

# HCNNC

## HISTORIC CULTURAL NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

CHINATOWN • EL PUEBLO • SOLANO CANYON • VICTOR HEIGHTS

Monday, April 22, 2024

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

Regular Board Meeting

**MINUTES - Approved 05/28/2024**

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Meeting In-person

Chinatown Branch Library

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



Supporting Documents for this meeting are at <https://bit.ly/HCNNC-04-22-24-Bd-Docs>.

### 1. **Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm by Vice Chair Wing Ho.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Miho Murai. There was quorum.

**Present at Roll Call:** Jen Seto, Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Wing Ho, Mei Wah Lau, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Hailing Cai, Daniel Reza, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks

**Arrived Later:** Bill Chin (5:53 pm)

**Absent:** Phyllis Ling and Mariela Cruz-Suarez

6 members in the public (3 from item 13)

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

Secretary Miho Murai read email from Marilyn Majich, dated April 22, 2024, regarding Croatian Night Market, which will take place on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm at the St. Anthony's Croatian Catholic Church (712 N. Grand Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90012)

No other 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 Draft Meeting Minutes of the Historic Cultural North NC Special Board Meeting of [April 3, 2024](#).

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

Supporting documents may be viewed at [www.HCNNC.org](http://www.HCNNC.org) or at the Chinatown Library at 639 N Hill St, Los Angeles, 90012, in the "HCNNC" folder on the shelf behind the reference desk.

Valerie Hanley made a motion to approve the consent calendar; motion was seconded by Mei Wah Lau.

**Motion passed with 14 yes (Jen Seto, Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Wing Ho, Mei Wah Lau, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks) and 0 no and 0 abstain**

#### **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**

Jose Galdamez (DONE) – NC Congress will take place in late September in City Hall; there is a planning committee if you want to volunteer for the event; also NC can help sponsor the event; meeting is usually the first Saturday of the month; Budget Day is on 6/15/24 in person at the City Hall ([labudgetsadvocates@gmail.com](mailto:labudgetsadvocates@gmail.com)); 6/20/24 – last day to use the bank card for the fiscal year; once they receive the administrative packet, NC will have access to the \$32,000

#### **5. Liaison Reports**

Daniel Reza attended the April 6, 2024 LANCC meeting – LANCC suggested that DONE provide one zoom license for each NC; wants DONE to address the issue when there is a lack of quorum; there is a new code of conduct; budget day is on June 15, 2024.

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

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

Vice Chair Wing Ho read Phyllis' report; NPG – wanted more time to reach out to Solano Canyon ES before approving any more NPGs; have 3 NPGs so far for May – PESA for free backpacks, Farmer's Market, Castelar ES Music Program; budget advocates meet monthly and there is a vacancy in Region 6

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

Secretary Miho Murai reported on the board member attendance.

As of today, the following absences have been reported: Jen Seto (2), Mariela Cruz-Suarez (4), Garrett Quon (2), Mei Wah Lau (1), Xochitl Manzanilla (1), Huiling Cai (3), Daniel Reza (1), Phyllis Ling (1)

Mariela has 4 absences as of today and needs to be put on the agenda for a vote for removal by the Board. Jose from DONE stated that she had already been put on the agenda for the 3 prior absences and therefore those absences does not count. Secretary Murai reviewed the bylaws and stated that what Jose is saying is not reflected in the current bylaws and asked Jose to look into this matter further.

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

Paul Hanley reported that the balance is approximately \$29,000. He read an email stating that the translation fund from the City has been depleted and therefore we will

need to pay for the translations for April, May, and June. We will need to hold a budget meeting to discuss this.

- 7. Discussion and possible action to approve a neighborhood purpose grant for up to \$4000 to Olvera Street Merchants Association Foundation for a Mother's Day event on Olvera Street on May 12, 2024. [NPG application here](#).*

Valerie Hanley recused herself because she is the Treasurer. Paul Hanley recused himself because he is a volunteer. Edward Flores recused himself because he is a volunteer. The three board members left the room.

Miho Murai supported this NPG; thinks it is an important event

Jose stated that the last NPG was denied because Paul recused himself but he signed the BAC and submitted the NPG for approval.

Xochitl is approving this event because it is a good event for celebrating mothers.

Daniel Reza made a motion to approve the NPG; seconded by Patrick Chen; **motion passed with 11 yes (Jen Seto, Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Wing Ho, Mei Wah Lau, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks), 0 no, 0 abstains, and 3 recusals (Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley)**

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

- 8. Discussion and possible action to appoint one or more board members as the authorized representatives to speak on behalf of HCNNC on the two community impact statements approved on April 3, 2024 pertaining to the LA ART gondola project.*

Garrett Quon recused himself because he is a property owner within 500 feet of the project. Xochitl Manzanilla recused herself because she lives within 500 feet of the project.

Huiling Cai recused herself because is a property owner within 500 feet from the project.

Miho Murai was advised by the City Attorney's Office that she had a conflict of interest because she signed the Stop the Gondola petition; Miho disagrees with the City Attorney's Office and was forced to recuse herself.

