



CHINATOWN B.I.D.
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
華埠商業改進區

**Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association, Inc. Board Meeting
(CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.)
December 19, 2019
3:00 – 4:30 PM
62 Mott Street
New York NY 10013**

CDMA Board Members Present:

Ian Chan, representing Councilmember Margaret S. Chin
Kenny Chan, Fukien American Association
Spencer Chan, Chinatown Partnership
Andrew Chang, representing Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
Nolan Cheng, Esq., Cheng, Yeung & Lee, PLLC
Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management
Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners
Philip Lam, Green City Realty, Inc.
Andrew Marcus, NYC Dept. of Small Business Services, representing Mayor Bill de Blasio
Gabe B. Mui, The American Legion Lt. B.R. Kimlau Memorial Post 1291
Judy Ng, Flushing Bank
Sio Wai Sang, Golden Jade Jewelry
William Su, Grand Hotel
Dimas Vargas, New York Jewelers Exchange
Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co. CPA's
Patrick Yau, (former First American International Bank)
Frank Yee, Yee Fong Toy Association
Lingxia Ye-Kneller, representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez
Claudia Zhu, representing Assemblywoman Yuh-Line Niou

Chinatown Partnership:

Wellington Chen, Shu Mei Guan Chow, Lamgen Leon,

NCheng Accounting Team :

Vera Wong

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m. Frank Yee welcomed everyone, and Tony Wong followed with the invocation.

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting from September 5, 2019 passed unanimously with the correction of the typo of the word “join”.

Wellington began with a PowerPoint presentation with the newly decorated kiosk with Small Business Saturday promotion, holiday theme inflatables and new lightings from a new competitive vendor. Temporary moratorium Department of Buildings waiver of fine for improper store signs till early 2021.

NYC SBS re-activated the Business Advocate Division to help small businesses. SBS also with Mayor's Office for People with Disability (MOPD) launched a multi-lingual website to help business on how to comply and deal with ADA lawsuits and other issues. Other good news is a split tolls regulations on the Verrazano Bridge, with this new rules there will be less truck traffic passing through Canal Street; the commercial waste zone with up to 20 different commercial haulers in NYC was also passed by the City Council.

Wellington also received a request of letter of support from SoHo/NoHo regarding the new Envision of the Future. We are also helping the 2020 Census as everyone need to be counted and represented.

The information kiosk issue was discussed again, but there is no update from DOT and it was suggested to setup a budget for the kiosk renovation in case DOT ask.

Wellington asked Board members to be more active, and sign-up for the Membership and other Committees, and help recruit other community stakeholders in preparation for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant, we also received a Community Land trust discretionary grant notice. Board members asked to be informed in advance of future internal and outside meetings, programs, events so they can lend support to Wellington.

Board members requested a list of the BID standing and other committee as some are not familiar and not sure in which committee they belong. A contact information form will be emailed to the members to update their information and to select a committee. The board also request to email them the minutes of meeting within a reasonable time or 3 business days after the conclusion of the meeting.

A 2020 schedule of events and programs were presented for review. Motion to approve the 2020 schedule of events and programs passed unanimously.

The Nominating Committee Chair reported and presented the following nomination slate for 2020:

Class A:

- 1) Mr. Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management
- 2) Mr. Anthony P. Colombini, Chu & Partners
- 3) Mr. Frank Gee, Gee Poy Kuo Association
- 4) Mr. Gabe Mui, The Chinese American Veterans Memorial Building Committee
- 5) Mr. John Pasquale, PEP Real Estate
- 6) Mr. Michael Salzhauer, Benjamin Partners
- 7) Mr. William Su, Grand Hotel
- 8) Mr. Dimas Vargas, New York Jewelers Exchange
- 9) Mr. Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co., CPA's
- 10) Mr. John Kin Yu, Kin Yu Realty

Class B:

- 1) Stella Shiu, Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (ICBC).

Motion to approve above 2020 Nomination Slate passed unanimously.

Stephen Cheung reported of the recent indictment of a lawyer who has been fraudulently suing different businesses and that he has been in contact with a District Attorney in the Southern District of New York and that attorney is collecting information and is looking for more affected businesses to try to build a case.

The Finance Committee Chair reported that there is a surplus as of end of November.

The Audit Committee Chair reported that the FY19 Audited Financial Statement and Communication Letter was reviewed by the Audit Committee with no problems and was approved.

In order to expedite future BID Quarterly meetings, it was requested to include presenter names and time allocated for each agenda items in future meeting agenda.

Conflict of Interest Policy was distributed for completion, also handed out was the January 23, 2020 BID Annual Meeting invitation postcard.

Motion to pass the Annual Meeting record date as December 31, 2019 passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 P.M.