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**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Sept 25, 2007, 5:30 p.m.
Chinatown Branch – LA Public Library
639 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Kim Benjamin – Kim called meeting to order at 5:30pm.
Present: Kim Benjamin, Alan Kumamoto, Brian Kito, David Nagano, Alicia Brown
Absent: Martin Farfan, Jose Sedano

Spoke about Richard Nozaki and his passing and commended him for his service to the community, his positive and always can do attitude, and for his on going support for the community, especially seniors and others. Richard was the 4th VP and the Executive Committee will come up with recommendations for his seat and the other vacant seats. Thanked May Zhang for stepping in and supplying us with refreshments. Mark Rothenberg is here for the At-Large Employee seat.

2. President's Report & Action Items, Kim Benjamin – Kim would like to see one of each Executive Committee member take on one of the projects that are listed here from D on down and represent the board as our point person. With our Policy & Guidelines we can speak to many of the projects going on. We need to activate our board and be more proactive in the community and its development. Craig Havens wanted to know if we could still add to the Policy & Guidelines and spoke about landlords in Solano Canyon blighting SC with illegal construction. Craig and Brian & Mark will talk about adding design review to the Policy and Guidelines.

a. Policy & Guidelines 2007-2008 (see attached)

Approved by Executive Committee.

b. One Sante Fe – Letter of Support

Discussed briefly, committee in favor of taking to board for presentation and approval of support letter.

c. 808 Spring St – Letter of Support

Discussed briefly, committee in favor of taking to board for presentation and approval of support letter.

d. El Pueblo Plan Project.

Discussed briefly, committee in favor of taking to board for presentation and approval of support letter.

e. MTA Call for Projects update.

Kim gave a general update but will have an expanded report at next meeting.

f. CRA North Chinatown Industrial Specific Plan.

This project will take everything that's industrial on the other side of the river and make it something else. Will change land use policy in the area and emphasize pedestrian traffic and mixed use development. A very important project. It will have a huge impact on Solano Canyon, Victor Heights, and Chinatown.

g. River Plan City Approval.

Both the North Chinatown and River specific plans and projects will change land use policy in the area and emphasize pedestrian traffic, mixed use developments, park and green space, less cars, access to river and cornfields park and much more.

h. Misc Project updates

3. Vacant Board Seats – Discussion and Action

a. At-Large Employee: Mark Rothenberg

Kim Benjamin introduced Mark Rothenberg and his connection with the El Pueblo Plan.

Mark Rothenberg said a few words about himself, he is an architect here in LA, his company, RSA is in the Arts district. Mark has a specific interest in helping Chinatown, he's spent most of his adult life here.

Motion to recommend Mark for At-Large Employee made by Alan Kumamoto and seconded by Brian Kito. Passed unanimously.

b. At-Large Youth: David Nevarez - not present.

c. Little Tokyo Resident: Jerry Ono (tentative) - declined

d. Replacing the vacant executive board seat of Mr Nozaki: next meeting.

4. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm. Next meeting: October 16th at 5:30pm.