



**Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association, Inc. Meeting
(CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.)
September 4, 2014
4:00 – 5:30 PM
62 Mott Street
New York NY 10013**

CDMA Board Members Present:

Erik Antokal, Small Business Services, representing Mayor Bill de Blasio
Nolan Cheng, Law Offices of Nolan Cheng
Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management
Dr. Warren Chin, Chinatown Partnership LDC
Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners
Crystal Feng, representing Comptroller Scott M. Stringer
Frank Gee, Gee Poy Kuo Association
Gigi Li, Community Board #3
Dr. C.K. Luk, Broadway Chinatown Realty
Jessica Mates, representing Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer
Gabe B. Mui, the American Legion Lt. B.R. Kimlau Memorial Post 1291
John J. Pasquale, PEP Real Estate
Iris Quinones, representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez
Michael Salzhauer, Benjamin Partners
Vera Sung, Community Board #1
Wan Yu Tam, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
Antony Wong, Community Board #2
Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co., CPA
Patrick Y. Yau, First American International Bank
Xiao Min Zhao, representing Council Member Margaret S. Chin

Chinatown Partnership:

Wellington Chen, Mei Guan, Patrick Kwan, and Lamgen Leon

Guests:

Eddy Eng, Lauren Coakley-Vincent, Josephine McMullin and Jonathan Quincoses

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Gabe Mui opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and Tony C. Wong followed with the invocation.

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting from June 5, 2014 passed unanimously.

The board members congratulated the staff for the successful Weekend Walks and for advocating with Mayor's Office for DOT in increasing some of the areas' 1 hour parking meters to 2 hours.

Erik Antokal brief the board about the new "(dot)nyc" domain names initiative, and we as a BID organization can apply first before the city release them to the public. However, the city is reserving the specific neighborhood's domain names until further notice.

Wellington thanked the summer interns for their survey conducted during the hot summer season, they worked on quite a number projects including vacancies, parking spaces, and pedestrian counts.

Stephen Cheung reported that the parking situation in Chinatown is very serious, and that at least 100-200 parking spaces have been taken by the inappropriate/fraudulent use of parking placards and permits on a daily basis. He suggested the board to form a committee to try to reclaim those parking spaces or solve this situation.

It was suggested to wait for the final result of the parking space survey to be completed, then report it to the three community boards' Transportation Committees and DOT for discussion. The Congresswoman's representative informed that she will have an update about the federal parking garage by the next meeting.

Jonathan Quincoses, one of the summer interns presented his parking study report conducted during the summer and recommended a few options, such as finding a private lot to build parking garages or to rent/buy some under-utilized government properties and convert them into garage in order to relieve the parking situation and make it a money making initiative. The board continued discussing economic development on how to create more parking spaces and bring business to Chinatown.

The Program Services Committee reported on the RFP for Clean Street contractors and that they received a total of 4 RFPs, they already interviewed all of them, and two of them are very close and very competitive and will pick and announce the winner by the next board meeting.

The Marketing Development and Fundraising Committee reported on the past and future programs, such as Earth Day, Weekend Walks, Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, and the annual North American Chinese Invitational Volleyball Tournament (NACIVT). We need to create and design a signature event, and to involve the merchants for support. They also reported that there will be a monthly joint CPLDC/BID marketing meeting to discuss programs and other related issues.

Wellington commented that we are working on the Mid-Autumn Festival, and the Community Board will not allow for evening programs. He also asked the members to spread the words about the upcoming "Restaurant Management Workshop" scheduled for Monday September 8.

The other summer intern Josephine McMullin continued by presenting her report on tourism. She suggested a collaboration with local bus operators and some mid-town hoteliers in bringing Asian and other visitors to Chinatown and New York City.

The Finance Committee reported that we are doing fine and currently have a surplus of \$80,000.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.