The recused board members left the room from 5:45 pm to 5:51 pm.

Valerie Hanley volunteered to be a representative.

Daniel Reza asked for clarification regarding CIS submitters.

Patrick Chen and Ne Hong Hom volunteered to be representatives.

Jen Seto wanted to be clear that the individuals will be speaking on behalf of the board, not themselves as individuals.

Wing Ho wanted to be clear that the individuals will be speaking to the content of the passed CIS and not beyond that.

Daniel Reza noted that the motion passed as the board's decision that was voted on.

Valerie Hanley made a motion to approve Patrick Chen, Ne Hung Hom, and Valerie Hanley as the authorized representatives to speak on the CIS for HCNNC; seconded by Daniel

Reza; **motion passed with 7 yes (Jen Seto, Ne Hung Hom, Wing Ho, Mei Wah Lau, Daniel Reza, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks), 0 no, 0 abstains, and 4 recusals (Garrett Quon, Xochitl Manzanilla, Huiling Cai, Miho Murai)**

Garrett Quon, Huiling Cai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Miho Murai returned to the room.

*9. Presentation from applicant or representative. Discussion and possible action on a community impact statement on the public convenience and necessity of the cannabis retail application at 744 North Broadway. ([Council File: 24-0420-S1](#)).*

Reach out to cannabis project representative. Applicant is not present.

Miho made a motion to postpone this item; seconded by Xochitl; **motion passed with everyone in favor and no one in opposition**

Daniel stated that this item should go to PLUM first

*10. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement in support of continued and/or increased translation funding for neighborhood councils in the City's Budget ([Council File: 24-0600](#)). Currently, \$60,000 in funding is shared among all 99 neighborhood councils on a first come, first served basis from a fund that is administered by the City Clerk's Office.*

Paul Hanley thinks this should go to the budget committee first because he thinks we have the funding but just have to move things around.

Ne Hung Hom stated that we should support the CIS.

Patrick stated that the Mayor just released the budget and that it would be an appropriate time to submit the CIS

Valerie Hanley stated that we should support this CIS and that we should ask for more money since it is April and we already ran out of money; if we used our funds, we would not be able to support NPGs. Wing agrees

Valerie Hanley made a motion to approve a CIS in support of increased translation funding; seconded by Garrett Quon; **Motion passed with everyone in favor and no one in opposition.**

*11. Discussion and possible action to amend HCNNC's 2023-2024 FY budget.*

Paul Hanley made a motion to continue this item; seconded by Daniel; **motion passed with everyone in favor and no one in opposition.**

*12. Discussion on draft 2024-2025 HCNNC budget.*

Valerie Hanley made a motion to continue this item; seconded by Patrick Chen; **motion passed with everyone in favor and no one in opposition.**

**13. [984 N BROADWAY](#)**

**Case Number: [ZA-2024-1353-CUB](#)**

**Case Filed On: 2/27/2024**

**Request Type: CUB-CONDITIONAL USE BEVERAGE-ALCOHOL**

**Project Description:** *A CUB to allow the sale and dispensing for on-site beer & wine only in conjunction with a pizzeria with limited live entertainment operating from 7a-12a Sun-Thurs & 7a-2a Fri-Sat*

**Applicant:** *Thomas Brockert [Company: Lasorted's Chinatown LLC ]*

**Representative:** *Eddie Navarrette [Company: FE Design & Consulting ]*

Case info: <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/Mjc0MDg40>.

*Presentation from applicant/representative. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement in supporting/opposing/for-if amended/against-unless amended the request for a conditional use permit to allow the sale and dispensing for on-site beer & wine only in conjunction with a pizzeria with limited live entertainment operating from 7a-12a Sun-Thurs & 7a-2a Fri-Sat.*

Daniel Reza asked whether this should go to PLUM first; Daniel stated that they were not available at the PLUM meeting.

Jose Galdamez recommends that it should go to PLUM first.

Wing Ho thinks they should allow the applicants to do their presentation since they are present

Presentation by Matthew – see [slide deck](#).

Public Comment – wants to know what kind of power that the Board has on this project.

Patrick Chen stated that it is a conditional use of alcohol and therefore we have some say.

Public Comment (Jasmine Wang) – she is a parent and thinks that we should not continue to approve alcohol licenses in this area; we need to have more spaces for kids; if it gets approved, would like the applicants to make it welcoming to the community who lives here.

Thomas, applicant, stated that it is a restaurant first (pizza); while they will have beer and wine, everyone will be welcomed; Michael – pizza is the main attraction.

Bill Chin asked whether the space is currently vacated (yes, it is vacant); are you going to be practicing local hires (yes); asked whether the menu reflects the culture of the community (Thomas is searching for an executive chef that will help the menu reflect the culture of the community); do you plan to expand to the courtyard (not really; sidewalk eating is not being pursued at this time); parking lot will be used.

Wing Ho believes that the cultural factor of the menu is important but we should be focused on the conditional use of the liquor license.

