

HCNNC

HISTORIC CULTURAL NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

CHINATOWN • EL PUEBLO • SOLANO CANYON • VICTOR HEIGHTS



Monday, January 22, 2024

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

MINUTES - Approved 02/26/2024

通用董事會會議 · Reunión de la Junta

Meeting In-person

Chinatown Branch Library

639 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

- Meeting called to order at 5 pm by Phyllis Ling
- Roll call by Miho – 14 present, 2 absent (Xochitl Manzanilla and Huiling Cai). There was quorum.
- 8 people from the public

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (Up to 2 minutes max per speaker)

- a. Carlos Montes – grew up in Boyle Heights, was on Boyle Heights NC, advocate for senior rights & youth programs, running for LA County Democratic Party Central Committee, March 5th ballot
- b. John Yi – running for CA State Assembly District 54; lives in Koreatown but grew up here/ Lincoln Heights, running on same slate as Carlos Montes for DPCC.

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3. 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.)

3.1. Discussion and possible action to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Historic Cultural North NC Regular Board Meeting of November 27, 2023.

3.2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report ([MER](#)) for November 2023.

3.3. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report ([MER](#)) for December 2023.

Patrick asked to move this after Item 4 – no objection

Valerie Hanley made motion to approve the consent calendar; seconded by Paul Hanley.

Motion passed – 13 yes (Seto, Murai, Hom, Quon, Ho, Lau, Flores, V. Hanley, P. Hanley, Reza, Chin, Chen, Ling), 0 no, 1 ineligible (Cruz-Suarez)

4. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

4.1. Public Safety

- Report by Officer Botello, senior lead office for Basic Car 1 (Chinatown, Olvera Street, Union Station, Civic Center)
 - Crime Analysis
 - Driving crime: property theft (car burglary, bronze plaques being stolen, photos of suspects)
 - Dragon Parade February 17
 - Alpine Hill drive by patrols question by Bill Chin
 - Citizens Academy
 - Reporting hate incidents online lapdonline.org
 - i. Have enough cars to cover only basic function; currently they are down officers; Community Advisory Board – Meets once a month; currently they do not have representation from Chinatown; Jen Seto– reporting hate crimes online (you can report hate incidents online but you should call an officer so they can do an investigation)

4.2. City Council and Mayor's Representatives

- i. Katy from CD1 (Hernandez' office) – celebrating New Beginnings the second week of January to house the unhoused; tenant protection and ordinances – if you receive an eviction notice call Stay House to get free legal assistance; landlord harassment – call LAHD or file complaint online; announced Alameda Triangle Project; transportation requests – need 21 days in advance; food distribution – tomorrow (1/23) in Westlake; this Friday (1/26) at Alpine Recreation Center
- ii. Councilwoman Hernandez, CD1 – introduced herself, asked to speak on Item 7 and on Government Report; shared concerns she has heard about the gondola project – environmental factors, gentrification (Chinatown and Westlake is high value right now because of the Olympics); impacts to LA State Park, fiscal responsibility;

suggested an independent analysis/traffic study, fiscal impact study, study on impact to LA Park

4.3. Other Area Representatives

None

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

- i. Jose Galdamez, DONE – recommended board members speak with City Attorney for conflict of interest, especially NPGs and land use issues; Youth Empowerment Conference – this upcoming Saturday, first conference for youths in City Hall; celebrating women in the NCs, 11/7/23 – approved amended Code of Conduct; board members and committee members need to fill this out
 - a. Bill Chin – believes there should be an attorney present at the meetings, he has tried to call but does not get a call back
 - b. Patrick Chen – asked what is the relationship between City Attorney and us; City Attorney is the attorney for NC per Jose

5. Liaison Reports

None

6. Officer's Reports

6.1. Chair's Report

Phyllis Ling – Business cards are here.

6.2. Secretary's Report - Report on board member attendance and past due meeting minutes.

Miho – Reported absences - Jen Seto (2), Mariela Cruz-Suarez (3), Garrett Quon (2), Mei Lau (1), Xochitl Manzanilla (1), Huiling Cai (3), Daniel Reza (1)

6.3. Treasurer's Report - Report on HCNNC's budget.

Paul – balance is \$22,690.

7. Planning and Land Use Committee Report

7.1. Report on the Planning and Land Use Committee meeting of January 9, 2024.

Phyllis Ling – City Attorney is recommending that we table this matter until all board members have been advised about the conflict of interest.

