

HCNNC



HISTORIC CULTURAL NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CHINATOWN • EL PUEBLO • SOLANO CANYON • VICTOR HEIGHTS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Monday, August 22, 2022
Minutes Approved January 30, 2023

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this meeting was conducted entirely telephonically.

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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, August 22, 2022, online. Ann-Marie Holman, Communications Director of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE; 818-374-9895; Ann-Marie.Holman@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), called the meeting to order at 5:07 p. m. and explained procedures. Two interpreters were available for translations. Roll Call was taken by Treasurer Valerie Hanley. Sixteen of the 17 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Miho Murai, Tony Quon, Bryce Louie, Xiao Ping Liang, Mei Wah Lau, Wai So Yuan, Tuong Hoang, Ne Hung Hom, Paul Hanley, Norma Garcia, Valerie Hanley, Wilson Gee, Huiling Cai, Phyllis Ling, Steve Rice and Don Toy. Esther Woojan was 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/hcnncc>), so the Board could take such votes. All 17 of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Also attended: at least seven Stakeholders and Guests.

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments.

3. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

a. Public Safety

L.A. City Fire Dept. Assistant Chief Dean Zipperman reminded to annually check that smoke alarms are working and you have an evacuation plan in case of a fire

or natural disaster such as an earthquake. He reminded to drink water to stay hydrated during hot weather.

b. City Council Representative

Ricardo Flores, Senior Field Deputy for L.A. City District One Councilmember Gil Cedillo [213-434-4054; Ricardo.X.Flores@LACity.org; <http://CD1.LACity.org>], reported.

c. Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Ms. Holman reported that she will email Board Members regarding the August 31st Social Media Policy Workshop and the September 24th online Congress of Neighborhood Councils [NCCongress@EmpowerLA.org and NeighborhoodCongress.LA]. The Social Media Policy takes effect October 4th. The HCNCC can assign up to eight Board Members to attend Civic University by Agendizing it for the September Board meeting; Civic U. will be on an October date to be determined.

4. Liaisons Reports

Ms. Murai reported on presentations made at the latest LANCC [Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] meeting, including about the drought and water cutbacks, and that the City Council approved amendments to the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance.

5. Discussion and possible action to support the ZA-2022-3802-CUB located at 1220 N Spring St, Los Angeles, CA 90012. A Conditional Use Permit to allow the on and off-site sale and consumption of beer & wine only in conjunction with a 8,265 square foot brewery/restaurant/winery having 70 interior seats and a 985 square foot outdoor patio with 42 seats operating from 11:00 am-2:00 am daily.

Matt Mello, FE Design representative for the applicant, presented and showed slides with a map, site plan and photos. He said the restaurant is not adjacent to a school or residences and that the Police expressed no concerns. They were not requesting any change to the hours of operation; they “primarily close at midnight . . . [are] surrounded mostly by warehouse and manufacturing uses . . . the clientele is very much local neighbors . . . it’s not a rowdy crowd . . . middle-age young professionals.” Customers park in the parking lot, and some use public transit, bicycles and rideshare.

MOTION (by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Quon): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council supports the ZA-2022-3802-CUB located at 1220 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, a Conditional Use Permit to allow the on and off-site sale and consumption of beer and wine only in conjunction with an 8,265 square foot brewery/restaurant/winery having 70 interior seats and a 985 square-foot outdoor patio with 42 seats operating from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. daily.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Murai, Quon, Louie, Liang, Lau, Yuan, Hoang, Hom, Paul Hanley, Garcia, Valerie Hanley, Gee, Cai, Ling, Rice and Toy); zero opposed; zero abstained.

6. **Discussion and possible action** to support case number ZA-2022-3627-PAB located at 800 Alameda St, Los Angeles, CA 90012. A plan approval pursuant to LAMC 12.24 M, to permit the increase of 1,413 sq. ft. size of existing outdoor dining area in conjunction with an existing approved 11,010 sq. ft. Restaurant serving full-line alcoholic beverages for on-site and beer & wine for off-site consumption with an accessory brewery component, having 200 patron seats inside and 198 patron seats outside in a 3385 sq. ft. patio with live entertainment with hours of operation from 6:00 am to 2:00 am daily.

