

# HCNNC

## HISTORIC CULTURAL NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

CHINATOWN • EL PUEBLO • SOLANO CANYON • VICTOR HEIGHTS



Monday, September 25, 2023

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

Regular Board Meeting

### MINUTES

APPROVED 11/27/2023

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

Chair Phyllis Ling called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm. Roll call was taken by Secretary Miho Murai. 14 board members were present. There was quorum.

**Present (14):** Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Wing Ho, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Jen “Charlie” Seto, Garrett Quon, Mei Wah Lau, and Phyllis Ling. Huiling Cai arrived at 5:09 p.m.

**Absent (3):** Mariela Cruz-Suarez, Daniel Reza, and Yuval Bar-Zemer

Interpreters present for Cantonese and Spanish.

7 public members, along with representatives from City Council and Mayor’s Representative were in attendance.

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

There was no general public comment.

- #### 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.)

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- 3.1. Discussion and possible action to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Historic Cultural North NC Regular Board Meeting of July 24, 2023.
- 3.2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Historic Cultural North NC Regular Board Meeting of August 28, 2023.
- 3.3. Discussion and possible action to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Historic Cultural North NC Special Board Meeting (Board Retreat) of October 10, 2023.
- 3.4. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for September 2023.

Miho Murai asked that the July 24, 2023 draft minutes be pulled from the consent calendar because they were missing some of the seconds to the nominations. Item 3.1 was pulled.

**Motion:** To approve the consent calendar minus item 3.1 (Paul Hanley motioned, Patrick Chen seconded).

Motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- 4.1. Public Safety
- 4.2. City Council and Mayor's Representatives

Wendy Castro, a Field Deputy for LA City District 1 Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez

- Application for rental assistance now available
- She will be on medical leave for two months; Diana will be covering in her absence
- She will send an email with updates.

- 4.3. Other Area Representatives
- 4.4. Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Jose Galdamez from DONE provided a report:

- Had LA Congress of NC this past weekend; provided T-shirts; if you didn't get one, let him know your size and he will bring it to the next meeting
- Still have on-boarding trainings available
- Robert's Rule Board portal is now available
- SB411 bill is waiting for Governor's signature or veto

#### 5. Liaison Reports

Daniel Reza sent Chair Ling a report about LANCC, which she summarized. Motion to call on City Council to address appointment of Jamie York. Discussion to find meeting space. HCNNC doesn't have any budget advocates – we can appoint two advocates.

#### 6. Officer's Reports

- 6.1. Secretary's Report

Secretary had nothing to report. Chair Ling noted that board members who miss three board meetings in a row can be removed; we don't have excused absences.

**6.2. Treasurer's Report**

We approved August MER

NPG – HCNNC has \$16,000 reserved for Neighborhood Purpose Grants; \$4,000 per neighborhood – must be non-profit; deadline is by 6/1/24.

**7. Committee Reports**

**7.1. Planning and Land Use Committee**

Patrick Chen reported that the PLUC will hold its first meeting on 10/12/23 at 5 pm at Chinatown Library.

**8. Discussion and possible action to appoint standing committee members.**

**8.1. Planning and Land Use**

No action taken.

**8.2. Schools and Libraries**

No action taken.

**9. Discussion and possible action to change the Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council Regular Board meeting date/time.**

Chair Ling provided summary as to how meeting times for HCNNC board meetings have changed from 6pm to 5:45pm to 4:00 pm. Through the grievance process, 5pm was determined as the earliest time the board could hold meetings, and the board at the time found 5pm acceptable because HCNNC meetings were on Zoom, which made it easier for people to attend the meetings that early. The board needs to leave the library by 7:45 pm. Mei Lau is OK with 5 pm to 7 pm. Ne Hung Hom is OK with 5 pm to 7 pm. Garrett supports 5 pm to 7 pm. No other comments were made.

No motion. No action taken.

**10. Discussion and possible action to approve the outreach expenditure of up to \$200 for prepackaged snacks and refreshments from a warehouse store to give to visitors to our booth at Ciclavia on 10/15/2023.**

**Motion:** To approve the outreach expenditure of up to \$200 for prepackaged snacks and refreshments for our booth at Ciclavia on 10/15/23 (Valerie Hanley motioned, Paul Hanley seconded)

Motion passed – 14 in favor; 3 absences.

