

# HCNNC

HISTORIC CULTURAL NORTH  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

CHINATOWN • EL PUEBLO • SOLANO CANYON • VICTOR HEIGHTS



Wednesday, April 3, 2024

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

Special Board Meeting

MINUTES - Approved 04/22/2024

特別董事會會議 · Reunión Extraordinaria 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 5:06 pm.

Roll call taken by Secretary Miho Murai.

**Present at Roll Call:** Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Wing Ho, Mei Wah Lau, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Phyllis Ling

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**Arrived Later:** Shirley Oaks (5:19 p.m.)

**Absent:** Jen Seto, Mariela Cruz-Suarez, Daniel Reza

Spanish and Chinese interpreters are present. 5 public members were present during roll call (2 were from LA River State Park Partners, 1 from LADOT)

Shirley Oaks arrived at 5:19 p.m.

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

No 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 February 26, 2024.

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

Phyllis removed 3.1 minutes from 2/26/24 from the consent calendar

Valerie Hanley made a motion to approve the February MER; seconded by Wing Ho; **motion passed with 13 yes (Miho, Xochitl, Ne Hung, Garrett, Wing, Mei Wah, Edward, Paul, Valerie, Huiling, Bill, Patrick, Phyllis) and 0 no and 0 abstentions**

No public comment

Miho stated that there is a negative amount under office, outreach, and elections

Valerie stated that it's because translations were taken from that and it will be reimbursed by the City; Paul said he will follow up with that.

**4. GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**4.1.** Public Safety

No one present

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

No one present

**4.3.** Other Area Representatives

No one present

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

No one present

**5. Liaison Reports**

None

**6. Officer's Reports**

**6.1. Chair's Report**

6/1 deadline for checks – needs to have NPGs by May 15

NPG for El Pueblo was denied

**6.2. Secretary's Report - Report on board member attendance.**

Miho – no changes from last month

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

Paul – remaining balance is \$31,269.45

**7. Update from a transportation planner from the LA Department of Transportation (LADOT) on the Downtown LA Mobility Investment Plan (DTLA MIP) detailing the goals of the DTLA MIP, progress, and next steps.**

Presentation by Natalie Rios Gutierrez from LADOT.

See slide deck.

Accepting comments until 4/12 via email by [ladot.dtlamip@lacity.org](mailto:ladot.dtlamip@lacity.org)

Bill asked whether they are coordinating with street lighting; she said they have been coordinating with them

Wing wants to understand the big picture behind this report; is this related to the Metro Plan; she stated that they are trying to coordinate with other projects in the area

No public comments

8. Discussion and possible action to approve a neighborhood purpose grant for up to \$5000 to LA River State Park Partners for the “Park Bites” food assistance program at the LA River Farmers' Market at LA State Historic Park. [NPG application here.](#)

Presentation from Elise Dang who runs the Farmer’s Market and Kathleen Johnson with LA River State Park Program

See slide deck and NPG application.

Phyllis Ling and Xochitl Manzanilla are listed on the NPG as potential conflicts of interest; they have both consulted with City Attorney and do not have a conflict of interest.

Park Bites began in April 2023 and they currently match EBT purchases dollar for dollar up to \$35/week; Gavin Newson is proposing a \$33 million cut to the Market Match program, reducing budget from \$35 million year to only \$2 million for the next fiscal year, effectively ending the program; current funding is projected to end in May 2024

There was discussion about how HCNNC allocates NPG funds, \$4000 to each of the four neighborhoods. This project is in Chinatown, but Chinatown’s funds were already allocated. El Pueblo plans to submit another NPG; suggested postponing the vote until later.

Victor Heights and Solano Canyon are the other areas with available funds. To approve the project today, the representatives of those areas would need to agree to using their funds for this project instead of a project or nonprofit/school in their area.

Patrick would support this NPG as it will benefit residents in Victor Heights.

Paul would like to table this until the meeting at the end of April to give the other neighborhoods a chance to submit NPG

Miho Murai made a motion to approve the NPG for \$5,000; seconded by Xochitl Manzanilla.

Wing made a motion to approve the NPG and then to figure out how we can allocate more money to the other neighborhoods; withdrew his motion.

Bill stated that Evans Community School is a non-profit in Victor Heights; Patrick/Miho stated that it is in Chinatown. Miho stated that Solano ES is in Solano Canyon and does not know of other non-profits in Victor Heights.

Applicant asked whether they can withdraw the NPG and then resubmit it to see how much money the neighborhood council has to allocate.

Ne Hung sees that some of the residents at Cathay Manor makes purchases at the Farmer’s Market; he thinks that the program will benefit the residents of Chinatown and he supports the funding for the project

Wing makes a motion to table the vote; Paul seconded the motion.

Ne Hung thinks the Farmer’s Market is helping the local residents and we should take advantage of the government funds.

No public comment on tabling the item.

3 opposed tabling (Miho, Xochitl, and Patrick) and all others voted to table the items. Motion to table passed.

- 9. Discussion and possible action to submit a community impact statement in (support, for-if amended, against, against unless amended, no position, neutral position) [Council File: 24-0011-S4](#) Dodger Stadium / Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit (LA ART) / Traffic Assessment / Council District 1 / Street Furniture Revenue Fund. (Council file [motion](#) attached)

13 people from public and 2 for NPG – around 6:15 pm

Phyllis Ling needs to recuse herself and had First Vice Chair Wing Ho chair the meeting.

