.m.), Genevieve Liang (seated 7:05 p.m.), George Campos (7:13 p.m.).

Absent (4): Alan Kumamoto, Greg Kimura, June Aochi-Berk, Matthew Glaser.

Guests: Raymond Yu; Danni Wang, AD51; Katie Keefer, CD14; Mary Kim, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE); Jenny Aleman-Zemeta, LA River State Park Partners; David Louie, Regional Planning Commission Chair.

2 — Public Comment & Government Agency Reports (Sign-Up Sheet – 1 1/2-Minute Limit) (6:40 p.m.)

Public Comment

Raymond Yu provided a letter, and informed the board about the signal light improvement needed at

the intersection of Bernard Street and North Broadway in Chinatown, due to the high volume of traffic at all times, rush hour or not, and the proposed projects at 942 N Broadway, Mandarin Plaza replacement, and the Elysian Park Lofts. The signal is a small-size signal head, and needs to be upgraded with a large-size signal head.

2.1 CD 1 Updates/announcements

None

2.2 CD 14 Updates/announcements

Katie Keefer, new field representative for Jose Huizar's Office, announced an event, which is a community information session on homelessness at El Pueblo on July 14. She would like to partner with someone at HCNC about event logistics. The Lot 5 Temporary Shelter, scheduled to open in August, will be hosting an open house, the date for which is pending. She will share the date with HCNC once it is set.

Michael Maier asked about the status of City Council File #15-1138-S31, Homelessness and Poverty Committee, looking at emergency shelters specifically for Skid Row, which was adopted in March. There was supposed to be an administrative report from the City Attorney's Office. Katie Keefer stated she would look into that.

2.3 Other public official updates/announcements

Danni Wang, field representative for AD51, provided an update on Senate Bills. AB1862, a joint bill with Assembly Member Santiago, for Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for people who seek asylum from specific countries, appropriation of \$10 million.

Dori Keller and Vivian Um arrived. 25 board members were present.

2.4 DONE Updates - Mary Kim

Mary Kim announced that the Congress of Neighborhood Councils is planned for September 22, 2018. It is a gathering of approximately 800 neighborhood council board members at City Hall. She asked for workshop ideas including best practices for neighborhood councils.

Public Works provided an annual report for fiscal year 2017-2018, which she brought to the meeting and passed around.

Mary Kim informed the board about Open Data training available from the City. She asked for suggestions for computer labs in the area, with approximately 20 computers. They can provide training to community members. Translation in other languages, such as Chinese and Spanish, can be provided.

Elections for the Central area neighborhood councils will be in early to mid April, 2019. Outreach for these elections is ongoing.

Mary Kim informed the board members, whose Ethics Training has expired, that they would not be eligible to vote at this meeting. Ethics Training needs to be 2 hours or more.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley stated that she did not receive any notification about her expired Ethics Training. Mary Kim stated that she sent the notification email to the address that is listed as a public email. She asked board members to email her updated contact information.

3 — Consent Calendar (Discussion and Vote) – 6:50 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.

Don Toy asked that the items on the Consent Calendar be considered separately because the translated minutes were not distributed in advance.

3.1 Approval of May Minutes of Board Meeting - (Discussion and Vote)

Motion: To approve the May Minutes of Board Meeting. (Yuval Bar-Zemer motioned, Lynn Nakamura seconded).

Vote on Motion: 16-Favor, 4-Opposed, 2-Abstain, 3-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Alexandra Owens, Angelica Moyes, Brett Louie, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, Iciar Rivera, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer

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

Abstain: Laura Velkei, Lydia Moreno

Ineligible: Mei Lau, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

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

Motion: To approve the May Monthly Expense Report (MER) (Yuval Bar-Zemer motioned, Lynn Nakamura seconded).

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

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Brett Louie, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, Iciar Rivera, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Ne Hung Hom, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Vivian Um, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Abstain: Laura Velkei

Ineligible: Alexandra Owens, Mei Lau, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

4 — President's Report - Alan Kumamoto (Discussion and Action) - 6:53 p.m.

