

HCNNC

HISTORIC CULTURAL NORTH
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

CHINATOWN • EL PUEBLO • SOLANO CANYON • VICTOR HEIGHTS



Monday, November 25, 2024

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

Regular Board Meeting

MINUTES – Approved 01/27/2025

通用董事會會議 · Reunión de la Junta

In-person Meeting with Zoom/Telephone Option

Chinatown Branch Library

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

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Supporting Documents for meeting are at <https://bit.ly/HCNNC-11-25-2024-Bd-Docs>.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chair Phyllis Ling at 5:03 pm. Cantonese interpreters were present. Roll call taken by Secretary Miho Murai.

Present during Roll Call: Jen Seto, Miho Murai, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Edward Flores, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, Phyllis Ling

Absent: Katelyn Kim, Xochitl Manzanilla, Wing Ho, Mei Wah Lau, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley

Public: 3 members, including Jose Galdamez (DONE), General Manager Carmen Chang, and Ben Cassorla (CD1); 4 people online

At Roll Call, we had quorum with 11 members present and 6 members absent.

Mei Wah Lau arrived at 5:08 pm.

Paul Hanley and Valerie Hanley arrived at 5:10 pm.

Xochitl Manzanilla arrived at 5:35 pm.

Wing Ho arrived at 5:35 pm.

Supporting documents may be viewed at 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.

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

None

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 Special Board Meeting of [October 22, 2024](#).
- 3.2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report ([MER](#)) for October 2024.

Miho Murai made a motion to approve the consent calendar; seconded by Mei Wah Lau. Yes: Jen Seto, Miho Murai, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Mei Wah Lau, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Bill Chin, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, and Phyllis Ling; No: None; Abstain: None; **MOTION PASSED (14-0-0-0)**

4. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- 4.1. Public Safety - None
- 4.2. City Council and Mayor's Representatives – Ben Cassorla – New Depot Fire - majority of fire victims will be moving back in by the end of next week to the Grand Plaza – still need 2 units; City Council is trying to tighten up the regulations on abandoned property; last week, a motion passed through the City Council to address building and safety issues around abandoned buildings; street vending – he met with Wong Family Association a few weeks ago regarding similar complaints made on Broadway; he stated that his office is working on good neighborhood policy, especially with regards to ADA and cleaning; Council member is fighting for more budget for code enforcement; Garrett Quon – Harmony Project – now unused and a big hole; is there anything that they can do to check on the status and have the owners clean up the area (his office will follow up with this; he told Mr. Quon to file a complaint with the LADBS and let his office know when he does); Bill Chin thanked them for cleaning the alley; there is a vacant lot at 800 Beaudry; Miho Murai – asked about the lot right by CVS (Ben said that the property owner had to close the permits and had to demolish the lot; there will be a clean up at the cul de sac; everyone that is there will be moved; not sure where they are going to go)
- 4.3. Other Area Representatives - None
- 4.4. Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Jose Galdamez (DONE) – share the 2025 Youth Conference on February 22, 2025 at City Hall – participants will learn about community engagement; application deadline closes on 12/20/24; 2025 NC Exhibit will be in December and will be displayed in City Hall to showcase the work that NC system has done in their community; 12/13/24 – 25th years of NC – 6 pm to 9 pm at City Hall; invitations have been sent out to the Board; NC elections – candidate filing opens in December; can get applications in the library and online

- 4.4.1. General Manager Carmen Chang from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment plans to attend the HCNNC Board meeting to introduce herself and hear from the board members. GM Carmen Chang – has been the GM for six months; grew up in San Gabriel Valley; prior to being GM, she served on the El Pueblo Commission; working on getting more funding for translation services; submitted department budget last Friday; Phyllis – how can we help with funding for DONE? (GM stated that you can advocate to the City Clerk for more funding; wants to find a better platform for training; staffing to support NC); Public (Lionel) – stated that some of the links on the website is outdated and asked how long will it take to fix this (GM stated that it is hard to do the update with limited staff; has to focus on the NC elections; agrees that the website needs to be more accessible); Miho – asked about how DONE can help our NC about translation services (GM stated that the special fund is run by City Clerk; she suggested that we talk to CD1 to get assistance with translation services).

5. Liaison Reports

- 5.1. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) - verbal report on the 11/2/2024 LANCC meeting.

Phyllis Ling stated that City Clerk's office is forming a working group to discuss how to reform the NC funding system.

- 5.2. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (LA NCSA) - verbal report on the 11/17/2024 LA NCSA meeting.

Katelyn Kim was going to provide the report but she is not here today.

