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Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Monday, June 26, 2023
Approved July 24, 2023

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL.

A duly noticed Meeting of the Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council ("HCNNC") Board of Directors was held on Monday, June 26, 2023. Chair Wilson Gee called the meeting to order at 5:16 p. m. and explained procedures. Translation interpreters were available. Roll Call was taken by Treasurer Valerie Hanley. Ten of the 16 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Miho Murai, Tony Quon (1st Vice-Chair), Mei Wah Lau, Ne Hung Hom (2nd Vice-Chair), Paul Hanley, Norma Garcia, Valerie Hanley (Treasurer), Wilson Gee (Chair), Huiling Cai and Phyllis Ling. Bryce Louie, Xiao Ping Liang, Wai So Yuan, Tuong Hoang, Steve Rice and Don Toy were absent. The HCNNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine (see the Bylaws link at <https://empowerla.org/hcnnc>), so the Board could take such votes. Sixteen of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). One Board Seat [Victor Heights Residential Representative] was vacant; to apply, contact VHanley.HCNNC@gmail.com; or Mr. Galdamez). Also attended: approximately 16 Stakeholders and Guests.

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

There were no comments at this time.

3. GOVERNMENT REPORTS.

a. Public Safety

There was no report.

- b. City Council Representative
Wendy Castro, Field Deputy for L.A. City District One Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez [office 213-473-7001; Wendy.Castro@LACity.org; <http://CD1.LACity.org>], reported on available City services, including tenant protections; civil and human rights; and housing (see Housing.LACity.org);
A Movie Night and Resource Fair will be Thursday, July 20th, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. at Alpine Recreation Center [817 Yale St.].
- c. Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
Jose Galdamez, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Jose.Galdamez@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), updated about State Senate Bill 411 regarding teleconference meetings. He reminded that the new Fiscal Year starts July 1st. He noted which Board Members' trainings expired.

4. **Liaisons Reports.**

Ms. Murai reported regarding the next LANCC [Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] meeting.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #8.

5. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Admin Budget Packet.

Ms. Hanley explained this. Mr. Gee noted that the incoming Board can amend the budget at any time.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Quon): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approves the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Admin Budget Packet.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the four eligible voters present with all four in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Quon, Valerie Hanley, Cai and Ling); zero opposed; zero abstained. Six (Murai, Lau, Hom, Paul Hanley, Garcia and Gee) were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

6. **Presentation** by Sam Billimoria coach of the Diabetes Prevention Program.

Mr. Billimoria was not present; there was no presentation.

7. **Presentation** by Redcar Properties, regarding case numbers are ZA-2023-1644-CUB, ZA-2023-1247-CUB, and ZA-2023-1244-CUB. All three of the spaces are contained within the 843 N. Spring Street project. The building on the site is currently under development but is nearing completion.

[The following sub-paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]

- a. Unit 101 - ZA-2023-1244-CUB. A proposed restaurant requesting a conditional use permit for the on-site sale and consumption, as well as off-site ancillary sales, of beer and wine in connection with a 1,556 SF restaurant. The proposed restaurant will have 42 seats, all of which are indoors. Proposed hours are 9AM-12AM Monday through Thursday, 9AM-1AM Friday and Saturday.
- b. Unit 201 – ZA-2023-1644-CUB. A proposed restaurant requesting a conditional use permit for the on-site sale and consumption of a full line of alcohol in connection with a 5,117 SF restaurant. The proposed restaurant will have 57 outdoor seats spread throughout three patios, as well as 91 indoor seats. Proposed hours are 9AM-12AM Monday through Thursday, 9AM-1AM Friday and Saturday.
- c. Unit 202 - ZA-2023-1247-CUB. A proposed restaurant requesting a conditional use permit for the on-site sale and consumption of a full line of alcohol in connection with a 3,032 SF restaurant. The proposed restaurant will have 36 outdoor seats across two patios, as well as 54 indoor seats. Proposed hours are 9AM-12AM Monday through Thursday, 9AM-1AM Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Chris Manasserian, of Gonzales Law Group, showed slides with project documents (https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1o6SjlyE4dsDNHf-IMNyyKM5FpGSUw_Ik) and presented. Laura Doerges, of Redcar Properties, also was present. Mr. Gee noted that this couldn't be presented at the last Board Meeting because there was no quorum. Mr. Manasserian said there would be one level of subterranean parking with 141 shared parking spaces, and that the uses are "by right" and "there's more than enough ample parking." He said that the LAPD, Blossom Plaza and several nearby businesses do not object to or support the project. He answered questions. "There would only be live music inside the spaces . . . there's not going to be any concerts." Mr. Gee said "this is in Chinatown, on College" Street. It was clarified that this is "directly across the street from the Chinatown light rail station." Mr. Gee added that it is in the commercial district of Chinatown "just below Bank of America." Ms. Hanley added more clarity about the location. Mr. Gee noted that "the building is already built . . . they're trying to making it enticing" for the restaurants to locate there. No Motion was made or vote taken.

8. Consent Calendar.

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes Historic Cultural North NC Regular Board Meeting of May 22, 2023.
- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes Historic Cultural North NC Special Board Meeting of June 05, 2023.
- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for May 2023.

Item 8. b. was pulled from the Consent Motion. No corrections or amendments were made to the May 22nd Minutes.

CONSENT (with FUNDING) MOTION (by Ms. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Quon): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approves Item #'s 8. a. and 8. c.

CONSENT (with FUNDING) MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the four eligible voters present with all four in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Quon, Valerie Hanley, Cai and Ling); zero opposed; zero abstained. Six (Murai, Lau, Hom, Paul Hanley, Garcia and Gee) were ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #5.

9. Announcements. Next Board Meeting July 24, 2023, at 5 pm.

The above was noted. Mr. Gee noted that the new Board will be Seated at the next Board Meeting. Incoming Board Members Edward Flores, Wing Ho, Patrick Chen, Xochitl Manzanilla, Bill Chin and Charlie Seto introduced themselves. Mr. Gee thanked Mr. Galdamez for his guidance and noted that he (Mr. Gee) and Mr. Quon will not be on the incoming Board.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Gee **ADJOURNED** the Meeting at 6:29 p.m.

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