

# HCNNC

HISTORIC CULTURAL NORTH  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

CHINATOWN • EL PUEBLO • SOLANO CANYON • VICTOR HEIGHTS



Monday, July 22, 2024

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

Regular Board Meeting

**Minutes - Approved 08-26-2024**

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

Call to order by Phyllis Ling at 5:03 pm. Cantonese interpreters were at this meeting.

Roll call taken by Secretary Miho Murai. There was quorum

Present during roll call (16): Phyllis Ling, Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Wing Ho, Daniel Reza, Mei Wah Lau, Huiling Cai, Shirley Oaks, Valerie Hanley, Paul Hanley, Edward Flores, Garrett Quon, Ne Hung Hom, Jen Seto, Patrick Chen, Bill Chen.

Mariela Cruz-Suarez resigned today via email.

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Public – 2 and 2 people from LAPD; 4 additional people came at 5:24 pm

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

Raymond Yu, Public Comment – Taste of Ecuador will be held on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to 6 pm at Placita Olvera (425 N Los Angeles Street, Downtown LA, Nisei Week Grand Parade – Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 4 pm to 6 pm, Ciclavia Meets the Hollywood – August 18, 2024 from 9 am to 4 pm

## 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 [June 24, 2024](#).

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

Valerie Hanley made a motion to approve the consent calendar; seconded by Miho Murai; Yes (14) - Phyllis Ling, Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Daniel Reza, Mei Wah Lau, Huiling Cai, Shirley Oaks, Valerie Hanley, Paul Hanley, Edward Flores, Garrett Quon, Ne Hung Hom, Patrick Chen, Bill Chen; Abstain (1) – Wing Ho; Ineligible (1) – Jen Seto; **MOTION PASSED**

Jen Seto is ineligible because he still needs to complete the ABLE training.

## 4. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

4.1. Public Safety – Scott Hilton, LAPD – lots of fires during this season; make sure to watch your children at all times; Bill asked about recent fires by Sunset and Beaudry (Hilton said that the fires are being investigated right now)

4.2. City Council and Mayor's Representatives - None

4.3. Other Area Representatives - None

4.4. Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Jose (DONE) – Listening Tour by new General Manager Carmen Chang via zoom – Chairs and Vice Chairs are invited; she will also be attending the general board meetings to meet the entire board; Congress of Neighborhood – Saturday, September 28, 2024; all unspent funds were rolled over to this fiscal year (even if it is over \$10,000); election handbook and timeline were sent out via email – region 6 (HCNNC); Miho asked whether the elections are set in stone by vote by mail since many people do not have access to the internet and this change will likely impact our community (Jose said that it was decided by the City (Linay Basulto is in charge of the Elections Division)

## 5. Liaison Reports

Phyllis Ling, LANCC – they had a discussion about selections, which is an election run by NC; some NCs want to do it because it would involve more in person voting; that is an

option for NCs; some NCs have not been getting notices about hearings because of an email change; NC Congress – looking for more volunteers; website is on our newsletter; Bill asked what the email transition (Phyllis said that there is a change from empowerla.org to empowerla.gov); Bill asked how people are going to vote in the vote by mail if they do not live in the area (per Jose Galdamez/DONE, he said everyone who wants to vote needs to register to vote; there will be partnerships with the library and recreation center for people to sign up to vote by mail)

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

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

East Wind is hosting a Career Development workshop on Sunday, July 28 at the Alpine Recreation Center from 2 pm to 3:30 pm; Mariela Cruz-Suarez resigned so we have an at large youth seat board vacancy; age 14 to 17; if we get applications, we can probably be able to fill the vacancy by next meeting; CA Endowment is looking for a letter of support; update from CD 1 – he was suppose to be here – there will be a traffic study done for the Gondola Project; City received the letter from Cathay Manor and they will be in touch with them with an update about the sale; Attorney General's Office has placed the proceeds of the funds of the sale of Cathay Manor under their control.

### **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), Garrett Quon (2), Mei Wah Lau (1), Xochitl Manzanilla (1), Huiling Cai (3), Daniel Reza (1), Phyllis Ling (1), and Wing Ho (1). This only includes absences from regular meetings and does not include absences from special meetings.

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

Treasurer Paul Hanley stated that we have \$7,950 balance and it will hopefully be rolled over; 2024-25 Administrative Budget has been submitted.

