

HCNNC



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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Monday, February 27, 2023
Minutes Approved April 24, 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, February 27, 2023, online. 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), called the meeting to order at 5:06 p. m. and explained procedures. Two interpreters were available for translations. Roll Call was taken by Treasurer Valerie Hanley. Ten of the 16 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Miho Murai, Tony Quon, Bryce Louie, Mei Wah Lau, Paul Hanley, Norma Garcia, Valerie Hanley, Wilson Gee, Huiling Cai, Phyllis Ling. Don Toy arrived later. Xiao Ping Liang, Wai So Yuan, Tuong Hoang, Ne Hung Hom and Steve Rice 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/hcnc>), 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 Gee.HCNNC@gmail.com; TonyQuon1@gmail.com; and VHanley.HCNNC@gmail.com; or Mr. Galdamez). Also attended: at least 17 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
Jorge Plascencia, Field Deputy for L.A. City District One Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez [213-473-7001; Jorge.Plascencia@LACity.org; <http://CD1.LACity.org>], introduced himself.
- c. Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
Mr. Galdamez reported that BONC voted that NCs can continue meeting virtually until March 29th per Assembly Bill 361; after March 29th “Neighborhood Councils will go back to in-person meetings.” If the HCNNC wants to have hybrid [in-person and online] meetings, that needs to be Agendized by April. It would cost around \$200 per meeting to pay for a Zoom license, which would expire in May, then need to be renewed. He described rules under which Board Members can, in a very limited way, virtually attend Board Meetings. The HCNNC would have to purchase equipment to continue to show meetings online. The HCNNC election is May 4th.

Board Member Don Toy arrived at 5:25, making 11 Board Members present (the HCNNC quorum is nine).

Mr. Galdamez described the ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] compliance procedure. Ms. Murai requested “a definitive answer” as to when the HCNNC will be released from DONE’s Exhaustive Efforts. Mr. Gee noted that the next regularly scheduled HCNNC Board Meeting would be on a holiday, so a Special Board Meeting may be called for a different date. Mr. Galdamez explained in Spanish how Stakeholders can request a Spanish translation.

4. Liaisons Reports

Ms. Murai reported that the next LANCC [Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] meeting will be March 4th and encouraged contacting her with questions. Also, William Mead residents voted for, among other things, bus shelters, parklets and street beautification; the next William Mead meeting will be April 6th, 3:00-4:30 p.m..

5. Presentation by Zoe Kranemann from the Williams Meads CAC.

Ms. Kranemann, a HACLA Development Officer, showed slides and presented regarding a downtown public housing project of 450 units, constructed in the 1940’s, that needs to be brought to Code and have a seismic retrofit and environmental cleanup; it has \$53 million “in immediate repair needs.” She described the City’s “transformation plan” and planning timeline that would include “phased development.” Planning workshops have been held in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Mandarin; the next workshop will be April 25th. The “People Working Group” meets bi-monthly. Household, health and youth needs were surveyed. There will be a WilliamMeadHomes.com website. Residents will have choices of where to live during construction.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve an event: a candidate forum for HCNNC’s 2023 election. Discussion and possible action includes setting the date, time, and venue/location for the event; approval of a budget of up to \$1500 for the

event space, interpretation, security (if needed), and light prepackaged snacks and refreshments.

Ms. Ling suggested having the forum in April; Mr. Gee recommended having it before April 15th. He said the Library already is ADA-compliant. Mr. Galdamez reminded that City-required forms need to be completed. Ms. Hanley believed that Library parking “would be an issue” because it has a parking capacity of only around 30 vehicles.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Murai, seconded by Ms. Ling): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approves a candidate forum for HCNNC’s 2023 election, with a budget of up to \$1,500 for the event space, interpretation, security (if needed), and light prepackaged snacks and refreshments.

DISCUSSION: Jenwseto, Vice-President of Chinese Confucius Temple, offered their auditorium, which is available when school is not in session; it holds up to around 200 people and has 30 parking spaces in back.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Murai, Quon, Louie, Lau, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Gee, Cai, Ling and Toy); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Garcia) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

There was extensive discussion of what location and time to choose.

MOTION (by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Quon): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approves an election candidate forum on April 15th from 4:00-8:00 p.m., not going later than 8:00 p.m., at the Chinese Confucius Temple School.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Murai, Quon, Louie, Paul Hanley, Garcia, Valerie Hanley, Gee, Cai, Ling and Toy); zero opposed; zero abstained; one recused (Lau, because she is on the School’s Board.)

- 7. Discussion and possible action** to approve the expenditure of up to \$1500 to Staples for postcards/flyers to promote the Candidate Forum event.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Ling, seconded by Ms. Murai): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure of up to \$1,500 to Staples for postcards/flyers to promote the Candidate Forum event.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Murai, Quon, Louie, Lau, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Gee, Cai, Ling and Toy); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Garcia) was 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 #9.

8. Discussion and possible action to amend HCNNC's 2022-2023 FY Budget. It was agreed to Table the above Item. Mr. Gee indicated that there will be a Special Board Meeting about it.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council 2023 Elections flyers/postcards/mailers of up to \$10,000. Flyers will have information on how to register as a candidate and how to vote.

Mr. Gee explained that around \$3,600 would pay for postage and mailing to William Mead and all other HCNNC residents. The \$10,000 would include a printing cost of around \$3,500 and include candidate forum information.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Toy, seconded by Ms. Hanley): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approves Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council 2023 Elections flyers/postcards/mailers of up to \$10,000 to send materials regarding elections..

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Murai, Quon, Louie, Lau, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Gee, Cai, Ling and Toy); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Garcia) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the Chinatown Branch Library to hold in-person meetings.

MOTION (by Mr. Gee, seconded by Ms. Murai): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approves the Chinatown Branch Library to hold in-person meetings.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Murai, Quon, Louie, Lau, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Gee, Cai, Ling and Toy); zero opposed; zero abstained. One (Garcia) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

11. Consent Calendar

Ms. Murai requested and it was agreed to pull Item #11a from the Consent Calendar Motion and separately address it.

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION (by Ms. Hanley, seconded by Ms. Murai): The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approves Item numbers 11. b., c., d., e. and f.

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Murai, Quon, Louie, Lau, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Gee, Cai, Ling and Toy); zero opposed; zero abstained.

One (Garcia) was ineligible to vote due to not having completed one or more of the required trainings and/or not having signed the Code of Conduct.

- a. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes Historic Cultural North NC Special Board Meeting of January 30, 2023.

The above Item was pulled from the Consent Motion, then Tabled. No Motion was made or vote taken.

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

The above was passed as part of the Item #11 Consent Motion.

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

The above was passed as part of the Item #11 Consent Motion.

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

The above was passed as part of the Item #11 Consent Motion.

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

The above was passed as part of the Item #11 Consent Motion.

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

The above was passed as part of the Item #11 Consent Motion.

12. Announcements

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gee **ADJOURNED** the Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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