

# HCNNC

HISTORIC CULTURAL NORTH  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

CHINATOWN • EL PUEBLO • SOLANO CANYON • VICTOR HEIGHTS

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

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

Special Board Meeting

**MINUTES - Approved 06-24-24**

特別董事會會議 · Reunión Especial de la Junta

Meeting In-person

Chinatown Branch Library

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



Supporting Documents for meeting are at <https://bit.ly/HCNNC-05-28-24-Bd-Docs>.

## 1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m. Roll call taken by Patrick Chen. There was quorum.

**Present at Roll Call (13):** Valerie Hanley, Paul Hanley, Edward Flores, Ne Hung Hom, Mariela Cruz-Suarez, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Phyllis Ling, Daniel Reza, Huiling Cai, Mei Wah Lau, Garrett Quon, Shirley Oaks

**Arrived Later (2):** Miho Murai (5:09 p.m.), Xochitl Manzanilla (5:10 p.m.)

**Absent (2):** Wing Ho, Jen Seto

Approximately 10 members from the public and 2 Cantonese translators.

Note: Mei Wah Lau left at 5:52 p.m.

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

Raymond Yu: Saturday June 8th, Sunset - 54th Annual LA Pride Music Festival at LA State Historic Park, Sunday June 9th, Morning - 54th Annual LA Pride Parade in North Hollywood, [lapride.org](http://lapride.org)

**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 [April 22, 2024](http://www.HCNNC.org).

*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.*

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

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar made by Valerie Hanley; seconded by Bill Chin.

**Motion passed with 13 yes (Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Mei Wah Lau, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, Bill Chin and Phyllis Ling) and 1 ineligible (Mariela Cruz-Suarez), 1 abstention (Miho Murai) and 0 nos.**

#### **4. GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**4.1.** Public Safety - None

**4.2.** City Council and Mayor's Representatives — Ben Cassorla for CD 1

- 1018 Bartlett St declared public nuisance, expedited process to be demolished
- Gondola update - no update from Metro, report is delayed until June
- LA Pride Festival - interagency coordination to standardize procedures to reduce impact on Chinatown and William Mead specifically
- May 29 Zoom town hall with Eunisses Hernandez on the City Budget/Vote
- May 30 Pearl River Deli space, CSC sponsored, mahjong with the councilmember

**4.3.** Other Area Representatives - None

**4.4.** Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Jose Galdamez (DONE) – Homelessness Liaison – Meet & Greet, tomorrow (5/29/24) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; need to RSVP; Empowering Communities – online 5/30/24 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; June 15 – Budget Day at City Hall; DONE approved by-law changes (alternate member on Committees; trainings); need to take the Amended Code of Conduct training, ABLE training, and Gender Expression training by 6/30/24; Murai – asked if the trainings are available in Chinese and that interpreter should be paid by City (per Jose, trainings are only available in English and Spanish; interpreter can be made available, not sure if City will pay for it)

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

Daniel Reza – attended the LANNC meeting (5/4/24) – LANCC was asking us what our priorities are; LANCC suggested using a Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights; approved a letter to current interim manager to advise her about the issue when boards cannot reach a quorum; LANCC was going to create another letter to the City Council about addressing organizations that are not NC but wanting to act as NCs (Phyllis Ling added that wealthy homeowner associations want to have the same rights as NC without having to do all the trainings that we have to do); wants to make sure the new interim manager meets with all of the NCs; LANCC is requesting that we contribute money to the Congress.

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

**6.1.** Chair's Report

Phyllis Ling – received a request for a CIS about Cathay Manor for next meeting; she will help Mr. Hom get conflict of interest advice; we can still make credit card payments until 6/20 (order business cards); thanked Wing Ho for chairing last meeting; there are other liai-

son positions available (Budget Advocates, Homelessness, Alliance of River Communities) – if anyone is interested let her know.

No public comment

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

Secretary Miho Murai reported on 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), and Phyllis Ling (1). This only includes absences from regular meetings and does not include absences from special meetings.

Mariela has 4 absences as of today. Jose was going to find out whether per our bylaws she needs to be on the next agenda for removal due to her 4 absences.

Jose – has no update about whether Mariela needs to be on the next agenda for removal because of her four absences

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

Paul Hanley – current balance is approximately \$20,000

Valerie Hanley – there is a \$4,000 approved NPG that is not yet reflected in the budget

**7. Presentation: Update on the "Link Union Station Project"** by the project team/MBI Media, consultant for Metro. The project includes new run-through tracks on an elevated rail yard to improve operational flexibility, expand capacity at Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS), and accommodate future high-speed rail service. The project also proposes an expanded passageway for shorter wait times and a better transfer experience.