Alan is absent today and 1st VP Dafne Gokcen will be running the meeting.

VP Gokcen read an introductory statement about the conduct of this meeting, board member recusals, rules for public comment, civility, and decorum.

Public Comment (Continued)

Jenny Aleman-Zometa, from LA River State Park Partners, a non-profit that supports state parks. She wanted to welcome HCNC to the park and thank HCNC for all of the work it does for park development and access.

Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang and Al Soo-Hoo arrived. 27 board members were present.

5 — Committee Reports – 6:56 p.m.

**5.1 Treasurer: Lydia Moreno
No pay items for Board Approval.**

- 5.2 First VP: Chair of Action Committee Report - Dafne Gokcen**
Action Committee did not meet. We will meet again in the new fiscal year.
- 5.3 Second VP: Chair of Programs – Matthew Glaser**
No agenda items.
- 5.4 Third VP: Chair of Stakeholders Committee – Laura Velkei (Discussion and Vote/Seat)**
5.4.1 Victor Heights Resident Seat: Report from Victor Heights caucus, Discussion and Vote to seat candidate Genevieve Liang.

Marc Rose, Dafne Gokcen, and Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang met with Genevieve Liang prior to the board meeting. They voted to support her nomination for the seat.

Genevieve Liang introduced herself. She provided handouts in Chinese for the Chinese-speaking board members. She has been a resident of Victor Heights for almost four years. She has worked mainly in clean technology. She currently runs a non-profit organization for homeless shelter solutions. She stated that she is eager to do whatever she can to help make HCNC better.

Don Toy asked why he had not been notified of the caucus meeting with the candidate. Dafne Gokcen stated that he never notifies them of his meetings, and that the three members met because they are a majority of the Victor Heights caucus, and they are easy to reach. She added that if he wanted to attend these meetings, he needed to make himself more easily accessible. Don Toy asked which meetings he didn’t notify them about. Dafne Gokcen stated it was fine, and they had a majority of the caucus members there, and they voted to support the application. Don Toy asked if it was board policy that once there is a majority of caucus members, that no other caucus members need to be notified of a meeting. Dafne Gokcen stated yes because she believed that is how he operates. Don Toy stated that he would like her response to be reflected in the record.

Laura Velkei stated that if the majority votes to support something, then that vote prevails. Don Toy asked whether the other caucus members should have had the opportunity to attend the meeting and vote. Laura Velkei added that the HCNC gmail, and the President were copied on everything. She stated that the email about the meeting was sent to the email that they have on file for him, everyone in the Victor Heights caucus was notified, a formal meeting notice was posted on the website and calendar, and she didn’t know what else he needed to be notified.

Don Toy stated again that he doesn’t have an email, and doesn’t know which email address it was.

Phyllis Ling stated that at the last board meeting, Don Toy announced that he does not use email, and it was noted in the minutes. Laura Velkei stated that he says this all of the time, and that the email on file for him is the one used in the 2016 elections.

Phyllis Ling added that board members are not required to have an email address. She asked if anyone called Don Toy regarding the meeting. Laura Velkei stated that it was not her obligation to call him.

Don Toy asked whether the board policy was to notify members by email, and nothing else. Dafne Gokcen stated yes, and that he has an email address listed with DONE, so that’s what they used to contact him.

Laura Velkei provided a report on the process. Genevieve was the only applicant who

submitted her information. She filled out the form. Laura Velkei stated that she asked Genevieve to submit a copy of her resume, and other documents and she did, and those documents were provided to the caucus. Laura Velkei stated that her only role was reviewing the documents that came in. She stated that they maintained the concept of having a resume and bio, and having the caucus meet the candidate to decide whom they wanted. She stated that once the application period is closed, the only eligible candidates are those who applied.