6. Officer's Reports

6.1. Chair's Report

- 6.1.1. Discussion of possible cancellation of December 23, 2024 regular meeting and whether to schedule a special meeting in December.

Phyllis Ling stated that we will likely cancel the December meeting.

- 6.1.2. Update on street vending and scheduling a walking tour with vendor representative to walk through Chinatown with two or three HCNNC board members to find common ground on solutions.

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: Katelyn Kim (1), Garrett Quon (1), Xochitl Manzanilla (1), Huiling Cai (3), Phyllis Ling (1), Mei Wah Lau (1), and Wing Ho (1). This only includes absences from regular meetings since November 2023 and does not include absences from special meetings.

No public comment.

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

Treasurer Valerie Hanley reported that we have approximately \$26,000 in our budget, an increase from last month due to reimbursement for translation services.

No public comment.

7. **Committee Report: Ad Hoc Elections Committee.** Nothing to report per Daniel Reza.
8. **Presentations from applicant. Discussion and possible action to approve community impact statements, addressed to City Planning and Council District 1, on the following applications for alcohol licenses for which City Planning hearing dates have been scheduled for December 3, 2024:**

Presentation by Liliger Damaso – two of the three projects are expedited. See PowerPoint Slides. Thai Market – current hours are 8 am to 4 pm but proposed hours are 8 am to 10 pm.

Bill Chin asked how many security guards currently exist and are being proposed. (3 existing, and 3 proposed; security guards will be patrolling outside the grounds as well as inside the store). Patrick Chen stated concerns regarding extended hours (they want to have the option to open until 2 am but they will not necessarily be open until 2 am, depends on customers' requests). Patrick Chen stated that the restaurant is right next door to elementary school and to current brewery. He does not support alcohol to be served in the afternoon. Xochitl Manzanilla stated that it is very dangerous to be serving alcohol in the afternoon and there are already enough places that serve alcohol. She stated that it would be good if they also sold Latino products at the market. (He will mention to the owner that they should consider selling Latino products). Phyllis Ling asked whether they have heard back from LAPD regarding their request (she has not heard back yet).

Phyllis Ling stated that we do not have a community impact statement drafted right now. We need to decide if we want to approve a statement.

Wing Ho knows that there is a concern about the operating hours until 2 am. He asked whether they would be open to having additional security if it is opened until 2 am.

- 8.1. **ZA-2024-4668-CUB (EXPEDITED): 1100 N. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA**
Project Description: A CUB to allow the sale and dispensing full-line for off-site sales in conjunction with an existing 92,648 sq. ft. market.
Applicant: Anek Bholsangngam [Company: LAX-C INC.]
Representative: Liliger Damaso [Company: Liquor License Brokers]
The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer, wine, and distilled spirits (Type 21 ABC License) for off-site consumption, in conjunction with an existing 92,648 sq ft grocery store known as Island LAX-C Market. The hours of operation are daily from 8:00 am to 4 pm.

Valerie Hanley made a motion to approve a community impact statement in support of a CUB to allow the sale and dispensing full line for off-site sales in conjunction with an existing

market. Motion seconded by Garrett Quon. No Public Comment. Yes – Jen Seto, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Wing Ho, Mei Wei Lau, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Bill Chen, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, and Phyllis Ling; No – None; Abstain – Miho Murai; **MOTION PASSED – 15-0-1**

8.2. ZA-2024-4663-CUB (EXPEDITED): 1100 N. Main Street Ste #B, Los Angeles

Project Description: A CUB to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant operating from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily.

Applicant: Anek Bholsangngam [Company: LAX-C INC.]

Representative: Liliger Damaso [Company: Liquor License Brokers]

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine (Type 41 ABC License) for on-site consumption, in conjunction with an existing 3,160 sq ft Restaurant known as Chimney Cafe. The proposed hours of operation are daily, from 7:00 am to 12:00 am and is in the UC(CA) Zone. The space is not undergoing any structural changes to the size, mass or height of the existing building. The direct request is to change the scope of the alcohol sales as incidental use.

Valerie Hanley made a motion to approve a community impact statement in support of a CUB to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing restaurant operating from 7 am to 2 am daily. Motion seconded by Garrett Quon.

Patrick would have supported if it says 12 am but would not support if it is 2 am. Bill Chin does not mind the restaurant opening until 2 am but is against selling alcohol until 2 am. Bill Chin stated to stop serving alcohol at 10 pm. Valerie explained why businesses request to stay open until 2 am. Garrett Quon agreed with Valerie. He also stated that restaurants cannot survive without the sale of alcohol. Wing Ho stated that his only reservation is to have more security if they are opened later. (He will address this to the owner and will suggest to have more security if they are open until 2 am).

