

# HCNNC

## HISTORIC CULTURAL NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

CHINATOWN • EL PUEBLO • SOLANO CANYON • VICTOR HEIGHTS



Monday, February 26, 2024  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Board Meeting  
**MINUTES - Approved 04/22/2024**  
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

Phyllis Ling called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

Roll call taken by Miho Murai; all present except Bill Chin. There was quorum.

**Present at Roll Call:** Phyllis Ling, Wing Ho, Patrick Chen, Miho Murai, Paul Hanley, Mei Wah Lau, Garrett Quon, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Edward Flores, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Shirley Oaks, Bill Chin, Jen Seto (left at 5:58 p.m.)

**Arrived Later:** Bill Chin (5:11 p.m.)

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Approximately 10 people from the public (5 from the California Endowment/Linc Housing)

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

No general public comments

**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 January 26, 2024.

**3.2.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report ([MER](#)) for January 2024.

Valerie Hanley moved to approve consent calendar; seconded by Mei Wah Lau.

**Motion passed** – 16 yes (Phyllis, Wing, Patrick, Miho, Paul, Mei Wah, Garrett, Xochitl, Ne Hung, Edward, Valerie, Huiling, Daniel, Shirley, Bill, Jen); 0 no; 1 ineligible (Mariela)

**4. GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**4.1.** Public Safety — None

**4.2.** City Council and Mayor’s Representatives

Ben Cassorla, CD1 – first meeting for him; he replaced Wendy Castro; organizing a clean up day; Metro Board approved the gondola EIR; spoke to Castelar Elementary School and they are doing a fundraiser to start their music program again.

**4.3.** Other Area Representatives — None

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

Jose Galdamez, DONE – Department is hosting a Women Empowerment event on March 24, 2024; Code of Conduct – BONC approved the new Code of Conduct policy – everybody has to retake the Code of Conduct policy again; Brown Act Training – this Thursday, February 29 at 6 pm – encourages all Presidents to attend.

**5. Liaison Reports**

Phyllis, LANNC – opposed the Gondola project; didn’t take a position on Measure HLA but had a robust conversation about it; discussion about City Government reform and getting additional clarification about SB 411 (virtual meetings)

## **6. Officer's Reports**

### **6.1. Chair's Report**

Still ordering business cards; special meeting about the CIS for Gondola for those board members who do not have a conflict (contact Wing Ho); encourage orgs to apply for NPGs; still have HCNNC T-shirts.

Public Comment – woman from Castelar ES; wants to know if there is a limit to request for funding for NPGs.

Phyllis – No, requests for more than \$5,000 require additional paperwork and review by City Clerk's Office.

Valerie Hanley – may be able to apply broadly since there are students from all around LAUSD that attend Castelar.

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

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

Phyllis – The reason we need to approve past minutes is because we would be in violation of Board of Neighborhood Commissioners' minutes policy if we do not approve minutes.

**6.2.1.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Historic Cultural North NC Regular Board Meeting of [February 28, 2022](#).

**6.2.2.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Historic Cultural North NC Special Board Meeting of [February 7, 2022](#).

Valerie Hanley moved to approve 2/28/22 minutes; seconded by Paul Hanley; motion passed with 6 yes (Ne Hung, Mei Wah, Paul, Valerie, Huiling, Phyllis), 0 no, 11 abstentions (Jen, Miho, Mariela, Xochitl, Garrett, Wing, Edward, Daniel, Bill, Patrick, Shirley)

Valerie Hanley moved to approve 2/7/22 minutes; seconded by Paul Hanley; motion passed with 6 yes (Ne Hung, Mei Wah, Paul, Valerie, Huiling, Phyllis), 0 no, 11 abstentions (Jen, Miho, Mariela, Xochitl, Garrett, Wing, Edward, Daniel, Bill, Patrick, Shirley)

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

Paul Hanley – remaining balance is \$35,538.63.

**7.** Introduction from Friends of the LA River (FOLAR) CEO Candice Dickens-Russell on working to build better connections between FoLAR and the neighbors of the river.

Did not discuss.

8. Presentation from a representative from the CA Endowment/Linc Housing to provide an overview of the Hope Village project, which is proposed as 100% affordable housing and a community care center at Main St and Vignes St.

Powerpoint presentation by Dani Morales and Ben about the Hope Village – 124 units of affordable housing, with a mix of 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms with supportive services (wrap around services); 50% will be 1 bedroom; will include community rooms.

Bill Chin – total square footage of residential (123,000 sq ft)

Valerie Hanley – other amenities; no medical supportive programs here (Dani – intensive case management, partnering with different service providers)

Miho Murai – asked if they will be targeting the current residents here (Ben – lottery process; important for us to get the word out; it will be a mixed of people; not the only affordable housing that is planned; Lot 45 – 300 units)

Public Comment: Asked presenters what is the ideal vision of the surrounding community after you build this?