Don Toy asked what happened to an applicant named Carol. Laura Velkei stated that she responded to Carol, but that Carol never submitted an application. Laura Velkei stated that her personal conversation with Carol was very nice, and there was no issue between them. She stated that she offered to walk her through the process, and tell her how she can print out the form. Don Toy stated that he heard a different assessment from Carol.

Motion: To seat Genevieve Liang as the Victor Heights Resident Representative (Dafne Gokcen motioned, Vivian Um seconded).

Vote on Motion: 15-Favor, 1-Opposed, 7-Abstain, 4-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Alexandra Owens, Brett Louie, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, Laura Velkei, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Ron Fong, Vivian Um, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Opposed: Phyllis Ling

Abstain: Angelica Moyes, Iciar Rivera, Steve Nagano, Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Ne Hung Hom, Tuong Hoang

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo, Mei Lau, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

Genevieve Liang joined the board at the table. 28 board members were present. Laura Velkei announced that Genevieve completed her board trainings.

5.4.2 Motion: Letter and CIS – Discussion & Vote - supporting the changes to DONE and BONC by David Ryu and the HENC Committee (Motion - no number provided). While the

document is fairly comprehensive, we request that the following or similar language be included:

- a) Complete Removal of subdivisions until such time that a full and complete analysis be done to address funding equity, process, recourse, online and VBM voting, and stakeholder definition.
- b) Create an accountability arm allowing NC's that have evidence and issues with DONE management and conduct to have a path to meaningful action to resolve a matter. This arm should have no influence from the Mayors Office, Council Office or BONC. Such options could include an independent NC review panel made up of NC Board Members past and present that report findings and recommendations to HENC Committee for referred action to Office of Personnel. Service term would be a maximum of 4 years with a one term sit out to re-apply.
- c) The inclusion of the Department and BONC for all staff and committee members of same to be subject to review by the Ethics Commission.
- d) Permanent removal of Online and VBM to adhere to state laws.
- e) Abolish current Exhaustive Efforts. Replace with independent NC Review Panel (can be performed by B) process to take no longer than 3 months. DONE to be barred from arbitrary edicts and review of minutes and agendas.

Motion: To write a letter and CIS supporting the changes to DONE and BONC by David Ryu and the HENC Committee, with additional language as noted above. (Laura Velkei motioned, Dafne Gokcen seconded).

Vote on Motion: 22-Favor, 1-Opposed, 1-Abstain, 4-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Alexandra Owens, Angelica Moyes, Brett Louie, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, Genevieve Liang, Iciar Rivera, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Ne Hung Hom, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Vivian Um, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Opposed: Phyllis Ling

Abstain: Michael Maier

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo, Mei Lau, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

5.4.3 Motion: Letter and CIS - Discussion & Vote - Opposing the re-authorization of Online Voting funding in the amount of \$348,000:

Oppose Jose Huizar's Motion 6B18F requesting Budget and Finance Committee to re-authorize \$348,000 that was de-authorized for 2017/2018 online voting due to abject failure. Funding should not be re-introduced as was the recommendation of the Budget Advocates and NC's all over the City. Online Voting and VBM has continually proven to disenfranchise voters, has had too many hands touching voter data, too many technical difficulties and too many caveats around stakeholder ship to make it work consistently and accurately. If funds were spent despite de-authorizing online voting build out, disciplinary action should be considered.

Motion: To write a letter and CIS opposing the re-authorization of Online Voting funding in the amount of \$348,000. (Laura Velkei motioned, Dafne Gokcen seconded).

Michael Maier asked if this was because of past failures with online voting. Laura Velkei explained that the state of California doesn't do online voting because it can't be tracked properly and can be hacked. She stated that the stakeholder definition is also problematic. She added that HCNC voted against online voting after the 2016 election. She believed these dollars have already been spent on an online build-out, and that this motion was just to legally cover the expense that has already been paid.

Vote on Motion: 23-Favor, 0-Opposed, 1-Abstain, 4-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Alexandra Owens, Angelica Moyes, Brett Louie, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, Iciar Rivera, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Ne Hung Hom, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Vivian Um, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Abstain: Genevieve Liang

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo, Mei Lau, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

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

5.5.1 Arts District Patients Collective, 609 Imperial Street (Arts District)

Motion to provide letter of support. Discussion and vote.