Danielle Valentino (Community Relations Manager, Metro) and Carlos Montez (Deputy Executive Officer, Metro) discussed the Link Union Station Project. See slide deck. EIR was submitted in 2019 and now they are working on a EIS/SEIR. Per Daniela, the project is not fully funded yet so the project will be worked on in phases. There will be an Open House and a Public Hearing this summer 2024.

No public comments

Bill Chin – asked about parking at Union Station and asked how people would cross the street from LA River (per Carlos, nothing would change; additional parking – working on providing other ways to get to Union Station through buses and Gold Line; Danielle emphasized that this is still a project in motion).

**8. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to [\\$1000 to Staples to print brochures](#).**

Miho Murai – made a motion to approve up to \$1,000 to Staples to print brochures; seconded by Xochitl Manzanilla; **motion passed with 13 yes (Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, and Phyllis Ling) and 1 ineligible (Mariela Cruz-Suarez) and 0 nos**

No public comments

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

Paul Hanley – went over new proposed budget; added new category – NC Congress Contribution (\$1,000)

Valerie Hanley made a motion to approve the amended budget; seconded by Daniel Reza.

Daniel Reza– asked how much money was spent on grants; Valerie Hanley – two were approved, \$4,000 each; there are pending NPGs.

No public comment.

Miho Murai – asked if this budget included the expected roll over funds (Paul stated that the roll over funds are already included)

Garrett Quon – we spent about \$8,000 in NPGs; so some of the current projects need to be reduced?

Bill Chin – inflation for translation fees (Paul Hanley – we can talk about that when we will talk about next year's budget; Jose Galdamez – the NC has a special fund for interpretation (\$60,000 – first come, first serve); this year's fund was depleted in April)

**Motion passed with 12 yes (Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, and Phyllis Ling) and 1 ineligible (Mariela Cruz-Suarez) and 0 nos and 1 abstain (Bill Chin)**

**10. Discussion and possible action to contribute up to \$1,000 to the NC Congress.**

The Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods is a conference for our Neighborhood Councils that will be returning to City Hall this year, taking place on Saturday, 9/28/2024.

Paul Hanley made a motion to contribute \$1,000 to NC Congress; seconded by Miho Murai.

Daniel Reza – was wondering if we should allocate the money to the NPGs instead of supporting the NC Congress.

Paul Hanley – at the recent Budget Committee meeting, discussed each NPG and what was requested and made recommendations for each NPG

Valerie Hanley – suggested moving Item 11 above Item 10

After discussion of Item 11 – came back to vote on Item 10 (7:07 p.m.)

Paul Hanley made a motion to contribute \$1,000 to NC Congress; seconded by Miho Murai; **motion passed with 13 yes (Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, Bill Chin and Phyllis Ling) and 1 ineligible (Mariela Cruz-Suarez)**

### **11.Neighborhood Purpose Grants**

**11.1.**Discussion and possible action to approve a neighborhood purpose grant of up to \$4000 to the [Los Angeles Community Garden Council](#) to organize a Sidewalk and Orchard Beautification Project at the Solano Canyon Community Garden to benefit the neighborhood and local biodiversity.

Phyllis Ling – we allocated \$4k for each community; \$4k for Solano Canyon not used yet.

Valerie Hanley – made a motion to approve up to \$4,000 for NPG for Los Angeles Community Garden Council; seconded by Paul Hanley.

Jamie, Treasurer of Solano Canyon Community Garden – presented the NPG; her organization provides green space and urban farm in Solano Canyon; they want to beautify the sidewalk parkways; see slide deck and NPG application.

Miho Murai left the room for 5 minutes.

Ben, Public Comment – has been to the community garden and it is an amazing space.

Bill Chin asked about herbal plants, presenter said there will be some herbal plants.

Valerie Hanley asked how the money will be spent. Presenter said it's 50% for purchasing plants, 25% for tools, 25% for water.

Miho Murai returned to the room.

**Motion passed with 13 yes (Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, Bill Chin and Phyllis Ling) and 1 ineligible (Mariela Cruz-Suarez) and 0 nos**

**11.2.** Discussion and possible action to approve a neighborhood purpose grant for up to \$5000 to [LA River State Park Partners](#) for the “Park Bites” program at LA River Farmers’ Market at LA State Historic Park.