Mr. Mello presented and showed slides with a site plan and floor plan. He gave a site history: this used to be a Fred Harvey Restaurant at Union Station; the developer bought it in 2011. He said “Pouring with Heart” are “highly experienced operators . . .” with a number of locations around the city. They are “looking to expand the patio dramatically . . . [and have] “a little bit more seating on the outside . . . “they are a full-service bona fide restaurant; it is not a bar.” He said “we don’t see them serving alcohol that early [as 6:00 a.m.] . . . The six a.m. time was previously approved. He stated that “a petition [has] several verified signatures” of support for the application. They are open until 2:00 a.m. “mostly Friday and Saturday.” Developer Sebastian Orozco stated that they’ve “been closing at midnight . . . we don’t plan on having any DJs or loud bands . . . so far we’ve received no complaints from the mosaic [nearby residences] . . . [the patios] are not abutting the residences . . . the mosaic residences are about 650 feet away.” Ms. Hanley showed a photo with the adjacent MWD and First Five buildings.

MOTION (by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Quon): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council supports Case Number ZA-2022-3627-PAB located at 800 Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, a plan approval pursuant to LAMC 12.24 M, to permit the increase of 1,413 sq.-ft. size of existing outdoor dining area in conjunction with an existing approved 11,010 sq.-ft. restaurant serving full-line alcoholic beverages for on-site and beer and wine for off-site consumption with an accessory brewery component, having 200 patron seats inside and 198 patron seats outside in a 3,385 sq.-ft. patio with live entertainment with hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Quon, Louie, Lau, Yuan, Hoang, Hom, Paul Hanley, Garcia, Valerie Hanley, Gee, Cai, Ling, Rice); two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Murai and Toy); one abstained (the HCNNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Liang).

7. **Presentation by MySafeLA**, - Victoria Garcia.
Ms. Garcia was not present; there was no presentation.

8. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the Election Information Worksheet.

Slides were shown. Mr. Gee confirmed that voting would be from 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on a date to be determined. The Primary voting location would be the Alpine Recreation Center [817 Yale St.]; the secondary location would be the Public Library [639 N. Hill St.]. Election materials will be in the default languages of Korean, Chinese, Spanish and English; Khmer and Vietnamese were added.

MOTION (by Ms. Murai, seconded by Ms. Hanley): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approves the Election Information Worksheet.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with all 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Murai, Quon, Louie, Liang, Lau, Yuan, Hoang, Hom, Paul Hanley, Garcia, Valerie Hanley, Gee, Cai, Ling, Rice and Toy); zero opposed; zero abstained.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #11.

9. **Report back from the Outreach Committee** about the 7/18/22 Outreach Committee Meeting.

Mr. Gee reported that Committee Memberships will be discussed at next month’s Board meeting.

10. **Update on the 2023 Elections and 2022-2023 Outreach Strategic Plan.**

See below Item #12.

11. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Admin Budget Packet.

Ms. Holman explained that the Budget covers the Neighborhood Council’s expenses. Ms. Hanley showed slides and explained details. The HCNHC awaits \$10,000 of rollover funding. The current Budget funds expenses for:

- Office and Operational, \$8,000
- Outreach, \$18,000
- Election, \$4,000
- NPGs (Neighborhood Purposes Grants), \$2,000

Total, \$32,000

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Murai, seconded by Ms. Hanley): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approves the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Admin Budget Packet.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Hanley noted that equipment will be stored in the rented storage space and that “we can always modify the budget . . . [and] submit an amended version.” There was discussion of budget allocations. Ms. Holman confirmed that this \$32,000 budget now could be approved and that the HCNNC later could handle the \$10,000 of rollover funding; she clarified that “this is just a way of setting a plan.”