Bill made an amendment to allow the sale of food up until 2 am but to limit alcohol sales until 10 pm. Amendment seconded by Patrick. Daniel Reza does not think we should be limiting when they stay open to. Ne Hung Hom stated that he supports the operation until 12 am and the selling of alcohol beverages until 12 am. Paul Hanley stated that the state of California controls the time of sale of alcohol. If we limit the time that they sell alcohol, that will stop them from hosting private events. He does not think that is our job. He thinks we should allow the state of CA to do their job and does not support the amendment. Garrett Quon stated that if we limit the sale of alcohol no one will come to the restaurant. Verbal vote on amendment – Yes – Patrick, Bill, Miho, Xochitl; No – Wing, Garrett, Paul, Valerie, Edward, Ne Hung Hom, Shirley, Huiling, Daniel, Mei Wah Lau, Jen Seto; Abstain – Phyllis

Verbal vote on Valerie's Motion – Yes – Wing Ho, Garrett Quon, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Edward Flores, Ne Hung Hom, Shirley Oaks, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Mei Wah Lau, Jen Seto; No – Patrick Chen, Bill Chen, Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Phyllis Ling; Abstain – None; **MOTION PASSED – 11-5-0**

8.3. ZA-2024-4661-CUB: 1100 N. Main Street Ste #D, Los Angeles, CA

Project Description: A CUB to allow the sale and dispensing of full-line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption, in conjunction with an existing restaurant.

Applicant: Anek Bholsangngam [Company: LAX-C INC.]

Representative: Liliger Damaso [Company: Liquor License Brokers]

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer, wine and distilled spirits (Type 47 ABC License) for on-site consumption, in conjunction with an existing 5,775 sq ft Restaurant sitting up to 196 patrons indoors. The proposed hours of operation are daily, from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm and is in the UC(CA) Zone. The space is not undergoing any structural changes to the size, mass or height of the existing building. The direct request is to change the scope of the alcohol sales as incidental use.

Valerie Hanley made a motion to approve a community impact statement in support of a CUB to allow the sale and dispensing of full-line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption, in conjunction with an existing restaurant. Motion seconded by Garrett Quon.

Paul Hanley stated that the sale of alcohol would allow the restaurant to stay in business and stay profitable.

Verbal vote on Valerie's Motion – Yes – Wing Ho, Garrett Quon, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Edward Flores, Ne Hung Hom, Shirley Oaks, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Mei Wah Lau, Jen Seto; No – Patrick Chen, Bill Chen, Miho Murai, Xochitl Manzanilla, Phyllis Ling; Abstain – None; **MOTION PASSED – 11-5-0**

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of up to [\\$120 to Amazon](#) for wired microphones and extension cables for use at HCNNC meetings.

Wing Ho made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$120 to Amazon for wired microphones and extension cables for use at HCNNC meetings; seconded by Paul Hanley. Yes – Jen Seto, Xochitl Manzanilla, Ne Hung Hom, Garrett Quon, Wing Ho, Mei Wei Lau, Edward Flores, Paul Hanley, Valerie Hanley, Huiling Cai, Daniel Reza, Bill Chen, Patrick Chen, Shirley Oaks, Miho Murai, and Phyllis Ling; No – None; Abstain – None; **MOTION PASSED – 16-0-0**

10. Reports from the Area Representatives:

- 10.1.** Chinatown – Garrett Quon stated that there has been a couple of small fires all around Chinatown. Jen Seto stated that the CD1 representative met with three owners about the street vending and they stated that there is no money to enforce the regulations; wants to outreach to CCBA during elections; he stated that the vendors are not selling their products for money; he thinks that they are selling their products for passion
- 10.2.** El Pueblo de Los Angeles – Los Posados starts on December 16th until December 24th and there will be a pinata if it does not rain; there was a fire in the parking lot which took out the electricity; they still have issues with the homeless people and with people with mental health issues
- 10.3.** Solano Canyon – Phyllis Ling stated that there were three fires around the World Series; graffiti wall is still up.

10.4. Victor Heights – Bill stated that the ED1 project on Beaudry is up for sale

11. Announcements

- Adjournment –

Next meeting is on January 27, 2025. No meeting in December. Meeting is adjourned at 6:53 pm.

- NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES –

Phyllis Ling - Solano Canyon Business Owner/

OFFICERS	Phyllis Ling	Wing Ho	Patrick Chen	Miho Murai	Valerie Hanley
	Chair	1st Vice-Chair	2nd Vice-Chair	Secretary	Treasurer

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

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
Katelyn Kim - At-Large Youth
Miho Murai - At-Large
Jen Seto - At-Large