Land use committee voted unanimously to support.

Laura Velkei stated that this project is in the space formerly occupied by The Springs. They will be incorporating it as a healing center that will provide more than just marijuana. They will have herbal teas, massage classes, and yoga classes. Vivian Um and some other folks took a tour of the facility.

Motion: To provide a Letter of Support for Arts District Patients Collective. (Laura Velkei motioned, Michael Maier seconded).

Vote on Motion: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 4-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Alexandra Owens, Angelica Moyes, Brett Louie, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, Genevieve Liang, Iciar Rivera, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lydia

Moreno, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Ne Hung Hom, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Vivian Um, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer
Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo, Mei Lau, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

George Campos arrived. 29 board members were present.

5.5.2 TF Broadway, 942 N Broadway (Chinatown)

Background: 211,457 square foot mixed-use residential project at 942 North Broadway. 27 stories of 176 market-rate and affordable rental units with ground floor retail and second floor office space as well as large public plaza that seeks to promote connectivity between Central Plaza, Capitol Milling, the Metro Gold Station and the LA State Historic Park. The project is seeking approval of a Site Plan Review for more than 50 new residential units and a Density Bonus incentive for an increase of 20% in density and floor area.

Land use report: Applicant presented tower proposal. Large amount of public space. Moved from 5% to 6. Asked applicant to crunch a few more numbers to see if they can get closer to 10% understanding the difficulty of achieving this goal and retaining public benefits. Requested that project work with Capitol Milling via combined setbacks for public access to the park. Project moving in a positive direction and the team has demonstrated substantive outreach.

Discussion and possible motion.

Laura Velkei reported that the applicant presented their project at the LUC meeting. The “pros” are a lot of open space and walkability. The current proposal is to allocate 5% of the units as affordable housing. She stated that due to the cost of land, it is difficult to get more than 5% affordable units, while also constructing a really good building. She stated that one of the tradeoffs could be getting good public space and programming it well for small businesses, which is something they are doing in the Arts District. She stated they are asking the developer to get to 10% affordable units, but that realistically, maybe they can only get them to 8%. She suggested that a Letter of Support could be provided to support the direction of the project, and to continue the conversation, but that she could go either way.

Motion: To provide a Letter of Support for the direction of this project, and to push for more affordable housing. (Laura Velkei motioned, Xiayi “Shirley” Zhang seconded).

Laura Velkei stated that it would be difficult to push the developer to provide more than 5% affordable housing because the State of California only requires 5%. She suggested that the Chinatown community needs to consider their “tradeoffs”, that is, what are the priorities and what they are willing to trade for them, whether it’s open space, walkability, or affordable housing—and how much they can get out of that.

Iciar Rivera shared concerns from the community about the height of this project making it seem out of place to Chinatown residents; at 27 stories, it would be over 10 stories taller than the tallest building in Chinatown, and is very close to the park. She added that there are also concerns about a glut of retail space that might remain empty, such as at the Orsini.

Don Toy stated that other than HCNC, there has not been enough outreach to residents and small businesses. Laura Velkei emphasized that the developer has gone to 27 organizations and contacted them on a regular basis, and that literature has been provided in both Chinese and English. Dafne Gokcen added that the applicant has presented the project to the Land Use Committee at least twice, and that board members should attend those meetings and inform community members about the project.

Mei Lau asked who were the 27 organizations that were reportedly contacted, and what was the source of this number. Was it provided by the developer? Dafne Gokcen and

Laura Velkei confirmed that the developer presented the organizations that they went to. Mei Lau questioned whether the 27 organizations, to which they were referring, were the 27 family associations encompassed by CCBA, for which she is the Vice President. She added that although the applicants presented the project at a CCBA meeting, only members from 6 or 7 family associations were in attendance. Laura Velkei clarified that the outreach was to 27 organizations, not 27 family associations, and offered to get the information from the developer. She also recommended reaching out to the land use consultant for the developer, Sara Hernandez, for the information.