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Murai, Quon, Louie, Liang, Lau, Yuan, Hoang, Hom, Paul Hanley, Garcia, Valerie Hanley, Gee, Cai, Ling and Rice); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Toy); zero abstained.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #13.

- 12. Report on HCNNC’s Draft Outreach Strategic Plan,** the Neighborhood Council Digital Communications Policy that will take effect on 10/4/22, and HCNNC's Mailchimp Newsletter.

Ms. Ling reported that DONE’s second Digital Communications Policy training will be August 31st at 6:30 p.m. Some HCNNC Board Members attended the July 28th training; the HCNNC newsletter was featured as an example of best practices for multilingual messaging.

- 13. Discussion and possible action** to approve an Outreach Event – HCNNC participation at the “Heart of LA” Ciclavia event on October 9, 2022. HCNNC would table at this day-long (9am-4pm) open streets event. A budget of up to \$200 is requested for pre-packaged snacks/refreshments from local supermarket/warehouse store. (See attached Event Approval Form.)

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Hanley, seconded by Ms. Murai): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approves an Outreach Event – HCNNC participation at the “Heart of LA” CicLAvia event on October 9, 2022. HCNNC would table at this day-long (9am-4pm) open streets event. A budget of up to \$200 is requested for pre-packaged snacks/refreshments from local supermarket/warehouse store.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Ling explained the participation and that there will be “fliers and brochures.” She explained the event, in which people walk, bicycle [no motorized vehicles are allowed] on an “open street.” Ms. Murai volunteered to help.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 15 eligible voters present with all 15 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Murai, Quon, Louie, Liang, Lau, Yuan, Hoang, Hom, Paul Hanley, Garcia, Valerie Hanley, Gee, Ling, Rice and Toy); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- 14. Consent Calendar** (Note: A consent calendar is a board meeting practice that groups routine business into one agenda item. The consent calendar can be

approved in one action, rather than filing motions on each item separately. A consent calendar moves routine items along quickly so that the board has time for discussing more important issues. If a member disagrees with the consent calendar item or wants to move it to the regular agenda, the member would request that the item be pulled from the consent calendar. The chair would ask if the members are in favor of approving the consent calendar minus the pulled item.)

Board Member Bryce Louie left at this time (6:59), making 15 Board Members present online (the HCNNC Board quorum is nine).

Ms. Hanley requested to pull Item numbers 14. B., C. and F. from the Consent Motion.

CONSENT MOTION (by Ms. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Hanley): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approves Item #'s 14. A., D. and E.

Six more Board Members (Xiao Ping Liang, Wai So Yuan, Tuong Hoang, Ne Hung Hom, Huiling Cai and Don Toy) had left by this time, making nine Board Members present online (the HCNNC Board quorum is nine).

CONSENT MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Murai, Quon, Lau, Paul Hanley, Garcia, Valerie Hanley, Gee, Ling, Rice); zero opposed; zero abstained.

- a. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes Historic Cultural North NC Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2022.

The above Item was passed as part of the Item #14 Consent Motion.

- b. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes Historic Cultural North NC Special Board Meeting of May 31, 2022.

It was noted that the draft May 31st Minutes long ago were almost finished being written; clarifications were awaited to finish writing them. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- c. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes Historic Cultural North NC Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2022.

It was noted that the draft June 27th Minutes long ago were finished being written and that clarifications were awaited of the draft May 31st Minutes before the draft June 27th Minutes were distributed. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- d. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the May 2022.

The above Item was passed as part of the Item #14 Consent Motion.

- e. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the June 2022.

The above was passed as part of the Item #14 Consent Motion.

- f. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the July 2022.

The above Item was pulled from the Item #14 Consent Motion. No Motion was made or vote taken.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #9.

15. Announcements

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

[There was no Item # for this section.]

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Ms. Murai).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:09 p.m.

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