## **7. Discussion and Possible action to elect Executive Officers:**

Jose Galdamez from DONE took over this part of the meeting (5:45 pm)

### **7.1. Chair**

Valerie Hanley nominated Phyllis Ling; Phyllis accepted the nomination; Miho Murai made a motion to appoint Phyllis Ling as Chair; seconded by Xochitl Manzanilla

Phyllis would like to work on building capacity and be more effective. Miho stated that she supported Phyllis' nomination and thinks that she did a wonderful job this year and hopes that we all support her; **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

No Public Comment

**7.2.Vice Chair #1**

Mei Lau nominated Wing Ho; Miho nominated Patrick Chen but he did not accept the nomination; Valerie made a motion to appoint Wing Ho as Vice Chair; seconded by Garrett Quon; **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Wing Ho stated he will continue to support Phyllis.

No Public Comment

**7.3.Vice Chair #2**

Paul nominated Patrick Chen; Patrick accepted; Miho made a motion to appoint Patrick Chen as Vice Chair #2; seconded by Xochitl Manzanilla; **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Patrick would appreciate the opportunity to be the Vice Chair again.

No Public Comment.

**7.4.Treasurer**

Paul Hanley nominated Valerie Hanley as Treasurer and she accepted; Phyllis Ling made a motion to appoint Valerie Hanley as Treasurer; seconded by Patrick Chen; **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Valerie plans to continue to submit timely MERs and payments so that we can run smoothly.

No Public Comment.

**7.5.Secretary**

Phyllis Ling nominated Miho Murai as Secretary and she accepted; Valerie Hanley made a motion to appoint Miho Murai as Secretary; seconded by Xochitl Manzanilla; **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Miho Murai stated she would continue to support Phyllis and the board as Secretary.

No Public Comment.

**8. Discussion and possible action to appoint Standing Committee Chairs and Members**

**8.1.Budget and Finance**

Phyllis Ling stated that by default the Treasurer is the Chair of this committee; current members are Phyllis Ling, Paul Hanley, and Valerie Hanley.

If anybody wants to join this committee, email Valerie.

### 8.2.Outreach and Communications

Phyllis Ling will leave the Committee the same since no one wants to Chair this Committee; Phyllis Ling is the Chair, members are Xochitl Manzanilla, Valerie Hanley, Miho Murai.

### 8.3.Planning and Land Use

Patrick Chen is the Chair and will keep the same Committee members - Wing Ho, Paul Hanley, Daniel Reza, and Eugene Moy.

### 8.4.Schools and Libraries

Phyllis Ling appointed Miho Murai as the Chair of the Schools and Libraries; motion to appoint Miho Murai as Chair by Valerie Hanley; seconded by Xochitl Manzanilla; **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Miho asked whether Jen Seto and Xochitl Manzanilla will be interested in being a Committee member. Xochitl is interested but Jen wants to think about it. Miho asked that this item be placed on the agenda for next month

### 8.5.Arts, Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Phyllis Ling kept Xochitl Manzanilla as the Chair of the Committee; Xochitl will keep the same Committee members – Daniel Reza, Valerie Hanley, Edward Flores.

## 9. Discussion and possible action to appoint additional CIS filers.

Phyllis Ling stated that she, Daniel Reza, and Valerie Hanley were current CIS filers; Phyllis Ling appointed Patrick Chen and Miho Murai to be a CIS filer; Paul Hanley made a motion to approve Miho Murai and Patrick Chen as CIS filers; seconded by Valerie Hanley; **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

(Note for the record: Phyllis Ling, Daniel Reza, Miho Murai, and Mariela Cruz-Suarez (resigned) were the CIS filers prior to the vote. Chair misspoke.)

No public comment.

## [10.978 N Broadway](#)

**Case Number:** ZA-2023-5087-CUB

**Case Filed On:** 07/26/2023

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

**Project Description:** The proposed project involves a Conditional Use to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a two-story, 6,938 square-foot restaurant with 239 seats for patrons, including 59 seats on the first floor, 108 seats on the second floor, 56 outdoor seats within a 916 square-foot courtyard patio, and 16 seats within a 466 square-foot sidewalk patio area. Proposed hours of operation for the restaurant are from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., daily. The restaurant will not feature any patron dancing or live entertainment. The project will be limited to tenant improvements and will not result in the expansion of floor area or change in building height.

**Applicant:** ANTHONY WANG

**Representative:** JUDY LEE [Company: LA TIERRA CONSULTING,LLC]

Presentation from applicant/representative (possibly). Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement supporting/opposing/for-if amended/against-unless amended the request for a conditional use permit for the proposed project.