David Louie introduced himself as the Chair of the Regional Planning Commission, and stated that there has been a lot of outreach, but suggested that due to ongoing discussions and negotiations, it may be premature to give any indication by issuing a Letter of Support. He also suggested that it might be more appropriate to wait for comment from the new subdivided neighborhood council, HCNNC.

Genevieve Liang asked what the Letter of Support might say. Laura Velkei clarified that the Letter of Support could support the proposal for open space and push for 10% affordable housing. She added that the board could also hold the letter.

Laura Velkei asked if the board wanted to vote on the motion or to withdraw it. Don Toy asked to withdraw the motion. The motion was withdrawn by unanimous consent.

**5.5.3 WW-5th & Seaton, LLC, and XF-5th & Seaton, LLC, 1100 E. 5th Street (Arts District)
Case number: CPC-2016-3726-GPA-VZC-HD-MCUP-ZAADB-SPR**

Assigned planner: William.lamborn@lacity.org

Background: 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.

Land use report: Design and FAR do not align with community goals. Requires 1.5 Commercial FAR, only achieved .87. Design of building is out of alignment with neighboring warehouse projects. Letter of non-support was approved however applicant has agreed to work with the committee to bring the project in line with community goals. Meeting to be scheduled.

Motion previously approved to provide letter of opposition. After presentation LUC continues not to support the project. Based on applicant now willing to meet, the LUC will continue to hold off on releasing the letter.

**5.5.4 District Centre, LP & District Centre-GPA, LP, 676 Mateo Street (Arts District)
Case number: CPC-2016-3689-GPA-ZC-HD-MCUP-DBSPR**

Assigned planner: William.lamborn@lacity.org

Background: 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 above-ground levels) tall and would include a three-level subterranean parking structure.

Land use report: Design and FAR do not align with community goals. Requires 1.5 Commercial FAR, only achieved .58. Design of building is out of alignment with neighboring warehouse projects. Letter of non-

support was approved however applicant has agreed to work with the committee to bring the project in line with community goals. Meeting to be scheduled.

Motion previously approved to provide letter of opposition. After presentation LUC continues not to support the project. Based on applicant now willing to meet, the LUC will continue to hold off on releasing the letter.

Laura Velkei provided a combined report for 5.5.3 and 5.5.4, which are by the same developer. She stated that they have asked them many times to meet with the LUC since last September. They finally met in May. The LUC asked them to get to 1.5 FAR for both projects. The LUC has asked for an additional meeting with no response. As a result, the Letter of Opposition is close to being submitted.

5.5.5 DISCUSSION OF DRAFTING AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING PATIO USE. DISCUSSION OF DRAWBACKS AND ISSUES FOR APPLICANTS CURRENTLY UNDER EXSITING RULE.

Land use report: Laura & Ron to work on 2 a.m. language on a case by case basis. Possible reset to 11 p.m. if business is sold to guarantee outreach. Ongoing.

Dafne Gokcen noted that site-specific exceptions could be made for locations that are not adjacent to residential uses, or if the patio has already been in use for many years without objection from residents. Ron Fong commented that he agreed with Dafne regarding going with municipal code rather than using a subjective standard based on decibels. Laura Velkei added that the LUC wants to preserve the ability to say “no” and reject requests for patios to stay open until 2 a.m.

5.5.6 CANNABIS COMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS. DISCUSSION AND VOTE.

Land use report: Looking at 2500-5000 annual monetary contribution to certified organization in the neighborhood working toward community benefit. AD identified 4 uses.

Laura Velkei provided a summary of the proposal and community “givebacks.” She stated that the LUC has been approached by people interested in opening collectives in Chinatown, and that Chinatown needs to provide feedback.

Phyllis Ling asked whether it was legal for the neighborhood council to be asking applicants to contribute to non-profits. Vivian Um clarified that one of the conditions of cannabis licensing in Los Angeles is for businesses to give back to the community; it’s part of the application process and the City’s cannabis ordinance.