Miho Murai – Commented we should be able to discuss what happened at the PLUC meeting; I believe that this is a delay tactic

Bill Chin – would like City Attorney to be present

Daniel Reza – he is wondering why it is being delayed; it is just a report

Jose Galdamez – it is a discussion of the subject matter that is a concern; he will ask City Attorney to attend the next meeting

8. Discussion and possible action to appoint a stakeholder to fill the Victor Heights At-Large Business Owner, Employee, Non-Profit or Property Owner Representative vacant seat. Candidates: Shirley Oaks. [Candidate statement here.](#)

Shirley Oaks introduced herself. She lives in Victor Heights; will be retiring in a month and so will have time to volunteer.

Miho Murai– made a motion to appoint Shirley as the Victor Heights representative vacancy; seconded by Bill Chin.

Wing Ho – Asked for clarification on the process for filling vacancy.

Phyllis Ling – announced vacancy at last meeting and posted notice; term of this seat is until 2025.

Bill Chin – he thinks Shirley should be in the position, she has been in the neighborhood; he has been active in the community looking for someone to apply; she has been very involved in the community

Patrick Chen – he has not met Shirley before

No public comment

Voice vote – approved unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve a neighborhood purpose grant for up to \$4000 to East Wind Foundation for Youth to provide educational workshops for the community. Workshops would be held from February 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024. [NPG application here.](#)

Pauletta Pierce – her daughter is a youth facilitator and does domestic violence training for youths; Wayland Tam from East Wing and a student representative also came; wants to do the workshops at the library.

Daniel Reza – requested a report after the event.

Miho Murai asked who the funding will be for: outside speakers or staff from East Wind. Pauletta Pierce clarified it would be for herself and her daughter and a few people from East Wind.

Wing Ho made motion to approve NPG; seconded by Garrett Quon.

Motion passed – 13 yes (Seto, Murai, Hom, Quon, Ho, Lau, Flores, V. Hanley, P. Hanley, Reza, Chin, Chen, Ling), 0 no, 1 ineligible (Cruz-Suarez)

10.Reports from the Area Representatives:

10.1.Chinatown

Jen Seto – wants toilets in Chinatown; would like to submit an application to fund a temporary toilet

Phyllis Ling – maybe we can create a CIS.

Ne Hung Hom – restroom issue for Chinatown has been going on for a long time; need to submit a report for the City to fund a restroom or have one owned by private industry; parking is usually \$5 but if there are events like concerts, the parking fee increases to \$10 or \$20

Miho Murai – illegal dumping on Bunker Hill Avenue; no bathroom at Alpine Recreation Center; lights

Daniel Reza– created a hot spot and have their representative come by once a week

10.2.El Pueblo de Los Angeles

Edward Flores – Blessing of the Animals (3/30) and Candelaria (2/2); they will have a booth for HCNNC at the Blessing of the Animals

10.3.Solano Canyon

Phyllis Ling – speeding and narrow streets with no sidewalk on Bernard Street off of Stadium Way.

10.4.Victor Heights

Bill Chin – lots of speeding on Beaudry Ave.

11. Announcements

- Adjournment –

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

OFFICERS	Phyllis Ling Chair	Wing Ho 1st Vice-Chair	Patrick Chen 2nd Vice-Chair	Miho Murai Secretary	Paul Hanley Treasurer
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– NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES –

Mei Wah Lau - Chinatown At-Large Business Owner/
Employee/ Non-Profit/ Property Owner
Garrett Quon - Chinatown Business Owner/
Employee
Wing Ho - Chinatown Non-Profit
Xochitl Manzanilla - Chinatown Residential
Ne Hung Hom - Chinatown Residential
Edward Flores - El Pueblo At-Large Business Owner/
Employee/ Non-Profit/ Property Owner
Valerie Hanley - El Pueblo Business Owner/
Employee
Paul Hanley - El Pueblo Non-Profit

Phyllis Ling - Solano Canyon Business Owner/
Employee/ Non-Profit/ Property Owner
Huiling Cai - Solano Canyon Residential
Daniel Reza - Solano Canyon Residential
Vacant - Victor Heights Business Owner/ Employee/
Non-Profit/ Property-Owner
Bill Chin - Victor Heights Residential
Patrick Chen - Victor Heights Residential
Mariela Cruz-Suarez - At-Large
Youth
Miho Murai - At-Large
Jen Seto - At-Large

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