Ne Hung Hom stated that it would be a good idea to have a pizza restaurant.

Miho Murai stated that she is opposing the conditional use of alcohol permit because we don't need to have any more restaurants that sell alcohol; also she is concerned about the live entertainment and how that will impact our community.

Xochitl Manzanilla is opposing this project because it does not serve our neighborhood; she does not want wine or alcohol to be sold.

Mei Wah Lau welcomes a pizza and hotdog restaurant; she does not mind selling wine and beer but believes the hours are too long because there are residential places nearby.

Garrett Quon has a business in Chinatown that is similar to what is being proposed; he believes that this is what we need; core memories and core values can be established in these types of restaurants; it is not fair to say that these restaurants are just serving adults; diversity is what Chinatown needs.

Patrick Chen likes the idea of a pizzeria but he is concerned about the conditional use of alcohol permit because it creates a different vibe when alcohol is involved; target audience is Dodgers fan.

Garrett Quon stated that Blossom Restaurant has a beer and wine license.

Jen Seto stated that we are talking about beer and wine and not whiskey; how many pizza places sell beer and wine (it is a good combination); he welcomes them because they will generate more business in Chinatown especially at night; if they are making a lot of noise, that could be problematic; he thinks that it is quite a distance from the school and from the residence.

Wing Ho agrees that there are a lot of restaurants that sell beer and wine like CA Pizza Kitchen; there are other agencies that restrict the alcohol sale; there are concerns about entertainment being too loud but since it will only occur indoor then it shouldn't be a problem; have you had a discussion with the planner or PD about the noise?

Matthew has done their stakeholder's outreach with the officer and they felt it was an appropriate use of the space; no public safety risk since the entertainment and alcohol use will be inside; they are not opposed.

Tommy said the live entertainment would be a DJ and not a live band; he has a small business in Silverlake and it is hard to survive without beer and wine; he wants to target the neighborhood and not just Dodgers fans.

Valerie Hanley asked to call the question; seconded by Daniel Reza; **motion passed with Mei Wah Lau abstaining and Bill Chin voting no**

Ne Hung Hom stated that we should encourage more business, like this restaurant.

Daniel Reza made a motion to approve a CIS for a conditional use permit of alcohol; seconded by Valerie Hanley; **motion passed with 10 yes (Jen Seto, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Wing Ho, Mei Wah Lau, Edward Flores, Valerie Hanley, Paul Hanley, Daniel Reza, Shirley Oaks) and 5 nos (Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Huijing Cai, Bill Chin, and Patrick Chen) and 0 abstention**

**14. Discussion on drafting a community impact statement regarding ongoing late night and early morning nuisance and noise disturbances in Victor Heights on weekends, influenced by Downtown LA views as seen in movies and social media. Request for additional police enforcement and other abatement methods, including ACE.**

Shirley Oaks requested agenda item. At Figueroa Terrace and Beaudry, people take pictures at night and play music on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Residents cannot sleep. Visitors drive loud and are noisy. Mostly, the residents call the non-emergency police line, but they don't come for a long time.

Patrick Chen clarified that people come to this location for the scenic views.

Wing Ho would like to see a CIS drafted for this. Who would the CIS be addressed to?  
Asked if Shirley would be interested in drafting the CIS.

Daniel Reza suggested a letter to CD1 and LAPD.

Jose Galdemez clarified that CISes are usually attached to council motion files, and this seems more like a request for action letter to a specific department or elected official.

Valerie Hanley suggested that since there is no council file, to do a request for action letter. The board may want to invite law enforcement representative and provide them a list of concerns from all neighborhood council areas and ask them for a report back.

Suggested next steps are for Shirley to get a request for action letter started. Also request law enforcement to attend the next meeting.

**15. Discussion and possible action to appoint an ad hoc committee to plan a community improvement project to distribute signs or set up dog poop stations in the HCNNC area.**

Bill Chin requested to do something for safety and quality of life. In Solano Canyon, Victor Heights, and Chinatown, there are wrought iron window bars put up by homeowners for the feeling of safety. Gentrification - people throw trash on the street. Wants to appropriate some money for signs that say no public restrooms.

There was discussion from the board about changing or narrowing the scope of this request because ad hoc committees must have a task that is narrowly scoped and time-bound.

Jose Galdamez clarified that community improvement projects may require contracts that take time to process and approve.

Wing Ho suggested to continue this item so that board members can process and reconsider this suggestion. No action taken.

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

**16.1. Chinatown** - None

**16.2. El Pueblo de Los Angeles**

Valerie Hanley – upcoming Mother's Day event

**16.3. Solano Canyon**

Daniel Reza stated that there has been a lot of car window breakage but nothing taken; they are filing a police report; 6 pm to 7:30 pm – Community Police Advisory Board – 4/25/24

**16.4. Victor Heights**

Bill Chin stated that there was painting over the graffiti but someone put more graffiti; still looking into the speed bumps

**17. Announcements**

No announcements

**- Adjournment –**

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 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

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