Steve Nagano asked what does “giveback” mean, whether it is defined as a percentage of profits. Vivian Um stated that “giveback” has not been defined monetarily, but could be determined by each community; it could be monetary, but could also include the use of community space or an incubator program for small businesses. Steve Nagano asked who defines how much an applicant needs to contribute. Vivian Um stated that it’s up to the neighborhood.

David Louie commented that it was his understanding that due to restrictions on where cannabis businesses could be located, there were no eligible locations in Chinatown.

Vivian Um clarified that churches were recently removed from the list of restricted areas. Also, it was previously prohibited for these businesses to abut a residence, but now they can. Currently, cannabis businesses must only be located 750 feet away from schools, preschools, and drug rehabilitation facilities. There is also a “soft cap” limiting the number or concentration of marijuana businesses in each area, although she was uncertain whether it was based on census population.

Angelica Moyes shared that there is a map on City Planning's website that shows which properties are eligible for locating various types of cannabis businesses. Commercial zones are noted in pink, and manufacturing zones are noted in blue.

David Louie added that while the City of LA has been open in embracing cannabis businesses, the County of Los Angeles has not. County regulations are more restrictive.

Lydia Moreno left the meeting. 28 board members were present.

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

5.6.1 Future Locations Update

Motion: To cancel the July meeting. (Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang motioned, Laura Velkei seconded).

Vote on Motion: 24-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain, 4-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Alexandra Owens, Angelica Moyes, Brett Louie, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, Genevieve Liang, George Campos, Iciar Rivera, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Ne Hung Hom, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Vivian Um, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo, Mei Lau, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

5.7 Recording Secretary: Phyllis Ling (Discussion and Vote)

No agenda items.

6 — Old Business (Discussion and Vote) – 7:31 p.m.

6.1 Translation Task Force: Report back and recommendations for providing and funding translations – Phyllis Ling, Don Toy, and Angelica Moyes. **(Discussion)**

Don Toy commented that the board needs to have clear guidelines for translation services going forward. For example, there was supposed to be an interpreter at this meeting, but there was not, despite multiple assurances at previous meetings.

Dafne Gokcen commented that there has been difficulty obtaining invoices from the vendor providing the interpreter. Phyllis Ling clarified that in this case, the problem was related to the funding deadlines at the end of the fiscal year. Typically, a request for an interpreter is made a few days before the meeting, but for this meeting, the request should have been made before the deadline to submit a check payment request, which was May 31. When the request was not made by May 31, there was not a way to pay the vendor, because the only other way to pay the vendor would be through HCNC's credit card, but the vendor only processes credit cards through Paypal, which the City does not allow under any circumstances. Phyllis Ling added that she spoke with the City Clerk's Office about making an exception for a late check payment request, but it was already too late to confirm an interpreter for the meeting.

Don Toy commented that multiple assurances were made by those who were aware of the process and the deadlines, and this should not have fallen through the cracks.

6.2 Subdivision of HCNC: Vote was Thursday, June 7th. Update on results and next steps. (Mary Kim, Board Discussion.)

Mary Kim provided a report. By Thursday, June 14th, there will be official results. The unofficial results were 416 (90.63%) - Yes, 43 (9.37%) – No. There were 459 total votes, not including 21 provisional votes, which would be tallied by City Clerk's Office on June 13th. She noted a

document in the subdivision manual explaining what would happen to the bylaws of HCNC and HCNNC (Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council). HCNC must amend the bylaws for boundaries and board structure within 30 days. When the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) approves the bylaws, the new neighborhood council will be certified as HCNNC, and HCNC will remain certified as HCNC.

After certification of HCNNC, DONE works with the Formation Committee on the “selection” of the initial, interim board. The interim board will serve until the 2019 NC-wide elections.

