



**Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association, Inc. Meeting
(CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.)
September 9, 2013
4:00 – 5:30 PM
62 Mott Street
New York NY 10013**

CDMA Board Members Present:

Kenny Chan, Fukien American Association
Yim Chan, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
Nolan Cheng, Law Office of Nolan Cheng
Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management
Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners
Eddy Eng, Small Business Services, Mayor Michael Bloomberg's office
Frank Gee, Gee Poy Kuo Association
John K. Leo, Community Board #3
Michael Levine, Community Board #1
Gigi Li, Community Board #3
David J. Louie, Prosperity Enterprises
Dr. C.K. Luk, Broadway Chinatown Realty
Gabe B. Mui, the American Legion Lt. B.R. Kimlau Memorial Post 1291
John Pasquale, PEP Real Estate
Sio Wai Sang, Golden Jade jewelry
Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co., CPA's
Wellman Wu, New Kam Man Supermarket
Jimmy Yan, Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer's Office
Patrick Yau, First American International Bank

Chinatown Partnership:

Wellington Chen
Patrick Kwan
Lamgen Leon

Guests:

Bernice Luk, Broadway Chinatown Realty

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

David J. Louie opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and Tony C. Wong continued with the blessing.

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting from March 7, 2013 and June 27, 2013 passed unanimously.

Wellington reported that the summer interns completed several property and business surveys with the supervision of JGSC Group during the summer heat waves. Block-by Block started instituting new power

washing at overnight hours, and they also introduced some new Billy-Goat vacuum machines, they also have been tackling on odor issues due to antiquated sewer infrastructures, and rodent problems as they occurred.

The graffiti consent form was mailed to all property owners along with another owner survey, and we already started to receive many signed consent forms.

He also reported the status of working with Design Trust, a non-profit organization to work on a “Under the Bridge” project.

Eddy Eng announced that he is officially retiring from SBS, and will be resigning from the BID as the Government’s representative and as Co-Chair of the Marketing Committee effective October 2013. As of today, SBS still doesn’t know who will replace him. However, he would still like to remain on the BID board in any capacity to continue serving the community.

Motion to set November 30, 2013 as record date for the January 23, 2014 BID Annual Meeting and to send out notice passed unanimously.

Motion to set December 16, 2013 as the deadline for people to submit nomination for BID’s Board of Director, staff to send press release and to post the announcement on the BID’s website, passed unanimously.

The Nomination Committee asked the 1-year term expiring board members about their desire to continue to serve on the board, all board members present agreed to continue except for David J. Louie, who decided to take a break from serving on the board.

The Program Services Committee reported that the review of clean streets performance by Block-by-Block is satisfactory but could use further improvements, especially in the areas of graffiti removal and power washing. The “Big Belly” exploration is ongoing and Wellington will give a report on the negotiation, as there is a meeting scheduled in the upcoming week with Council Member Chin’s office, DSNY, DOH, and Community Board #3.

The holiday lightings will be the same with 7 locations for the welcome signs, and hope to add the word “to Chinatown” into the signs. The lighting budget will be the same as last year.

As the result of a well-attended and all the compliments from businesses, the committee also would like to see more Weekend Walks and/or festivities, and suggested a bi-weekly Sunday events from June 1 to October 31.

Motion for the Program Services Committee to explore the possibility and necessary steps to have more events during summer months and report to the board passed unanimously.

The Marketing Committee reported the hiring of the Communication and Development Director, and one of his responsibilities is to bring people/business to Chinatown, to reach out to the community and ask them for joint events, such as monthly networking events. He also reported the allocation of SBS grant to hire a web developer to work on the BID’s website along with Pentagram.

Wellington continued by reporting that the DOT recently submitted to the Partnership a renewal of the maintenance and streetscape improvement agreement for the 16 Pedestrian lights along Canal Street, and since the BID is already formed, he asked the BID to be responsible for the agreement.

Motion to approve the transferring of the streetscape improvement contract from the Chinatown Partnership to the BID passed unanimously.

The Finance Committee reported that as of end of August, there is a surplus in the BID's account, and all the expenses are under control, but we need to work on the 5-year plan.

Finally, David Louie recognized and commended all different committee members for their hard work on attending different meetings every month.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.