Land behind the California Endowment is empty and so they spent a year to figure out what is needed; housing has been a constant need.

9. Discussion and possible action to amend HCNNC's [2023-2024 Fiscal Year budget](#).

Miho Murai left the room.

Phyllis Ling proposed to move money around. Increase storage unit by \$300, add \$15 for website, remove some money from business cards, new line items for Mailchimp account to upgrade for more sends, add new Zoom licenses (\$600). Total operational expenditure amount is the same.

Paul Hanley made the motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Valerie Hanley seconded.

Public Comment: None.

Motion passed with 14 yes (Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Wing Ho, Mei Wah Lau, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, Phyllis Ling), 0 no, 2 absent (Jen Seto, Miho Murai), 1 ineligible (Mariela Cruz-Suarez)

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to \$600 to Zoom to purchase up to 3 Zoom licenses for HCNNC to conduct virtual or hybrid webinar meetings.

Discussion and possible action to appoint up to 3 board members to hold the Zoom licenses.

Jose Galdamez – April 2024 to April 2025 (zoom license period); Recommends getting more than one licenses so you can schedule meetings at the same time

Valerie Hanley – made a motion to approve \$600 for the zoom accounts; seconded by Patrick Chen; licenses to be held by Phyllis Ling, Valerie Hanley, and Miho Murai.

Motion passed with 15 yes (Miho, Xochitl, Ne Hung, Garrett, Wing, Mei Wah, Edward, Paul, Valerie, Huiling, Daniel, Bill, Patrick, Shirley, Phyllis), 0 no, 1 absent (Jen), 1 ineligible (Mariela)

**11.** Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to [\\$15 per month to Mailchimp](#) to purchase a subscription account for sending email meeting notices and newsletters to stakeholders.

Motion made by Valerie Hanley; seconded by Mei Wah Lau.

Motion passed with 15 yes (Miho, Xochitl, Ne Hung, Garrett, Wing, Mei Wah, Edward, Paul, Valerie, Huiling, Daniel, Bill, Patrick, Shirley, Phyllis), 0 no, 1 absent (Jen), 1 ineligible (Mariela)

**12.** Discussion and possible action to approve a neighborhood purpose grant for up to \$4000 to Olvera Street Merchants Association Foundation for the cultural event on Saturday, March 30, 2024. [NPG application here.](#)

Valerie Hanley and Paul Hanley recused themselves because they are board members of the foundation. Edward Flores recused himself because he volunteers with the organization. All three left the room.

Phyllis Ling – previous NPG from the organization was denied by City Clerk’s office because it was a religious event; this event is open to the public.

Wing Ho – He is OK with the event since it is a cultural event; he is supporting this event.

Patrick – thinks we should approve this event and hopes that the City Clerk’s office will approve it as well.

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

Motion passed with 12 yes (Miho, Xochitl, Ne Hung, Garrett, Wing, Mei Wah, Huiling, Daniel, Bill, Patrick, Shirley, Phyllis), 0 no, 1 absent (Jen), 3 recusals (Edward, Valerie, Paul) and 1 ineligible (Mariela)

Valerie Hanley, Paul Hanley, and Edward Flores returned to the room.

**13.** Reports from the Area Representatives:

**13.1.** Chinatown

**13.2.El Pueblo de Los Angeles**

3/2 – Chinese American Museum will put on a Spring Festival; will take over the Lantern Festival; Blessings of the Animals at the end of March.

**13.3.Solano Canyon**

**13.4.Victor Heights**

Bill – Was at the Metro meeting and Victor Heights was omitted from the gondola’s community benefits agreement; grafitti on Sunset; wants CD1 to write a letter; there is grafitti on Cesar Chavez/ Bunker Hill Avenue by the 7 Eleven

Wing – this could be discussed at the Special Meeting that we will be holding.

Patrick – lots of problems with residential parking because of a flea market (moved from Marshall HS).

**14. Announcements**

Phyllis Ling – everyone should vote; library will be a vote center.

Public Comment: Chinatown First Fridays (3/1) – DJs and gallery openings; different vendors selling records; 5 pm to 9 pm; Wonder Bakery and Tse House; 959 Hill Street; family friendly and free event

**- Adjournment –**

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>Phyllis Ling</b> Chair	<b>Wing Ho</b> 1st Vice-Chair	<b>Patrick Chen</b> 2nd Vice-Chair	<b>Miho Murai</b> Secretary	<b>Paul Hanley</b> 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  
**Shirley Oaks** - 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