Dafne Gokcen asked why current, seated board members aren't part of the bylaws discussions for the new neighborhood council. Mary Kim stated that it was her understanding that the meetings to review the proposed HCNNC bylaws would only be between the Formation Committee and DONE, but that the BONC meeting to approve the bylaws would be a public meeting.

Laura Velkei claimed that every single “Yes” vote came from Chinatown. Several members stated this was not true. Laura Velkei asked whether BONC looks at the distribution of votes as an indication of outreach, or lack thereof. Mary Kim stated that she is not involved in the vote count, which was administered by the City Clerk, and that she doesn't look at where votes come from.

Laura Velkei asked which version of the bylaws for HCNNC would be considered by DONE, as there are two versions: one submitted in January, and one in March. She stated that the March version does not allow currently seated board members to serve on the new neighborhood council. Mary Kim stated that DONE doesn't look at the bylaws until the election results are in, and that there are a number of things that they still need to review with the City Attorney's Office. She added that DONE provides advice and input on the bylaws to make sure they are fair and equitable, and then presents the bylaws to BONC at the public meeting. BONC approves the bylaws.

Michael Maier stated that he believed that everyone could agree, regardless of how they got to this point, that the meeting between the Formation Committee and DONE to discuss the HCNNC bylaws should be open to the public and noticed per the Brown Act. He asked Mary Kim to help facilitate making this an open meeting. She agreed to bring this request back to her department, and to ask if community leaders and board members could be invited to participate.

Mary Kim explained that 30 days from the official election results, BONC needs to approve the bylaws. Little Tokyo/Arts District will also have 30 days from the posting of official results to amend the HCNC bylaws to reflect how they want their board structure to look. She added that the current HCNC will need to meet in order to have a quorum (17+ board members) and a vote to amend the bylaws.

Laura Velkei asked where the subdivision policies are written, and who makes the decisions on these policies. Mary Kim stated that it was department policy, which is continuing to be developed. She stated that the department will write and send a letter explaining the process.

Both Yuval Bar-Zemer and Laura Velkei asked Mary Kim to name the people who are setting policy regarding the subdivision, and telling her what to say at the meeting. She stated that the policy comes from department management. Mary reports to Mike Fong, but Grayce Liu is the general manager of the department.

Mary Kim asked the board if they had specific questions for which she could provide follow-up. Yuval Bar-Zemer asked what is the legal backing for defining the Formation Committee, and what is the legal backing for allowing the entire HCNC to decide the bylaws of the future subdivided HCNC.

George Campos asked when the current HCNC board stops having authority. Mary Kim clarified that this happens when the bylaws are certified.

Several board members questioned the logic of having the current HCNC vote on the bylaws for the future HCNC that will include only Little Tokyo and Arts District.

Michael Maier asked to make a motion that the Little Tokyo and Arts District caucuses meet to discuss bylaws changes, and that the board pre-approve whatever the caucuses decide. There was not a second to the motion.

Valerie Garcia-Hanley asked Mary Kim whether it was correct that the reason that the entire HCNC needs to meet to vote about the future HCNC is because it is an elected board, and the reason that the entire board has no say in the new subdivision is because HCNNC is not a certified neighborhood council. Mary Kim confirmed this was correct, and is the same reason that the Formation Committee cannot come in and vote on the HCNC bylaws.

Ron Fong suggested that the Little Tokyo and Arts District caucuses form a committee to meet and discuss bylaws changes, and that the board meet in July in order to approve the bylaws changes recommended by the committee.

Motion: To reconsider the vote to cancel the July meeting, and for Little Tokyo and Arts District to form a committee to meet and discuss the bylaws. (Ron Fong motioned, Laura Velkei seconded).

Genevieve Liang asked when public comment can be made to BONC in regard to the election results. Mary Kim clarified that public comment can be made to the commissioners at any time.

