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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Monday, April 24, 2023
Chinatown Branch Library, 639 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012
Minutes Approved June 5, 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, April 24, 2023. 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 5:13 p. m. and explained procedures. Two interpreters were available for translations. Roll Call was taken by Treasurer Valerie Hanley. Nine of the 16 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Tony Quon, Mei Wah Lau, Ne Hung Hom, Paul Hanley, Norma Garcia, Valerie Hanley, Wilson Gee, Phyllis Ling and Don Toy. Huiling Cai and Miho Murai arrived later. Bryce Louie, Xiao Ping Liang, Wai So Yuan, Tuong Hoang 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/hcnncc>), 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.

Raymond announced an upcoming event.

Board Member Miho Murai arrived at 5:19, making 10 Board Members present (the HCNNC quorum is nine).

3. GOVERNMENT REPORTS.

a. Public Safety

An L.A. City Fire Dept. staffer reminded of the importance of brush clearance and announced an upcoming event.

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>], was not present; there was no report.

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

Mr. Galdamez reported.

The following report was made after Item #5. Eric Moon, a Field Deputy for State 54th District Assemblymember Miguel Santiago [office 213-620-4646; Eric.Moon@asm.ca.gov; <https://a54.asmdc.org>], reported.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #6.

4. Liaisons Reports.

LANCC [Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Coalition; LANCC@EmpowerLA.org; www.LANCC.org] elections were held. A William Mead April 25th Open House at 1300 Cardinal St. was announced; two redevelopment options will have been presented; government funds for improvements will be available.

Board Member Huiling Cai arrived at 5:33, making 11 Board Members present (the HCNNC quorum is nine).

5. Presentation by Alchemy Planning & Land Use - The project is an 8,425 sf. restaurant and market with 293 interior seats, a 581 sf. exterior area with 20 seats, and a 911 sf. sidewalk seating area with 117 seats, requesting a CUB for full line alcohol sales for on-site consumption and beer and wine for off-site consumption, with hours of operation of 6 AM-2 AM and limited live entertainment. Located at 1401 N Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Project representative Gary Benjamin presented and showed a rendering. He said the project is in a “mixed zone” area. They would renovate the building. Restaurant owner David Coe described his current restaurant ownership and intentions for this proposed restaurant. He said they “plan to have a zero-waste program.” They will include food from the nearby Farmer’s Market. Mr. Benjamin stated that they “will either valet or rent spaces for parking” from “a pretty big [empty] lot” next door that can hold “around 200 cars.” He said that there isn’t “any [parking] that’s required” by the City. Mr. Coe estimated that the restaurant would open “in a year-and-a-half, probably.” Mr. Benjamin said they have met with the Police, City Council District 1 and others, and indicated that they are

seeking a CUP (Conditional Use Permit) for an ABC liquor license; they're not seeking a variance. Operating hours would be 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #3. c.

6. Department presentation on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Code of Conduct, Censure, and Board Removal Policies.

Mr. Galdamez presented.

7. Department update on the Exhaustive Efforts status and Updated Work Plan of the Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council.

Mr. Galdamez updated.

Ms. Murai spoke of the need to "get together and resolve our differences." Mr. Gee reminded that "we're all here for community, not for ourselves."

8. Consent Calendar.

Ms. Hanley requested to pull Item #8. d. from the Consent Motion.

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

Ms. Hanley read aloud the Consent Items.

Board Member Miho Murai stepped out at this time, making nine Board Members present (the HCNNC quorum is nine).

CONSENT MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with nine in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Quon, Lau, Hom, 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 February 27, 2023.

The above was passed as part of the Item #8 Consent Motion.

b. **Discussion and possible action** to approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the January 2023.

The above was passed as part of the Item #8 Consent Motion.

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

February 2023.

The above was passed as part of the Item #8 Consent Motion.

- d. **Discussion and possible action** to approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the March 2023.

Ms. Hanley requested and it was agreed to TABLE the above Item because the MER was not ready. No Motion was made or vote taken.

9. Introduction/Statements of 2023 Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council Candidates.

Candidates of the below Board Seat categories made statements. Mr. Gee named other Candidates not in attendance.

El Pueblo Non-Profit Business District: Edward Flores, Brett Louie, Paul Hanley and Larry Jung.

Solano Canyon Resident: Phyllis Ling, Angela Cai and Daniel Resa. Victor

Heights Renter: Patrick Chin.

Victor Heights Residential: Don Toy.

At Large: Miho Murai, Nancy Ochoa, Jen Seto and Victor Fujimoto.

Chinatown: Elise Dang, Mei Wah Lau, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ashyadee Rivera Alvarado and Ne Hung Hom and Garrett Quon,

10. Announcements.

Mr. Gee indicated that there were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Gee **ADJOURNED** the Meeting with no opposition at 7:15 p.m.

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