**Yes (14):** Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Wing Ho, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Jen “Charlie” Seto, Garrett Quon, Mei Wah Lau, Huiling Cai, and Phyllis Ling.

**Absent (3):** Mariela Cruz-Suarez, Daniel Reza, and Yuval Bar-Zemer

**11. Discussion and possible action to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget: add \$300 to “Office Equipment.”**

**Motion:** To amend the FY 2023-24 budget – move \$300 from minute taker to office equipment from (Valerie Hanley, seconded by Paul Hanley)

Paul reported that David resigned as minutes taker and therefore we can use the money to pay for extra microphones. Miho Murai suggested that we still try to find another person to do the minutes.

Public Comment: Aries – Was looking at next agenda item, and wondering if Guitar Center will be providing the microphones.

Chair Ling clarified that the board will be buying the microphones.

Jen Seto asked if there are paid positions on the board. Valerie Hanley clarified that the board pays for interpreters and minutes takers, who are outside vendors. Board members cannot get paid for any work they do for the board.

Motion passed – 14 yes, 3 absences

**Yes (14):** Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Wing Ho, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Jen “Charlie” Seto, Garrett Quon, Mei Wah Lau, Huiling Cai, and Phyllis Ling.

**Absent (3):** Mariela Cruz-Suarez, Daniel Reza, and Yuval Bar-Zemer

**12. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to \$1300 to Guitar Center for wireless microphones for board and committee meetings.**

Motion: Approve the expenditure of up to \$1300 to Guitar Center for wireless microphones for board and committee meetings (Paul Hanley motioned, Valerie Hanley seconded).

Phyllis Ling we would be buying 4 microphones; we currently have two. The idea is to have two for the audience and 4 to share among board members during board meetings.

Motion passed – 14 yes, 3 absences

**Yes (14):** Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Wing Ho, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Jen “Charlie” Seto, Garrett Quon, Mei Wah Lau, Huiling Cai, and Phyllis Ling.

**Absent (3):** Mariela Cruz-Suarez, Daniel Reza, and Yuval Bar-Zemer

**13. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to \$1500 from Vistaprint for business cards for board members.**

Motion: To approve the expenditure of up to \$1500 from Vistaprint for business cards for board members (Valerie Hanley motioned, Ne Hung Hom seconded).

Phyllis Ling showed mockups and options for business cards including double sided with English/Spanish or English/Chinese or just English single sided. Each board

member can decide on the options/quantities they want with a budget of up to \$80 per board member.

Mei Lau – Officers should get more than regular board members.

Ne Hom – 500 is enough.

Public Comment: Aries – Suggested electronic business cards, how consistent they are in passing out their business cards so cards are not wasted.

Motion passed – 14 yes, 3 absences

**Yes (14):** Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Wing Ho, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Jen “Charlie” Seto, Garrett Quon, Mei Wah Lau, Huiling Cai, and Phyllis Ling.

**Absent (3):** Mariela Cruz-Suarez, Daniel Reza, and Yuval Bar-Zemer

**14. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement on the alcohol license application submitted by Juntos Market.**

**Address:** 1401 N Main St. | **Case Number:** ZA-2023-1577-CUB | **Applicant:** Fatty Ventana LLC.

**Description:** A CUB a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption and beer and wine for off-site consumption in connection with an 8,425 sq ft restaurant, market, and coffee bar.

Xochitl Manzanilla – recused herself because she is a resident at William Mead and lives within 500 feet from the market; Public comment as a resident: they will sell products that are very expensive; they plan to open up a restaurant and they will be selling alcohol; she is the representative of the residents of William Mead; across the market there is an elementary school and it is not good for the children; we don’t need any more alcohol; there are already stores with alcohol.

Xochitl Manzanilla left the room.

Diego Torres-Palma, representative for Juntos Market, was present to provide an update.

