



**Minutes of the Chinatown District Management Association, Inc. Board Meeting
(CDMA – aka Chinatown B.I.D.)
September 3, 2020
4:00 – 6:00 PM
Via ZOOM**

CDMA Board Members Present Via Zoom:

Andrew Chang, representing Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
Ian Chan, representing Council Member Margaret S. Chin
Nolan Cheng, Esq., Cheng, Yeung & Lee, PLLC
Stephen Cheung, D.H. Realty & Management
Anthony P. Colombini, Esq., Chu and Partners
Elaine Fan, representing NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer
Frank F. Gee, Gee Poy Kuo Association
Lingxia Ye Kneller, representing Congresswoman Nydia M. Velazquez
Lizzie Lee, representing NYS Senator Brian Kavanagh
Philip Lam, Green City Realty, Inc.
Kenneth Ma, Mott Street Optical
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
Stella Shiu, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (USA) N.A.
Tony C. Wong, Wong & Co., CPA's
Frank Yee, Yee Fong Toy Association
Dara Yen, representing NYS Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou
Claudia Zhu, representing NYS Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou

Chinatown Partnership:

Tiffany Chau, Wellington Chen, Lamgen Leon,

NCheng Accounting Team :

Vera Wong, Teresa Yu

The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. Frank Yee welcomed everyone and Tony Wong followed with the invocation.

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting from June 4, 2020 passed unanimously.

Wellington briefed the board with a PowerPoint presentation showing the effects of empty streets of Chinatown and surrounding areas due to the devastation of COVID-19 as also confirmed by the Big Belly's stats. Streetplus, as instructed, continued to sanitize with power washing, supplemental cleaning and graffiti removal during these difficult times. The team continued to work with the Blue Angels and Harvard Alumni volunteer groups by engaging and surveying local needs, other volunteers also helped with distribution of food to those in need and PPE face masks supplied by SBS to local businesses.

The coordination of SBS Small Business Emergency Grant and the \$55,000 plus raised through our GoFundMe were distributed to local businesses that suffered damages during the late May/early June protest; the postponed “Show Some Love to Chinatown” Valentine’s Day promotion raffle winners were also announced and the prizes were also presented to the winners in-front of the kiosk with participation of elected officials, board members and other VIPs.

The Rockwell Group in conjunction with DOT built and donated many special outdoor dining colorful installations, furniture to local restaurants on Mott Street south of Mosco. We also procured planters, additional umbrellas, sandbags, tents, picked-up 6,500 lbs of compost soil from the Governors Island and lent them to restaurants within the district that are participating in the DOT sponsored Open Street Restaurant. We are also preparing for the Winter season to assist the community and plan to acquire outdoor heaters pending guidelines from DOT, FDNY, DOB and other city agencies.

He shared with the board the news Community Land Trust is officially registered and incorporated, and the BID Board Membership Nomination/Solicitation and Application form were posted on the website in August, months in advance and in response to the suggestion at the January BID annual Meeting.

Also discussed were the possibility of closing streets as requested by other community groups to bring in visitors to Chinatown, and Harvard Club alumni discussion of landlord/tenant negotiation in lease and rent issues, some board members would like to participate and help mediate.

The NCheng accounting team followed with the 2020 fiscal year-end financial summary with a surplus higher than the forecast and will have a reserve due to savings on programs, clean street budget and personnel expenses. Tony Wong suggested to invest the reserve fund in longer term security investments.

A potential outdoor event at Governor’s Island to honor the Blue Angels, volunteers and funders were also briefly discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M.