Judy Lee passed out a map of the project; she read a statement from Anthony, who could not be here; believes this restaurant will create job opportunities and introduce a different perception of Chinese cuisine; the space is currently vacated but it used to be a restaurant. George Yu was also present.

**Daniel Reza made a motion to approve this project; seconded by Garrett Quon.**

Daniel Reza said he likes the plan of this project and wants to see this plaza come back to life. Jen Seto as part of CCBA said that this project excites him; he has concerns because there are already a few restaurants there that have alcohol and how it will impact that plaza (per Judy, there have been other restaurants there that have had alcohol and there hasn't been a problem; there is onsite security at the Plaza); Patrick Chen – what is the price range of this restaurant and who are you targeting (Anthony needs to answer this; they met with the City and was asked whether they can accept people with EBT); Mei Wah Lau asked about parking (they have a parking lot and there is also street parking; the City cannot compel them to provide parking)

Wing Ho supports this project and thinks that it is logical to have alcohol there.

Patrick Chen asked how big the sidewalk will be once the planters are there.

Daniel Reza amended the motion to include subject to the approval of ADA and City approval of the sidewalk; no one seconded the motion

**Wing Ho made an amendment that the patio settings be adjusted so that there is at least a 5 feet clearance from patio fence/perimeter to any sidewalk obstruction; motion seconded by Phyllis Ling; Yes (11) – Mei Wah Lau, Garrett Quon, Wing Ho, Ne Hung Hom, Edward Flores, Valerie Hanley, Paul Hanley, Phyllis Ling, Huiling Cai, Shirley Oaks, Bill Chen; Abstain (3) – Miho Murai, Patrick Chen, Daniel Reza; Ineligible (1) – Jen Seto; Not Present - Xochitl Manzanilla; **AMENDMENT PASSED.****

Discussion on main motion as amended.

Ne Hong Hom agreed with the project. The current setback is OK.

Bill Chin stated that the architecture graph has many dimensions except for the sidewalk dimensions for the outside patio. Missing dimensions.

Judy Lee stated that she suspects the Zoning Administrator did not ask for those dimensions because other agencies might weigh in on the patio.

Bill Chin asked where is the entrance (per Judy Lee, the entrance is the Mandarin Plaza gate up the steps).

Bill Chin asked where do people line up (per Judy Lee, people will wait in the Mandarin Plaza courtyard).

Garrett Quon stated that Judy said that there will be several other offices that need to look at this project (Fire, Building and Safety) so he does not think we should be considering the sidewalk.

Patrick Chen stated that access to the sidewalk is important and he would go beyond the minimal requirement.

Jen Seto does not think 5 feet is not enough; he thinks it should be 8 to 10 feet.

Xochitl Manzanilla stated that she agrees with Patrick and that we have to see what is good for the neighborhood.

#### Public Comment

- Juni Wong: Does not support the CUB - asked that the neighborhood council to amend the motion to oppose the CUB. Oversaturation of alcohol permits in the community and in Mandarin Plaza. Hours for the alcohol starts at 9am. Lack of clarity on affordability of the restaurant. Would like to see requirement of affordability before approving the CUB.
- Kai: Against granting a CUB to Anthony Wang. It's dense with alcohol permits. Lack of community resources. Gentry businesses who do not cater to community needs are responsible for displacing community that lives here.

#### Additional Board Discussion

Xochitl Manzanilla: Approve the project but would want to reduce the hours for selling alcohol all day from 9am to 2am, maybe to 9am to 11pm.

Garrett Quon: The applicant did not say they would sell alcohol at 9am, it's just a tactic for applicants when applying to get the maximum hours.

Xochitl Manzanilla: 2am alcohol is too late.

Miho Murai: The applicant representative does not seem to have information or clarity about the menu. If the restaurant is too upscale, that's not serving the community. If the planters are obstructing the sidewalk that's a big issue because everyone in Chinatown walks. Is it going to be a Howling Ray's for people coming in or is it for community members who live in Chinatown?

Judy Lee: The menu is Chinese food that uses produce from California. It is a restaurant, the focus is the food. The liquor is an accessory to complement the food. The goal is not to build a big bar. The cocktails are there to complement what's on the menu. I can't speak to the price - it will be driven by a few factors. Chef Anthony's goal is to create a restaurant that is accessible to everyone. The goal is not the kales and enokas of the world.