He shared that he met with Xochitl several times; has received 53 letters of support, many from residents; plans to be a market and restaurant; currently owns a restaurant in Mar Vista and has never had an incident; plan to open the market portion at 7 am to 9 pm; dinner will start at 5 pm until 10 pm/11 pm; outdoor seating on Ann St but not on Main St.

Bill Chin – Questioned if sugary drinks are being sold to kids. Question about crosswalk.

Diego – Crosswalk is marked.

**Public Comment:** Ana Soto - We have a school right there. You say it’s a market but it’s a bar. We don’t want that. We don’t want more. We don’t want a market. There is enough already. I have a map What more can I say

**Public Comment:** Angela – Xochitl should be in here. Never heard of people being recused for discussion. Grew up, graduated here, living in Highland Park now, this concerns all of our neighborhoods. What Ana said, this is so serious, while alcohol serving businesses can serve the community, areas with high density of alcohol has rising rates of eviction, crime, dui’s. LAUSD

students living in their cars. Severely exceeding ABC standards by CA govt standards, which is long corrupt history. Prioritize food, other offerings. In 90012, we have 194 active on sale permits. Our communities are not playgrounds for people want to barhop. 4x the authorized amount in the census tract. 16 permits when 4 are authorized. That's so many. This is very serious. Urge the board to consider how alcohol permits contribute to displacement.

**Public Comment:** Fernandez Xochitl – president of Lincoln Height NC; she doesn't think Xochitl has a conflict of interest because she doesn't have a financial interest; this is advertised as a market but it is not a market; Ana is a resident of William Meads but the 53 letters of support were received because developer was providing food; it will displace residents and change the environment.

**Public Comment:** Juni Wong, Power LA – reject alcohol license and oppose the market; Fatty Market already sells very expensive food; this restaurant does not cater to current residents; has 60 petitions against this.

Jen Seto – has a question about selling alcohol (market is separate from restaurant) in the restaurant; he has a safety concern about the alcohol.

Diego – market closes before the restaurant.

Miho Murai asked about security (he said there is security); shared that she opposes the alcohol license since it is so close to a school and there doesn't need to alcohol served there.

**Motion:** To approve the Community Impact Statement to oppose the Juntos Market alcohol license. (Miho Murai motioned, Bill Chin seconded).

The draft Community Impact Statement was read into the record.

Motion passed – 9 in favor (Jen Seto, Miho Murai, Ne Hung Hom, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Edward Flores, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Phyllis Ling ; 4 against (Garrett Quon, Wing Ho, Mei Lau, Huiling Cai); 3 absences; 1 recusal (Xochitl Manzanilla).

15. **Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement on the eviction proceedings against La Golondrina restaurant in El Pueblo, and the allegations of wrongdoing against the City in connection with the transfer of the restaurant's concession agreement.**

Item tabled pending advice from City Attorney's Office regarding board member recusal.

16. **Discussion on the impact of expensive parking and how it is hurting businesses in Chinatown.**

Jen Seto was approached by Golden Dragon manager who stated that parking was so expensive and is impacting his business (\$3/hour); wants to know if it can be changed back; not sure what we can do; he thinks that the City Council has more impact than LADOT  
Phyllis Ling suggested that this may be a good item for the board to develop a CIS and to do research to find parking rates; address letter to LADOT.

Mr. Hom – he thinks the parking fee in Chinatown is too high; one of the reasons why Chinatown is underdeveloped; he supports the idea of writing to a department to lower the parking fee.

Bill Chin – even if we lower the prices, we will have people park there and go to Dodger Stadium; if it is cheap enough, anyone will park there and not just restaurant patrons

Wing Ho – What is the process of writing CIS; he had not seen the one tonight for previous item until just now and had only a few minutes to review it; he thought that it should go through the Planning and Land Use Committee first.

Phyllis Ling – No set process for drafting CIS; she agrees that it should go through the PLUC first but because of time sensitivity it was presented to the board.

## **17. Announcements**

Phyllis Ling – Tuesday, October 10 from 5 pm to 7:45 pm; board retreat; food will be provided;

Ciclvavia – 10/15 (5 volunteers) from 9 am to 4 pm

### **- Adjournment -**

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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