Vote on Motion: 19-Favor, 0-Opposed, 5-Abstain, 4-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Angelica Moyes, Brett Louie, Dafne Gokcen, Danny M. Young, Dori Keller, Genevieve Liang, George Campos, Iciar Rivera, Laura Velkei, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Vivian Um, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Abstain: Alexandria Owens, Don Toy, Ly Chou Tran, Ne Hung Hom, Tuong Hoang

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo, Mei Lau, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

Ron Fong stated that Little Tokyo and Arts District representatives will out send an email, and propose meeting dates for discussion of bylaws.

Board members asked where the next HCNC board meeting would be held. A free venue would be needed because the board has not approved a budget for the new fiscal year. Valerie Garcia-Hanley suggested El Pueblo as a free venue. Valerie will work with Yuval to confirm the meeting location.

6.3 Ad Hoc Committee on Board Vacancies Procedures - Committee did not meet. Report back and review draft agenda, scope, and membership of committee. (Discussion)

Laura Velkei commented that the committee should not have been formed without her chairing it because she is the Chair of the Stakeholders Committee. She added that President Kumamoto was incorrect in allowing the ad hoc committee to be formed because these issues fall under the scope of the Stakeholder's Committee. She stated that the discussions at the last meeting about inequities and lack of transparency were nonsense. She questioned whether these questions about transparency were based on the fact the Secretary is no longer allowed to use the HCNC email. Laura Velkei stated that the only things that she views are the proof of eligibility documentation for the seat.

Lynn Nakamura suggested tabling this discussion until the new HCNC is certified.

Phyllis Ling provided copies of the draft agenda and noted that it was provided in case the future HCNC wishes to address issues that she believed needed further attention. She added that if any board members have questions about the legitimacy of the ad hoc committee, they could refer to the bylaws to see the scope of the VP of Stakeholder's responsibilities, or they could speak to the President.

7 — New Business (Discussion and Vote) – 8:15 p.m.

7.1 Community Impact Statement (CIS) to oppose CEQA Appeals Code Amendment. (Discussion and vote.)

The motion is punitive and places undue burden on the public to exercise their rights as citizens. The public should not be at financial burden to exercise their rights. If the purpose of the motion is to adjust for "cost of living" type increases, the Board proposes an increase not to exceed 10% over 5 years as a reasonable cost adjustment.

Yuval Bar-Zemer explained that there is a proposal to increase the fee dramatically to file an appeal on a project that is going through a CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) review and an EIR (Environmental Impact Report). The fee would increase from \$27 to \$500. He stated that this would deny access to the public to file an appeal if they disagree with the findings of an EIR. He added that the entire process for performing an EIR is intended to give the public a chance to voice their opinion; this fee increase is counterintuitive to what the law has provided. This request is to file a CIS to oppose the CEQA Appeals Code Amendment, and to ask the City Council and the Planning Commission to reject this motion.

Motion: To approve a Community Impact Statement to oppose CEQA Appeals Code Amendment that would increase the fee to file an appeal. (Yuval Bar-Zemer motioned, Laura Velkei seconded).

Vote on Motion: 23-Favor, 0-Opposed, 1-Abstain, 4-Ineligible. MOTION PASSED.

Favor: Alexandra Leekley, Alexandra Owens, Angelica Moyes, Brett Louie, Danny M. Young, Don Toy, Dori Keller, Genevieve Liang, George Campos, Iciar Rivera, Laura Velkei, Ly Chou Tran, Lynn Nakamura, Marc Rose, Michael Maier, Ne Hung Hom, Phyllis Ling, Ron Fong, Steve Nagano, Tuong Hoang, Vivian Um, Xiayi "Shirley" Zhang, Yuval Bar-Zemer

Abstain: Dafne Gokcen

Ineligible: Al Soo-Hoo, Mei Lau, Norma Garcia, Valerie Garcia-Hanley

8 — Announcements – 8:19 p.m.

- 8.1 Arts District**
- 8.2 Chinatown**
- 8.3 El Pueblo**
- 8.4 Little Tokyo**
- 8.5 Solano Canyon**
- 8.6 Victor Heights**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be in El Pueblo on July 10.

9 — Adjournment at 8:19 p.m.

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