Phyllis Ling: Would want to see wider sidewalks and doesn't want to see giving away public right of way for private use.

Bill Chin: When I hear about complementary drinks, I think about tea. Not sure about Cantonese cuisine or Mandarin cuisine, will there be lunch specials?

Judy Lee: The preference is to hire locally. Lunch specials will be determined by how much traffic there will be. Talking with CD1 about potentially including affordable units.

Valerie Hanley: Call the question to end discussion and proceed with the vote.

Ben Cassorla: CD1 is having those discussions with the applicant. Don't have a letter finalized but will have it finalized this week. The Zoning Administrator closes the case on July 26th.

Call the Question by Valerie Hanley - Approved unanimously, discussion ended.

**Vote on main motion as amended:** Yes (9) – Garrett Quon, Wing Ho, Mei Wah Lau, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Shirley Oaks  
No (6) – Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Bil Chin, Patrick Chen, Phyllis Ling  
Ineligible (1) – Jen Seto. **MOTION PASSED.**

Valerie Hanley made a motion to move item 12; motion passed

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

**11.1.**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.

### **Tabled**

**11.2.**Discussion and possible action to approve a neighborhood purpose grant to [Friends of the Los Angeles River \(FoLAR\)](#) of up to \$5000 for "River Fest," a free eco-arts festival and community event at the LA State Historic Park on August 11, 2024. Presentation from applicant.



FOLAR - local nonprofit restoration of the LA River - 3rd Annual River Fest, celebration with exhibitors and performers - free and open to the public - 1,000 attendees

Motion to approve the NPG up to \$3,000 - made by Valerie Hanley, Garrett Quon seconded.

Discussion

Miho Murai: The NPG for Castelar Dragons last fiscal year was approved last year, the intention was to approve it this year. However, that is also using the Chinatown budget. Not any concern with the project itself. Who is currently funding the River Fest?

Rep: LA Dept of Cultural Affairs is pitching in, some corporate sponsors.

Miho Murai: If HCNNC can't fund it, what will be the impact?

Rep: The event will happen regardless, it will come out of their own unrestricted funding if needed.

Daniel Reza: Did we spend all of our NPG money last year?

Valerie Hanley: Technically, the NPG money for Castellar Dragons was not spent and is supposed to rollover.

Vote on the motion for \$3,000 for River Fest. Vote recorded by Miho

Valerie Hanley made a motion to approve \$3,000 for the River Fest NPG; seconded by Garrett Quon; Yes (13) - Phyllis Ling, Xochitl Manzanilla, Daniel Reza, Huiling Cai, Shirley Oaks, Wing Ho, Valerie Hanley, Paul Hanley, Edward Flores, Garrett Quon, Ne Hung Hom, Patrick Chen, Bill Chen; Abstain (1) – Miho Murai; Ineligible (1) – Jen Seto; Not Present – Mei Wah Lau; **MOTION PASSED**

**12. Discussion and possible action to approve the reimbursement of [\\$117.37 to Phyllis Ling](#) for prepackaged snacks and refreshments purchased for Ciclavia in October 2023.**

Daniel Reza made a motion to approve the reimbursement of \$117.37 to Phyllis Ling; seconded by Paul Hanley; **MOTION APPROVED** – Yes (15) - Phyllis Ling, Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Daniel Reza, Mei Wah Lau, Huiling Cai, Shirley Oaks, Valerie Hanley, Paul Hanley, Edward Flores, Garrett Quon, Ne Hung Hom, Patrick Chen, Bill Chen, Wing Ho; Ineligible (1) – Jen Seto

Mei Lau left at 7:05 pm

Bill Chin made a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes; seconded by Xochitl Manzanilla; yes all except Miho Murai who opposed

Ben Cassorla, CD 1 - CD1 received reply from CA DOJ and will have a meeting about it; Traffic study contractor hired by 2024, should take 2 years.

Miho Murai left at 7:17 pm

Bill Chin: Does the city have the right to move homeless people from public and private property

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

**Tabled**

**13.1.Chinatown**

**13.1.1.**Update and discussion regarding street vending on sidewalks in Chinatown getting out of hand.

**13.1.2.**Discussion regarding rising crime in Chinatown.

**13.2.**El Pueblo de Los Angeles

**13.3.**Solano Canyon

**13.4.**Victor Heights

**14. Announcements**

**Tabled**

**- Adjournment -**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 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

**Vacant Seat** - At-Large Youth

**Miho Murai** - At-Large

**Jen Seto** - At-Large