Phyllis Ling – we have \$10,000 left in our budget for the remaining NPGs.

Kathleen Johnson from LARSPP and Elise Dang from the LA River Farmers’ Market – Park Bites is an existing food assistance program for CalFresh EBT users at the LA River; they are seeking new sources of support; wants an equitable distribution of funds and wants to target low income people.

Miho Murai – stated support for this program and made a motion to approve \$5,000 for this NPG; Shared the importance that this program targets the low income community

Ne Hung Hom – supports this motion and thinks it helps the local business and local people

Phyllis Ling – suggested that we hear from all NPGs before we vote.

Bill Chin – has a problem about giving all funds to the EBT recipients.

**11.3.** Discussion and possible action to approve a neighborhood purpose grant of up to \$8000 to the [Castelar Dragons Foundation](#) to support the cost of the Education Through Music - Los Angeles program (ETM-LA) at Castelar Street School for the 2024-2025 school year.

Mary, parent and current PTA President at Castelar ES – raising money for the music program; two years ago, the school lost the funding; TK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade; students can participate in ensembles and can bring the equipment home.

Megan, Secretary and parent at Castelar ES – have done significant fundraising for the music program, within one month – generate 54 days of music, music helps increase attendance and has positive impact with the children

Miho Murai – suggested that they resubmit the NPG later since the money is for the 2024-25 school year

Paul Hanley – suggested that we allocate half the money now and they can ask for the money again

Daniel Reza – if you have a proposal, you can submit the money at a later time; he spent the money 18 months later; they don’t need to spend it right now

Bill Chin – asked what does ETM stand for and how many students participate in the program (education through music LA; 641 students are participating in the program)

Kathleen (Public Comment) – wants to put in a plug for the music program; she has received an NPG before from her NC for an upcoming school year program

Miho Murai – stated support for the program but didn’t want the NPG to not get approved by the City and then we lose the money and no one gets it

**11.4.** Discussion and possible action to approve a neighborhood purpose grant of up to \$5000 to [Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action](#) to support the 6th Annual Back to School Backpack Drive for youth residing in Senate District 26.

Stephanie, PESA – see slide deck; requesting \$5,000 to distribute backpacks with essential needs for youth residing in Senate District 26; she understands that they are not being recommended for this project but they serve the students who are unhoused and would like us to support these youth

Valerie Hanley – since this is year 6, have you distributed backpacks in this NC? (produced 3,000 backpacks, not sure if in this area)

Miho Murai – was wondering if they are seeking funding from other NCs; also, was wondering if backpacks were distributed in HCNNC (they are seeking funding from Pico Union; helps the Valley a lot but they want to work with Senator Durazo's office)

Ne Hung Hom – he supports this program

Elise (Public) – two of the backpack giveaways were at the Farmer's Market and in Echo Park; she thought that the funding came from Senator Durazo's office (per Stephanie, they are managing where the funding is allocated)

Valerie Hanley – does Durazo's office put money into this event? (she does not know)

Valerie Hanley – motion to contribute \$5,000 for LA River State Park Partners for Park Bites; seconded by Garrett Quon; **motion passed with 12 yes (Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, and Phyllis Ling) and 1 ineligible (Mariela Cruz-Suarez) and 1 abstain (Bill Chin)**

Valerie made a motion to contribute up to \$5,000 for Castelar Dragons Foundation for the ETM program; seconded by Garrett Quon; **motion passed with 13 yes (Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, Bill Chin and Phyllis Ling) and 1 ineligible (Mariela Cruz-Suarez)**

No motion on 11.4

**12.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Fiscal Year [2024-2025 Admin Budget Packet](#).

Chair Ling noted that the Budget Committee reviewed the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Rollover is not included. Rollover funds should be confirmed in August.

Motion made by Valerie Hanley to approve the 2024-2025 Admin Budget Packet, seconded by Patrick Chen.

Treasurer Paul Hanley presented the proposed budget, which was based on 2023-2024 expenditures. NPGs reduced from \$16000 to \$12000; may be bumped up after we get rollover funds. \$4000 allocated to elections because it is an election year.

**Motion passed with 13 yes (Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, Bill Chin and Phyllis Ling) and 1 ineligible (Mariela Cruz-Suarez)**

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

- 13.1.Chinatown - None
- 13.2.El Pueblo de Los Angeles - None
- 13.3.Solano Canyon - None
- 13.4.Victor Heights - None

**14.Announcements - None**

**- Adjournment –**

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

<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