The following board members announced their recusals and left the room:

Garrett Quon – owns property within 500 ft needs to recuse himself

Phyllis Ling – owns property within 500 ft and needs to recuse herself and she is allowed to stay in the room until the board discusses and votes because it is her primary residence.

Huiling Cai – recuses herself because she owns property within 500 feet

Xochitl Manzanilla – recuses herself because attorney told her to

Miho Murai – needs to recuse herself because City Attorney told me that I have a conflict of interest b/c I signed the Stop the Gondola petition but I disagree that I have a conflict of interest

Patrick Chen continued to take the minutes.

Special Roll Call for Item 9, 10 conducted by Patrick

Miho Murai - Recused

Jen Seto - Absent

Mariela Cruz-Suarez- Absent

Ne Hung Hom - Present

Xochitl Manzanilla- Recused

Garrett Quon - Recused

Wing Ho - Present

Mei Wah Lau - Present

Valerie Hanley - Present

Paul Hanley- Present

Edward Flores - Present

Daniel Reza - Absent

Huiling Cai - Recused

Phyllis Ling - Recused

Patrick Chen - Present

Bill Chin - Present

Shirley Oaks - Present

9 Board members - quorum met

- Public Comment
  - Kathleen - Support the traffic study motion
  - Elise - Support the traffic study motion
  - Amy - Support the traffic study motion
  - Tany - Support the CIS and traffic study motion
  - Dave - Support the traffic study motion as amended
  - Phyllis C. - Support the traffic study motion
  - Joseph - Support the traffic study motion
  - Ben - Support the traffic study motion
  - Phyllis L. - Support the traffic study motion
  - Ron - Support the traffic study motion
  - Juni - Support the traffic study motion
- Phyllis Ling recused and left the room
- Board Discussion
  - Ne Hung Hom: On behalf of the residents of Cathay Manor. Living on the 9th floor, the gondola would pass by me. I oppose the gondola project.
  - Bill Chin: Good to have the study, especially with pedestrian and vehicle issues.
  - Wing Ho: From the public comments, there are no oppositions to the traffic study motion.
- Motion to support a CIS in support of the traffic study motion. Motion by Paul Hanley, seconded by Bill Chin.

Yes: Ne Hung Hom, Wing Ho, Mei Wah Lau, Valerie Hanley, Paul Hanley, Edward Flores, Patrick Chen, Bill Chin, Shirley Oaks

- 9 Yes, 0 No - Motion Passes

**10.** Discussion and possible action to approve, for-if amended, against, against unless amended, the request for action letter (attached [recommended CIS from PLUC](#)) to the Council District 1 Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, the Mayor's office, and the Mayor's Metro Board of Directors appointees Paul Krekorian, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, and Katy Yaroslavsky regarding the LAART Gondola,

Miho Murai left the meeting at 7 pm when item 10 was still being discussed

- Public Comment
  - Elise - Support the CIS to oppose the gondola
  - Amy - Support the CIS to oppose the gondola
  - Tany - Support the CIS to oppose the gondola
  - Juni - Support the CIS to oppose the gondola
  - Phyllis C.- Support the CIS to oppose the gondola
  - Joseph - Support the CIS to oppose the gondola
  - Phyllis L. - Support the CIS to oppose the gondola
  - Ron - Support the CIS to oppose the gondola

- Craig - Support the CIS to oppose the gondola
- Dave - Postpone the CIS until the traffic study is complete
- Bowie - Support the CIS to oppose the gondola
- Ben - Support the CIS to oppose the gondola
- Board Discussion
  - Patrick: Recap of the PLUC meeting voting for the CIS
  - Wing: Looking at the CIS, thinking about the impact as a whole. There were prior public comments that believe the gondola has a positive impact.
  - Valerie: Most CIS have to take a position for or against on an issue. The majority vote was in against the gondola, so that is why the CIS is worded this way.
  - Wing: Does the CIS vote reflects the board and the constituents? Acknowledged that the public vote record will reflect who voted on the CIS.
- Motion to approve the CIS in opposition to the gondola by Valerie. Seconded by Paul.  
 Yes: Ne Hung Hom, Valerie Hanley, Paul Hanley, Edward Flores, Patrick Chin, Bill Chin, Shirley Oaks  
 No: Wing Ho, Mei Wah Lau,
- 7 Yes, 2 No - Motion Passes

## 11.Reports from the Area Representatives:

### 11.1.Chinatown

11.1.1.Figueroa encampment under Figueroa – Constituent

11.1.2.Robbery and assault incident near Cathay Manor - Ne Hung Hom

### 11.2.El Pueblo de Los Angeles

11.2.1.Blessing of the Animals at El Pueblo - Valerie Hanley

### 11.3.Solano Canyon

### 11.4.Victor Heights

11.4.1.Fire at 1018 Bartlett the other week - Bill Chin

11.4.2.Sent email to California State General Services for surplus land to look into 808 N. Beaudry - Bill Chin

11.4.3.Request for CD1, LAPD, BID to be present at next meeting - Bill Chin

11.4.4.Graffiti removal request has been received by the city - Bill Chin

## 12. Announcements

12.1.Possible New Depot Earth Day by CD1

12.2.Chinatown Teen Council Townhall at Chinatown Library - April 20

## - Adjournment –

Adjournment at 7:16pm

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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